



MEMORANDUM

<u>TO</u>	Information Panel of Plan Change 42 Hearing
<u>FROM</u>	Taupo District Council
<u>DATE</u>	4 September 2023
<u>SUBJECT</u>	Evidence on Submission 74

As per minute 16, the Council is required, by Monday the 4th, to give the panel a response as to how we were going to be responding to Submission 74 – Te Tuhi. The Council is attempting to balance the budget implications of calling further evidence vs the appropriate assessment of the Te Tuhi proposal. We do note that under usual circumstances a similar proposal to Te Tuhi would typically be carried out as a resource consent process or private plan change, where the applicant would be responsible for both their own, but also Councils processing costs (including Council peer reviews). As this is a Council led plan change, we are very conscious that the Council (and therefore ratepayers) are having to front the cost of this extra evidence.

With that in mind, the Council has decided to call brief further evidence on some of the potential merit areas, but not all of the technical areas assessed by Te Tuhi. With that in mind, we anticipate providing additional evidence on the following:

- Legal response on scope
- Economic evidence on supply/demand
- Landscape
- Geotech

The additional evidence described above will be short and confined in its brief. Therefore, Taupo District Council respectfully requests that this information be considered as part of the right of reply and panel deliberations, rather than any further hearing process. The process has been extensive with significant levels of engagement throughout, and a further hearing process would be another significant cost on Council.

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