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**Onehunga Foreshore Reclamation / Restoration: Response of the Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei Heritage and Resource Management Unit**

Please accept this as a submission on the application notified as "various regional consents (file 22368) and LUC/2011/2901 (district consent)" pertaining to "71-91 Beacroft Rd, Onehunga and Onehunga Bay adjacent to State Highway 20 between Seacliffe Rd and the Manukau Cruising Club". It is consistent with opinion given to Auckland Council and its contractors since October of last year, via email, formal letters and in face to face meetings. I made an online submission earlier in the week but have not received an electronic copy back as requested and I am concerned that it may not have gone through.

Please note that early on our manager of the time, Ngārimu Blair, had attempted to be more involved in this project by requesting that we be part of the selection panel for the contractor, but this was denied. Repeated requests of Council and its agents have also failed to confirm a funding process for our time and expertise contributing to this large scale project affecting Ngāti Whātua heritage areas, and foreshore and seabed which is under Treaty of Waitangi settlement negotiations. We have also not engaged with Council or its contractors until now because of Council's unwillingness to confirm its stance regarding title to any reclaimed land. Recently a letter has been received confirming that this will be put into Crown title.

On this understanding we now confirm support for the proposal with the following caveats.

- 1) Reclamations / foreshore and seabed. We emphasise the need for these to be retained in Crown title or 'public domain', to avoid any exclusion of the Onehunga foreshore and seabed from ongoing considerations such as are currently taking place through Treaty of Waitangi settlement negotiations. We would prefer that fill come from a local source but could support other alternatives should that not be to the detriment of the originating environment / ecosystem.
- 2) Sand replenishment. This could be supported if it was shown that the taking of the sand was again not to the detriment of its originating environment / ecosystem. We would prefer that the sand come from a local source but could support other alternatives should they comply with the above caveat. We note that expert analysis will be required to select sand that is 'fit for purpose', eg. is of a size and type that will not simply wash away in the next storm.
- 3) Dredging of the Onehunga Lagoon. We advise that an investigation be made into whether / how extensively the lagoon has been dredged previously and where proposed dredging is located relative to the original shoreline (eg. of 1840). This assessment should also quantify how much sediment is thought to have accumulated in the basin over time and relate this to the depth of proposed

who use the area. This would acknowledge the heavy waka traffic that used to ply the harbour to and from Onehunga in traditional times, encourage such activity to flourish again and emphasise the ongoing linkages Onehunga has to other places on the Manukau (particularly Māngere).

We look forward to being a meaningful, effective part of the project / design team moving forward and are ready to discuss the mechanism to achieve this.

We request to speak at any hearings on these resource consent applications.

Nāku iti nā

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