



**SUBMISSION: HAMILTON CITY OPERATIVE PLAN
OCTOBER 2017 PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE
2 – TE AWA LAKES PRIVATE PLAN
CHANGE**

**To: Submissions Proposed Plan Change 2 – Te Awa Lakes Private Plan
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INTRODUCTION

1. This submission is made on behalf of Te Whakakitinga o Waikato Incorporated (formerly known as Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Incorporated) on the Hamilton City Operative District Plan October 2017 Proposed Plan Change 2, Te Awa Lakes Private Plan Change.
2. Te Whakakitinga o Waikato Incorporated (**Waikato-Tainui**) is the governing body and mandated iwi organisation for the 68 marae and 33 hapuu of Waikato Tainui and manages the assets of Waikato Tainui for the benefit of over 70,000 registered tribal members.
3. Waikato-Tainui makes this submission on behalf of our marae and iwi members. The rohe (tribal region) of Waikato-Tainui is bounded by Auckland in the north and Te Rohe Potae (King Country) in the south and extends from the west coast to the mountain ranges of Hapuakohē and Kaimai in the east. Significant landmarks within the rohe of Waikato include the Waikato and Waipaa Rivers, the sacred mountains of Taupiri, Karioi, Pirongia and Maungatautari, and the west coast of Whaingaroa (Raglan), Manukau, Aotea and Kawhia moana.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

4. Waikato-Tainui supports the proposed plan change subject to the inclusion of the mitigation recommendations within the Cultural Impact Assessment developed by the Tangata Whenua Working Group (**TWWG**).
5. Waikato-Tainui is available to discuss our submission.

BACKGROUND

6. Te Awa Lakes intends to create a tourism and recreational destination for the Waikato region.
7. The location of the Te Awa Lakes development at the northern most edge of Hamilton City near Horotiu sits within the tribal boundary of Waikato-Tainui, and as such Waikato-Tainui has the Mana Whakahaere over its lands and resources, including the Waikato River and its associated natural environs.
8. To ensure appropriate consideration is given to matters of importance to Waikato-Tainui as set out in the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan, Tai Timu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao, Waikato-Tainui encourages pre-application consultation on proposed development activities of this nature.
9. Pre-application consultation with iwi on proposed plan changes are a requirement under Clause 4A, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

MITIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS

10. Waikato-Tainui's supports the mitigation recommendations of the TWWG within the Cultural Impact Assessment document that relate to the following:
 - (a) Rangatiratanga;
 - (b) Waahi Taonga;
 - (c) Ngaa Wai Ora;
 - (d) Mahinga Kai; and
 - (e) Kotahitanga.
11. We set out further details on those matters below.

Rangatiratanga

12. Waikato-Tainui encourages the active involvement of mana whenua in the planning, management and development of Te Awa Lakes.
13. Waikato-Tainui supports the recommendation that iwi and hapū represented by the TWWG continue to work in good faith with Perry Group on partnership outcomes of the Te Awa Lakes development.
14. Waikato-Tainui further support the recommendation that the proposed plan change application and future resource consent applications provide an accurate record of the engagement undertaken with TWWG and the mitigation recommendations outlined in the cultural impact assessment document.

Waahi Taonga

15. In order to protect and enhance the cultural connectivity of this area and provide a representation of the cultural values of iwi and mana whenua, Waikato-Tainui would support the practice of cultural indigenous place-making throughout the Te Awa Lakes development through the use of mana whenua names for streets, use of landscaping designs that reflect cultural perspectives and the use of Maori artwork.
16. The protection of archaeological sites, sites of significance and the implementation of appropriate accidental discovery protocols is very important.

Ngaa Wai Ora

17. As outlined in the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan (Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao), the protection and enhancement of freshwater waterways, springs and wetlands is very important. Waikato-Tainui therefore support best practice storm water

management methods including the treatment of storm water and the protection of any freshwater springs or wetlands within the area.

Mahinga Kai

18. The protection, enhancement and access to traditional food gathering sites is a priority to iwi and mana whenua.
19. The planting of riparian margins with native plant species to restore habitat as well as land use management aligns with the provisions of the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan.

Kotahitanga

20. Waikato-Tainui acknowledges Perry Group for their ongoing and meaningful engagement with our iwi and hapū through the TWWG on cultural and environmental matters relating to this proposal.
21. Waikato-Tainui recognises the value that this development will contribute to the economic growth of our region and the benefit this will provide to our iwi, hapū and marae. Waikato-Tainui would therefore support future social, educational, economic and commercial opportunities to work together.

CONCLUSION

22. Waikato-Tainui supports the Te Awa Lakes Private Plan Change application subject to the inclusion of mitigation recommendations put forward by the TWWG within the Cultural Impact Assessment.
23. Waikato-Tainui recommends that the Hamilton City Council approves the Te Awa Lakes Private Plan Change.

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