

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AT AUCKLAND**

**ENV-2020-AKL-000038
ENV-2020-AKL-000043**

**I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
I TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991 ("**RMA**")
AND
IN THE MATTER OF appeals under clause 14(1) of Sch 1 to the RMA
BETWEEN **AFFCO NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**
AND **FONTERRA LIMITED**
Appellants
AND **HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**
Respondent
AND **PERRY GROUP LIMITED**
Applicant

**NOTICE OF HAMILTON & WAIKATO TOURISM'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

Dated: Wednesday, 20th May 2020

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To: the Registrar of the Environment Court at Auckland

And

To: the Appellants, the Respondent and the Applicant

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

- ENV-2020-AKL-000038, being an appeal by Affco New Zealand Ltd ("**Affco**"); and
- ENV-2020-AKL-000043, being an appeal by Fonterra Ltd ("**Fonterra**");

under cl 14 of Sch 1 to the RMA against the decision of the Hamilton City Council ("**Council**") to approve Private Plan Change 2 ("**PPC2**") to the Operative Hamilton City District Plan: Te Awa Lakes.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism was consulted prior to the plan change's lodgement and provided a submission in support about the subject-matter of the proceedings.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism gave evidence at the hearing alongside Waikato's regional economic development agency 'Te Waka' in recognition of Te Awa Lakes economic and tourism benefits.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism is interested in all of the proceedings.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism is interested in the following particular issues:

- The proposed Adventure Park which is enabled by the Major Facilities Zone, including the potential for visitor accommodation and other tourism opportunities associated with it will assist the region to recover post-COVID and target the domestic market.
- The multi-modal approach to connectivity, including improvements to the Te Awa River Ride and other walking and cycling facilities, and improvements to public transport that could in the future connect to mass transit services.
- The significance of the site to tangata whenua because of its history and its proximity to the river, and the opportunity afforded to acknowledge that significance.
- The greater connection between the proposed development and the Waikato River, and the goal of reconnecting the subject site to the River and the opportunities this brings for river-based tourism and recreation which will contribute to the economic and social recovery of our region post-COVID.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism opposes the relief sought by the appellants because:

- PPC2 provides an opportunity to establish a sub-regional tourist and recreational attraction in the form of the Adventure Park to assist the recovery of the visitor economy post-COVID.
- PPC2 will foster a greater connection between the land and the Waikato River than the status quo, including enhanced public access.
- PPC2 will provide an attractive gateway into Hamilton City from the north.

- PPC2 is consistent with and achieves the purpose of sustainable management under s 5 of the RMA.
- PPC2 is consistent with the other principles in Part 2 of the RMA.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism by its authorised signatory:



Jason Dawson

Date: Wednesday, 20th May 2020

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Advice

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