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Attention: Cam Drury

Dear Cam

HBRC Consequential Flood Risk - Wairoa Floodway – November 2025 update

The letter relates to me review of Rev 4 of WSP's Consequential Flooding Assessment report (WSP Report) dated 21 November 2025, which supersedes Reve 3 that I reviewed in September. My review letter dated 18 September 2025 addressed issues to that point and confirmed my agreement with the conclusion drawn in the WSP Report. Therefore, this review letter only addresses the effects of the changes between Rev 3 and Rev 4.

I note that the scheme design change between Rev 3 and Rev 4 is a narrowing of the floodway, which has the effect of further reducing the number of properties, dwelling and land area affected by flooding in the design event. The effects of the Rev 4 scheme remain the same but with a marginal improvement in effects compared to Rev 3. As with previous revisions, those areas and building adversely affected are subject to only minor increases in flood hazard. These results are in line with what I would expect for the scheme changes made. As with previous reviews, note that I have only reviewed the report, and not the underlying flood model.

Based on the information provided in Rev 4 of WSP's Consequential Flooding Assessment report, I agree with the conclusion drawn by WSP that the overall consequences of the proposed works are beneficial in reducing flood hazard overall.

Yours sincerely



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