<u>HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL</u> <u>PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 9 (PPC9) – TŪTAEKURĪ. AHURIRI. NGARURORO AND</u> <u>KARAMŪ CATCHMENTS (TANK)</u> <u>MINUTE 7 OF THE INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL</u>

INTRODUCTION

1. This is the seventh minute of the independent hearing panel. It relates to the late evidence received from Ngāti Kahungunu lwi Incorporated and comments on the section 42A Addendum Report.

LATE EXPERT EVIDENCE

- 2. We have received two late briefs of expert evidence from Ngaio Tiuka and Shade Smith, both on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.
- 3. We have previously determined to not accept 'expert evidence' from submitters after the extended closing date of Tuesday 11th May, 5pm. These two briefs of evidence were received on Sunday 16th May, and so we have not treated them as expert briefs. We invited Council and submitters to respond to us in writing with any views regarding this matter by Wednesday 2 June 2021.
- 4. We have received a number of submissions supporting acceptance of the late expert evidence and a submission opposing the late evidence.
- 5. We are also aware that expert evidence of other submitters has referred to the evidence of Ngāti Kahungunu lwi Incorporated.
- 6. We have determined not accept the late expert evidence.

REQUEST TO MAKE COMMENTS ON SECTION 42A ADDENDUM REPORT

7. We note that 3 submitters who appeared in week 1 of the hearings have taken the opportunity to send us comments on the Section 42A Addendum Report as invited in Minute 5. The hearing administration team will be contact with you (if not already) to co-ordinate 15 minute slots in week 3 to talk to those submissions.

CONTACT

8. The administrative contact for the plan change is Maggie Brown at Hawke's Bay Regional Council. All hearing and administrative matters should be directed to Maggie at <u>etank@hbrc.govt.nz</u> or on 027 214 9871. She will confer with the Commissioners as necessary.

Thank you, ngā mihi.

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Antoine Coffin Chair of Plan Change 9 Hearings Panel Date: 18 June 2021