

TE AWA LAKES PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE

TO THE HAMILTON CITY OPERATIVE DISTRICT PLAN

STATEMENT OF REPLY EVIDENCE

OF PAULA ROLFE

FOR HAMILTON CITY COUNCILS SUBMISSION

DATED 27 NOVEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

1. My full name is Paula Jane Rolfe. I have the qualifications and experience as set out in sections 2-5 of my primary evidence.

CODE OF CONDUCT

2. I confirm that I have read and am familiar with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses in the Environment Court Practice Note 2014, and I agree to comply with it. In that regard I confirm that this evidence is written within my expertise, except where otherwise stated, and that I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

3. I am responding to matters raised by the Statement of Reply Evidence by John Olliver from Bloxham Burnett Olliver for the Applicant
4. Paragraphs 3.36 to 3.43 as they relate to new objective 3.8.1.3

Mr Olliver has recommended new wording of the objective that Council is seeking as it relates to the lakes being maintained to a swimmable standard.

Council sought:

'The lakes within Te Awa Lakes Structure Plan area will be maintained to a swimmable standard'

Mr Olliver suggests:

'The lakes within Te Awa Lakes Structure Plan area will provide a high level of recreational, amenity and ecological values'

I recommend that to keep in alignment with the rules (Information Requirements 1.2.2.8 o) and Assessment Criteria 1.3.3 N12) that have been prepared on this issue that the objective be reworded to align with what the applicant has recommended and what Council are seeking to achieve:

'The lakes within Te Awa Lakes Structure Plan area will provide a high level of water quality for recreational use to target swimability'

5. Paragraphs 3.44 to 3.52 as they relate to the open space provisions

Council sought the following be added to section 3.8.5.4 Open Space Network rules

'Linear open space along the edge of the main linear lake shall be at least 20m wide, including when the lake is at its maximum level'

It is accepted that a 20 m wide esplanade reserve cannot be required as the we now know that the lake is under 8 ha in area.

Mr Olliver's proposal to clearly identify the walking and cycling along the lake edges on Figure 2-19 is accepted along with the suggested wording for 3.8.2.8, that is:

'h) The main linear lake will include a variety of adjoining open spaces to provide public and private access and to reflect the varied edge treatments of the lake'

Mr Olliver has also proposed a new rule in 3.8.5.4 however to align with what Mr Broekhuysen's evidence referred to where he identified that a maximum of a 10 m width would be put in place it is recommended upon discussing this with Mr Sirl that the rule should relate to a minimum width of 10m as this would be used for public access. As part of the consideration of any Land Development Plan the opportunity is provided to the applicant to reduce the width if necessary. It is therefore recommended that the rule be reworded as follows to provide certainty for the regulator: (new words are underlined)

f) The open space network around the main Linear lake shall be in accordance with Figure 2-19 and shall have a minimum width of 10m when the lake is at its maximum level. The Recreational Walking-Cycling Network shall be located as shown on Figure 2-19 and be available for public use together with the Neighbourhood Reserve and other open space adjoining the lake shown on Figure 2-19.

Paula Rolfe

27 November 2019

