

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 – Landscapes – Hearing 21B

Landscapes Chapter Hearing Presentation

Waikato-Tainui are a submitter to the Landscapes Chapter of the Proposed Waikato District Plan. It will come as no surprise that this chapter has been an area of focus for Waikato-Tainui, with significant effort and resource being committed to its review. In particular, the Waikato River and its exclusion or lack of identification as an Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature has raised significant concern and disappointment to the people of Waikato-Tainui.

The Waikato-Tainui presentation to the Landscapes Chapter is of great significance and presents an opportunity for Waikato District to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana. As you will have seen by the evidence provided and those individuals committed to presenting to the hearings panel, Waikato-Tainui seek change in how the awa tupuna is considered and promoted in a resource management context.

The Waikato-Tainui presentation to this hearing will attempt to address the concerns that have been raised in submission and evidence. The presenters and brief of topics covered are stated below.

Gavin Donald, GMD Consultants – Introductions

Rukumoana Schaafhausen, Kaahui Ariki Maaori King's Representative and Chair Te Arataura (the executive board of Waikato-Tainui).

Mrs Schaafhausen will present to the relationship of the people of Waikato-Tainui and their awa tupuna, the Waikato River. This will also include a video presentation of Kaumatua who couldn't be here today.

Donna Flavell, CEO Waikato-Tainui.

Ms Flavell will present to the significance of Te Ture Whaimana and the obligations placed upon the resource users operating in and around the Waikato-River. Ms Flavell will also speak to the historical context which saw the development of the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River and how the aspirations of the tribe should be recognised in planning documents.

Maia Wikaira, Whaia Legal.

Ms Wikaira will present the Waikato-Tainui legal submission. This submission provides an in-depth analysis of obligations established through Te Ture Whaimana and how this chapter presents an opportunity to give effect to these.

Ms Wikaira will also address the questions raised by council, as to the scope of the Waikato-Tainui submission to introduce a new title of category of feature in this chapter in evidence, i.e. Outstanding Cultural Landscape.

Antoine Coffin, Te Onewa Consultants.

Mr Coffin will present to the ability and limitations of the adopted assessment framework to include cultural considerations as significant criteria. This discussion will also identify the inability of this framework to weight cultural values in a balanced manner with other considerations. Mr Coffin will also speak to the opportunity to consider the Waikato River as an Outstanding Cultural Landscape.

Gavin Donald

I will present to the hearings panel about the evolution of the Waikato-Tainui submission as it relates to the Landscapes Chapter. Ongoing discussions with council and expert inputs from Mr Coffin have required an alternative planning response to better recognise the cultural significance of the Waikato River. My evidence provides an overview of a planning framework to recognise the cultural values of the Waikato River. Attached are my recommended planning provisions (framework) to recognise the Waikato River as an Outstanding Cultural Landscape.

Regards

Gavin Donald