

East West Link Hearing

My name is Lucille Rutherford

I am presenting as Resource Management Officer for Ngati Tamaoho

Ngati Tamaoho are Mana Whenua of the Manukau Harbour

In my role I represent Ngati Tamaoho in its environmental interests and discussions on various activities, including proposed development projects. I report to Ngati Tamaoho on a fortnightly basis and represent the position of Ngati Tamaoho as provided to me by the leadership of Ngati Tamaoho.

I have been in my role of Resource Management Officer since December 2010, and have been involved with this project since 2013.

I have regularly attended hui, workshops, and have provided feedback on the project and had input into the development of the design of the East West Link Project.

I have had input into all aspects of the project from an operations point of view, including environmental, social and with the support of the leadership putting forward cultural values as well.

The Manukau Harbour was a bountiful food bowl for Ngati Tamaoho, however intensive industrial growth in the late 18th and 19th centuries resulted in both human and industrial waste being discharged into the Harbour. In particular the area around the East West project was subject to landfilling and to this day the historic landfills across the northern coastal edge of the inlet continue to discharge contaminants into the water, which has had a significant impact on the quality of the water in the Mangere Inlet.

Adding to the landfill contaminants is the continual discharge of virtually untreated stormwater and sediments from roads within the residential and Industrial catchment of the Inlet.

Ngati Tamaoho realised early on that this project provided an opportunity to incorporate environmental improvements into the project design.

Whilst Ngati Tamaoho are opposed to reclamation, the contamination containment bund was seen as an opportunity to rectify past degradation and continual contamination of the Mangere Inlet.

Ngati Tamaoho was one of the iwi that opposed the nearby Taumanu reserve reclamation, and will continue to oppose further reclamation of the Harbour for "beautification" purposes.

As guardians, [kaitikai] of the Manukau Harbour, this "clean up" opportunity through the contamination containment bund, the East West Link proposal is

seen as an opportunity to provide for our responsibilities as Kaitiaki of the Manukau Harbour.

I am familiar with the Cultural Values report that has been provided to the Environmental Protection Authority and have had input into it along with other Mana Whenua representatives. In my view this report represent a fair view of the process undertaken and the inputs of Mana Whenua reference group to the East West Link Project.

I was also involved through the Mana Whenua Reference Group in the development of the Vision for the Mangere Inlet that is attached to the Cultural Values Report.

Ngati Tamaoho have forged a respectful relationship with NZTA through this project. We have managed along with other mana whenua kaitiaki groups to influence the design throughout the entire project from the Neilson Street Interchange, the contamination containment bund, to "Tip Top" corner.

Again in my view this has been an example of good processes that has resulted in cultural values influencing decisions and being embedded in the East West Project.