

IN THE MATTER The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s149J of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider notices of requirement and applications for resource consent made by the New Zealand Transport Agency in relation to the East West Link roading proposal in Auckland

SUBMITTER Te Kawerau Iwi Tribal Authority Inc and Makaurau Marae Māori Trust

**STATEMENT OF TE WARENA TAUUA ON BEHALF OF TE KAWERAU IWI TRIBAL AUTHORITY INC. AND
MAKAURAU MARAE MĀORI TRUST**

- 1 My full name is Te Warena Taua. I am the Chairman of Te Kawerau Iwi Tribal Authority and Makaurau Marae Māori Trust. I am authorised to give this statement on behalf of both organisations.

- 2 Both Te Kawerau and Makaurau Marae Māori Trust made submissions indicating “partial” support of the EastWest proposal. Both submissions made it clear that any support was conditional on being satisfied that adverse cultural effects could be avoided, remedied, or mitigated to our satisfaction. At this stage, we remain unconvinced that adverse effects to the mauri of the Manukau Harbour, ancestral sites and waters, and active protection of our taonga can be addressed. For this reason, we tautoko (support) the position adopted by Ngāti Whātua Orākei in the evidence of Ngarimu Blair.

- 3 I wish to address the Board in relation to our ancestral relationships to land and coastal waters, taonga and waahi tapu, and our concerns about infrastructure once again being constructed in the Manukau Harbour. I would like to present in te reo Maori and would like opportunity to submit further written evidence and relevant documents (following caucusing). As background, I note that both Te Kawerau and Makaurau were actively involved in hearings before the Waitangi Tribunal and the subsequent report WAI8.

- 4 Te Kawerau Iwi Tribal Authority and Settlement Trust along with Makaurau Marae Maori Trust (board) and Te Whakakitenga o Waikato are also the three joint owners of Te Motu a Hiaroa more commonly known as Puketutu Island.
- 5 This statement has been provided as a preliminary response. I understand there will also be opportunity to have caucusing on cultural matters. This will assist Te Kawerau and Makaurau Marae to be adequately informed on these matters as we are concerned about the process of consultation followed by NZTA.

Dated this 22nd day of May 2017

Te Warena Taua MNZM