

Memo

To: The Hearings Panel, Waikato District Council.

From: Gavin Donald, GMD Consultants on behalf of Waikato-Tainui.

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Re: Proposed Waikato District Plan – Ohinewai Rezoning – Hearing 19

Ohinewai Hearing Presentation

Waikato-Tainui are further submitters to the proposed zone change at Ohinewai, which seeks to accommodate the Ambury Property Limited (APL) proposal. The further submission reflected the information at the time that was provided in the submission by APL.

Post the submission to the Proposed Waikato District Plan, APL and their consultants have provided additional information and have engaged with mana whenua. As a result of this additional information and engagement, Waikato-Tainui have narrowed their focus to the servicing of the site for both drinking water and wastewater. Other issues raised by Waikato-Tainui in the further submission, are being dealt with by the lead agency in the region or the Tangata Whenua Governance Group which have led the discussions and will continue to monitor.

Waikato-Tainui will however continue to pursue a best for river approach and in this situation, have yet to see how this can be achieved. In particular, Waikato-Tainui will speak to the following concerns at the hearing:

1. Stage 2 of the development and how the Huntly Wastewater Treatment Plant can accommodate the additional discharge within its water quality consent limits.
2. Stage 3 of the development and how the Huntly Wastewater Treatment Plant or an as yet undefined wastewater treatment solution can accommodate the additional discharge, given the current resource consent at Huntly expires in 2029.
3. The availability of water for the site. In particular, the status of third-party agreements and the reliance on them to adequately provide water for the site. And the projected 2,000 cubic litre per day shortfall that is projected, as a result of population growth in Ngaruawahia.

Waikato-Tainui don't anticipate the above mentioned matters will come as a surprise to the Hearings Panel or the applicant, as a submitter Waikato-Tainui has been consistent in its messaging; that Te Ture Whaimana must be given effect to and a best for river approach must be promoted to honour the Waikato River Settlement.

Regards

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