

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

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IN THE MATTER of Plan Change 36 – Whareroa North

BETWEEN

The proprietors of Hauhangaroa No 6.

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Taupō District Council

REBUTTAL EVIDENCE OF KENNETH PHILLIPS  
ARCHAEOLOGY

15 MAY 2020

## **Introduction**

1. My name is Kenneth Phillips.
2. My experience and qualifications are set out in My Evidence in Chief (EiC).
3. I have read and I am familiar with the Environment Court's Code of Conduct 2011 for Expert Witnesses. For the purpose of this hearing, I agree to be bound by that Code of Conduct and have familiarized myself with the requirements as set out in the Code.
4. I have reviewed the following evidence from the Proponent:
  - Archaeological Assessment by Sian Keith (30 April 2020)
  - Statement of Evidence by Submitter 16 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.
5. My EIC concluded:

*Having reviewed the archaeological values assessment for the plan change application and submissions relating to archaeological values associated with the proposed plan change I am of the opinion that a new archaeological survey and assessment of effects should be commissioned by the applicant that clarifies the potential for possible unrecorded subsurface archaeological sites to be present within the property and provide clearer recommendations regarding requirements specifically relating to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act.*

## **Archaeological Assessment by Sian Keith**

6. I have read and note the inclusion of the revised Archaeological Assessment from Ms Sian Keith.
7. Overall Ms. Keith has determined that the proposal does not require amendment based on archaeological values, however she acknowledges that field inspection work will be required as part of the preliminary stages of the proposal. In addition, due to lack of information relating to mitigation planting and walkways, this aspect will require further assessment to determine the need for an authority.
8. I concur with Ms Keith's findings and report.

## Statement of Evidence from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

9. The evidence of Ms McAlley stated:

*The reporting planner, Mr. Bonis, at paragraph 1172 advises that:*

*“Should the Plan Change be approved, I am of the view that Archaeological effects can be appropriately managed. This would be achieved by inserting provisions in the ‘Preliminary Stage’ (Amended Provisions) for an Archaeological Authority pursuant to s44a Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 prior to any development to ensure any archaeological evidence is identified and recorded or protected”.*

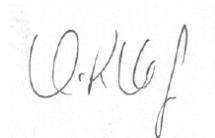
*HNZPT are supportive of the recognition of the need for archaeological consideration at the early stage of the development process. However HNZPT is unsure of the suitability of making a direct reference to the requirements /outcomes of another legislative process, that runs as a parallel process to the RMA process, as part of the proposed provisions in Plan Change 36. HNZPT considers it would be more suitable to make this reference to the requirement for an HNZPT Archaeological Authority through the insertion of an advice note.*

*Therefore, HNZPT seeks the insertion of an Advice Note in the “Preliminary Stage” section of Plan Change 36, that relates to the need for an HNZPT Archaeological Authority and that this must be undertaken prior to the commencement of earthworks.*

10. I am supportive of this approach.

### Conclusion

11. I can now conclude that on the basis of the updated Archaeological Report, if the amendments suggested above by HNZPT can be incorporated within the Plan Change then I am supportive of the Archaeological aspects of Plan Change 36.



Kenneth Phillips 15 May 2020