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RE: Gleeson and Cox Managed Fill Area 3 Consent Application

Waahi Whaanui Trust (Whanui) is an umbrella organisation of six marae within the catchment area of Raahui Pookeka (Huntly) and surrounding district.

The six Marae (Waahi Paa, Te Ohaaki, Kaitumutumu, Te Kauri, Taupiri and Matahuru) affiliate to Ngaati Mahuta, Ngaati Whaawhaakia, Ngaati Kuiarangi and Ngaati Tai Hapuu (Sub Tribes), of Waikato-Tainui. As an umbrella entity, Whanui’s aim is assist our Whaanau, Hapuu and Marae to fulfill their Kaitiakitanga responsibilities of protecting and enhancing our Taiao – Natural Environs and the well-being of our People.

In regard to the above Gleeson and Cox consent application, to the Waikato District and Regional Councils. an initial robust consultation and engagement process was undertaken through, Te Roopu Putaiao (Environmental Committee of Whanui), which included the completion of a Cultural Impact Assessment in response to the Gleeson Quarries Huntly Limited & Gleeson Managed Fill Limited District and Regional Resource consents for a new managed fill site (Fill Area 3) was endorsed in principle April 2021.

However, following further and wider engagement with marae leaders, Waahi Whaanui Trust - Board of Trustees held a special meeting on 4 August 2021 and resolved to oppose the Managed Fill Application (fill area 3) to deposit up to 576,600m³ of clean and managed fill within a gully north of the Gleeson Quarry.

The opposition is based on risks/issues associated with discharging contaminants into the tributary in fill area 3 and ultimately to the receiving water body of our Awa Tupuna Waikato River. This in turn comprises the long-term objective of Te Ture Whaimana for the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River. The Managed Fill application is a risk to Te Mana o Te Wai as an overarching objective.

The emotional and environmental legacy issues of historical waste/contaminants that remain stored in our whenua, alongside our awa tūpuna continues to hurt, and harm the hearts and minds of community and tribal peoples.

Ngaa mihi

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