

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TE WHANGANUI-Ā-TARA ROHE**

ENV-2023-WLG-000005

Under the **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

In the matter of the direct referral of applications for resource consents and notices of requirement under sections 87G and 198E of the Act for the Ōtaki to North of Levin project

By **NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY-WAKA KOTAHI**

Applicant

JOINT STATEMENT OF URBAN DESIGN EXPERTS

27 July 2023

INTRODUCTION

1. This joint witness statement relates to expert conferencing on the topic of urban design.
2. The expert conferencing was held on 27 July 2023, facilitated by Environment Commissioner Buchanan.
3. Attendees at the conference were:
 - (a) Gavin Lister (witness for Waka Kotahi). Mr Lister is the author of Technical Assessment D: Landscape, Visual and Natural Character lodged with the application, and of a statement of evidence dated 4 July 2023.
 - (b) Graeme McIndoe (witness for the District Councils). Mr McIndoe is the author of Appendix 10 (Urban Design) for the section 198D report for the District Councils. Mr McIndoe provided a note setting out matters that remain in dispute in advance of the conference.
 - (c) Paul Edmond (Witness for James McDonnell Limited). Mr Edmond provided a 'will say' statement in advance of the conference.
 - (d) Siobhan Karaitiana (witness on behalf of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority). Ms Karaitiana lodged a statement of evidence dated 4 July 2023.
 - (e) Quentin Parr (witness on behalf of Ngāti Raukawa). Mr Parr lodged a statement of evidence dated 4 July 2023.

CODE OF CONDUCT

4. This joint statement is prepared in accordance with section 9.4 of the Environment Court Practice Note 2023.
5. We confirm that we have read the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 and agree to abide by it.


PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF CONFERENCING

6. The purpose of conferencing was to identify, discuss, and highlight points of agreement and disagreement on urban design issues arising from the Project.
7. Conferencing proceeded in line with the agenda agreed to by all relevant parties and experts, and provided to Commissioner Buchanan in advance of the conferencing.

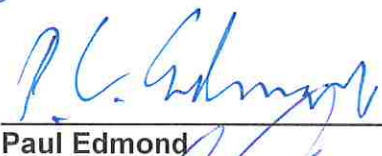
8. All attendees reviewed Technical Assessment D and the evidence, council expert reports and notes on issues that remain in dispute in advance of the conference.
9. **Annexure A** records the agreed issues, areas of disagreement and the reasons, along with any reservations.
10. Except where recorded in Annexure A, the attendees agree that the primary data, methodologies and standards, and key facts and assumptions are as set out in the Assessment of Environmental Effects for the Project, and in particular Technical Assessment D: Landscape, Visual and Natural Character

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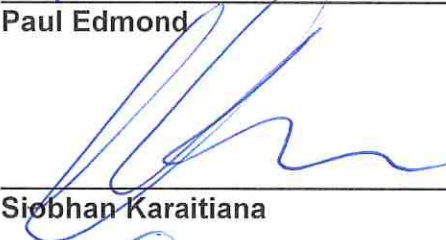

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Gavin Lister




Graeme McIndoe



Paul Edmond



Siobhan Karaitiana



Quentin Parr

ANNEXURE A – EXPERT CONFERRING ON URBAN DESIGN

Participants: Gavin Lister (GL), Graeme McIndoe (GM), Paul Edmond (PE), Siobhan Karaitiana (SK), Quentin Parr (QP)

Issue	Agreed Position	Disagreements or reservations, with reasons
<p>CEDF</p> <p>Adequacy of CEDF in respect of urban design matters</p>	<p>There is an issue of ensuring suitable design quality and as the concept is developed into the outline plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that quality is guaranteed in the conditions; • that the CEDF and formal review process is also addressed in the conditions; and • that the principles for design review include the full range of matters, including urban design, which will determine the quality of the project. 	
<p>Connections to/integration with the planned Tara-Ika Growth Area</p> <p>The importance of the three connections shown on the Tara-Ika Structure Plan (East West Arterial and 2 pedestrian/cycle bridges) to the development of Tara-Ika</p>	<p>We agree that the East-West Arterial is essential to Tara-Ika because it is the spine of the structure plan. That provides critical cross-corridor connectivity to the center of Tara-Ika.</p> <p>From an urban design perspective, we all agree that the two pedestrian/cycle connections are desirable. While it may be possible to integrate these after the O2NL is completed it would be highly desirable to integrate them with the construction of O2NL.</p> <p>We understand that the extent to which these connections are provided by Waka Kotahi as part of the O2NL, or by other means, is a legal and planning matter.</p>	

