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Dear Sir/Madam

Waikato Regional Council submission to Proposed Plan Change 3 - Temple View Boundary Alteration

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Proposed Plan Change 3. Attached is Waikato Regional Council's submission regarding this proposed plan change. Council apologises for the lateness of the submission; this was due to the need to fit in with Council's meeting schedule. The submission was formally endorsed by the Council on 9 April 2019.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this document please contact Miffy Foley on 07 859 0516 or by email at miffy.foley@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Tamura", on a light-colored rectangular background.

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Submission by

Waikato Regional Council

Proposed Plan Change 3 to the Hamilton City District Plan

1.0 SUBMITTER DETAILS

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I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- (a) does not adversely affect the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

2.0 FURTHER INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

- 2.1 WRC does not **wish to be heard** at the hearings for Plan Change 3 in support of this submission.
- 2.2 WRC **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Waikato Regional Council (WRC) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to Proposed Plan Change 3. WRC's primary interest is in relation to the Waikato Regional Policy Statement (RPS). District Plans, including Plan Changes such as this one, are required to give effect to the RPS (RMA s75(3)(c)).
- 3.2 In this case, the key area of interest relates to maintaining and enhancing indigenous biodiversity.
- 3.3 The plan change is supported in principle.

Provision	Support/ Oppose	Submission	Relief sought
Change to SNA mapping	Support	The rationale for reducing the boundaries of the significant natural areas (SNA) mapping to the actual extent of the kahikatea trees is in line with the criteria in Table 11.1 of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement (WRPS). However, WRC asks that consideration be given to including the young kahikatea trees adjoining one of the SNAs (planted as part of the landscaping of the open space area), in the SNA mapping. As per Policy 11.1 and Method 11.1.1 of the WRPS, this would provide a positive biodiversity outcome in protecting the young kahikatea trees which is an under-represented species in the Waikato.	Consider including the areas where young kahikatea trees have been planted in the SNA mapping.
Consideration of public transport needs	N/A	As per Policy 6.1 and Method 6.18, public transport should be considered early in the planning process. WRC encourages Council to consider the provision of public transport as an integral part of the development and encourages early discussions with WRC regarding public transport needs.	Consider requiring the provision of public transport-compatible road networks and associated infrastructure as an integral part of planning for the development of the land, and initiate early discussions with WRC regarding public transport needs.