

HEARING SUMMARY – Eynon Delamere – Mana Whenua engagement

1. My role in the Project has been to lead the consultation with mataawaka and Mana Whenua affected by the Project. I was engaged to lead the consultation with mataawaka in the Project area, and subsequently led hui with Mana Whenua affected by the Project. I also assisted in the establishment of the NZTA Iwi Integration Group.

My key conclusions/findings are:

2. That at a kaitiaki level a robust and meaningful engagement process has occurred with Iwi that have been identified by Auckland Council as having an interest in the project area.
3. Engagement on this project occurred through the Project Mana Whenua Group, which Ngati Whatua o Orākei have been a part of since 2014. Ngati Whatua o Orākei were represented at the Project Mana Whenua Group meetings by at least three different specialists, and made meaningful input into the Project through environmental and design aspects.
4. Mana Whenua have had multiple opportunities to provide input into the Project, including through the Maori Values Assessment that has been prepared by various iwi and hapu groups.
5. To my understanding at no stage during the engagement process were Iwi opposed to the option selected by the Transport Agency, beyond the reservations expressed by Ngāti Te Ata in respect of reclamation.
6. I thought that the option selected by the Transport Agency might be challenging because it involved reclamation. However, the Project Mana Whenua Group were supportive of this option because it provides an opportunity to address historic contamination of the Mangere Inlet.

My position on outstanding issues

7. Whilst the position of Ngati Whatua o Orākei is that participation in the engagement does not mean support or approval of a project, the engagement process did involve proactive consideration of design options and responses to issues raised by Mana Whenua, and as such I consider it reflected an acceptance of the option being progressed.

Conclusion

8. Overall, I consider that Mana Whenua engagement at a kaitiaki level was one of the best I have been part of and Mana Whenua were afforded the opportunity to engage in the project.