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Kia Ora Tatou

Kaitumutumu Marae support the memorandum submitted by Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and Waikato River Authority to defer these hearings.

It would be negligible on the part of the EPA to hold these hearings via zoom as it will not capture the essence of the evidence being presented nor would it be justifiable to the Mana and Mauri of the Waikato Awa herself

Mauri Ora

Ngaa te Whanau Whaanui o Kaitumutumu Marae

On Wed, 25 Aug 2021, 9:40 am watercareapplication, <[watercareapplication@epa.govt.nz](mailto:watercareapplication@epa.govt.nz)> wrote:

Tēnā koe

This is an update from the Watercare Waikato River water take application.

**Joint memorandum from Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and the Waikato River Authority**

The Board have received a joint memorandum of counsel on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and the Waikato River Authority. The memorandum contains a request for the hearing to be deferred.

[Read the joint memorandum from Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and Waikato River authority on our website](#)

The Board has had an urgent meeting to discuss the memorandum. They are seeking advice from the Minister for the Environment's office, and will be in communication with parties in due course.

**The Board encourages all parties that have a view on the memorandum to communicate this to the EPA staff as as soon as possible by return email.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch, either by email or on freephone 0800 722 667.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Sara

**On behalf of the Watercare Project Team**

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