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Ko Ōtātara Pā me Hikurangi ngā maunga

Ko Tūtaekurī te awa

Ko Takitimu te waka

Ko Waiohiki te marae

Ko Ngāti Pārau te hapū

Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te iwi

Ko Tāreha Te Moananui te tangata

Application number APP-126684

Kia ora my name is Chad Tareha. I am the Chairman of the Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust and the author of the Ravensdown Napier Resource Consent Renewal Cultural Impact Assessment, commissioned by Ravensdown for this resource consent application.

I make this submission on behalf of the Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust, who represent the Ngāti Pārau hapū of the Ahuriri/Napier area. Ngāti Pārau are one of seven mana whenua hapū of the Ahuriri/Napier area and hold principal mana whenua interests in the lower reaches of the Tūtaekurī river.

We oppose the above consent application and reserve support until recommendations and relevant conditions contained in the two Cultural Impact Assessments are implemented as part of the consent conditions.

Mana whenua have engaged in this process, providing meaningful input and demonstrating considerable good will; uplifted by the assurances of partnership.

However, this relationship has taken a backwards step, due to the following factors:

Firstly, the recommendations as provided in the respective cultural values and cultural impact assessment reports as well as those provided through direct engagement have not been meaningfully incorporated in the notified consent.

Following provision of these reports there was no discussion prior to consent application to meaningfully incorporate mana whenua recommendations in the proposed consent conditions.



In general, the proposed approach has been a regular feature in previous engagements and consent conditions, however, this approach is no longer acceptable. Poor outcomes, growing mana whenua capability and improvements in resource management law and policy; provide direction to substantial change in terms of how the interests of mana whenua are recognised in resource management.

The proposed conditions suggest that an advisory group meet to essentially talk about what have already been talked about with no solid promises that would provide detail of how a meaningful relationship going forward may exist that provides confidence for mana whenua. In other words, the recommendations and interests of mana whenua have been “kicked down the road with no certainty, only further promises to talk about what we’ve already talked about, after consent is granted”.

There is an opportunity to include conditions that are more definitive and more responsiveness to mana whenua, the work and involvement of mana whenua to date has been in the context of this aspiration.

The proposed approach is outdated, the recently granted Wairoa Wastewater consent conditions provide an example of decision that demonstrates and change of thinking and approach towards greater mana whenua recognition and provision.

It has concerning that promotional videos that include mana whenua have been used that in effect provide the impression of unconditional support from mana whenua. This has been the public assumption and is demonstrated through published online comments from at least one media outlet. While engagement included in these videos are accurate, they are as a result of the goodwill and the partnership relationship that was assured.

Unfortunately, the negative cliché of ‘ticking the box’ has in our opinion been once again employed.

Lastly, the understanding of mana whenua regarding the HARP initiative / related conditions was that this would be a tripartite agreement with Mana Whenua, Council and Ravensdown. This certainly hasn’t been the case.

As kaitiaki mana whenua support is conditional and those conditions are unresolved.

This submission opposes the consent application until adequate conditions that acknowledge mana whenua values, rights and responsibilities are incorporated within the consent conditions.

It is important further discussion takes place to mend the relationship prior to consent conditions being approved, and example of conditions and approach is offered below:

- Principles of the relationship with mana whenua that guide individual consent conditions (upfront). That include:
 - How monitoring and monitoring information would be shared, analysed and actions taken. For example, by way of joint working group.
- Co-management of various activities of the various consents.



Thank you for considering our submission.

Ngā mihi

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