

In the Environment Court
At Auckland

ENV-2025-AKL-00162

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki Tāmaki Makaurau

Under the	Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA)
In the matter	of an appeal under Clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act
Between	TE RUUNANGA O NGAATI MAHUTA KI TE HAUAAURU Appellant
And	WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL Respondent

NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

21 August 2025

To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

And to: Waitomo District Council

And to: Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru

Introduction

- 1.** The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** wishes to be a party to the appeal by Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru against part of the decision of Waitomo District Council (**the Council/ Respondent**) on the Proposed Waitomo District Plan (**the Proposed Plan**) (**Appeal**).
- 2.** The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** made a further submission (submitted 28th July 2023 and amended on 31 July 2023) to a submission by Taharoa Ironsands Limited on the Proposed Plan which addressed the subject matter of the Appeal. The Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust is also a person with an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has, because its trustees and beneficiaries are members of the hapuu that is represented by Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru, and because it owns land that is directly affected by the provisions in the Proposed Plan that are the subject of the Appeal.
- 3.** Trustees presented statements of evidence on behalf of the Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust alongside Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru at the Waitomo District Plan hearing held on 16th July 2024.
- 4.** The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** received notice of the Decision on 19th June 2025 and was served with a copy of the Notice of Appeal by Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru on 4th August 2025 with an amended Notice received on 7th August.

5. The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.

Interest in the proceedings

6. The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** is interested in the entire Appeal.
7. The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** supports all of the relief sought in the Appeal.
8. Without limiting the generality of the above, The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** is particularly interested in the following relief sought by Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru:
- (a) Inclusion of additional provisions that recognise and provide for the relationship of Maaori with their land (pursuant to section 6(e));
 - (b) Amendment to Rule GRUZ-S6 (previously GRUZ-R42) to exempt Maaori Land from the requirements of Rule GRUZ-S6.1;
 - (c) Amendment of the Rural Production Zone map and RPROZ-SCHED1 to remove the land previously within the Rural Zone of the Operative Plan, within the TRONM area of interest;
 - (d) Removal of the Indicative Rural Production Areas overlay and notations, within the TRONM area of interest;
 - (e) Amendment of policies RPROZ-P4 and RPROZ-P6, and rule RPROZ-R25 in the Decision to the notified version of the provisions; and
 - (f) Such other orders, relief, alternative and/or other consequential amendments to address the concerns set out in this appeal.

Position on relief sought

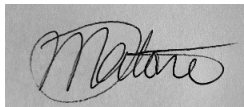
9. The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** supports the relief sought in the Appeal by Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaauru on the basis of the matters raised in our submission and evidence provided at the hearing held on 16th July 2024 and that the relief:

- (a) Would ensure the Waitomo District Plan is consistent with Part 2 of the RMA including that:
 - (i) *the Plan recognises and provides for the ability of Maaori to connect to our ancestral lands as required under section 6(e),*
 - (ii) *regard is had to kaitiakitanga as required under 7(a) and*
 - (iii) *by taking into account the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as required by section 8 of the RMA.*
- (b) Would more effectively promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources to assist the Council in carrying out its functions to achieve the purpose of the Act;
- (c) Would more effectively manage or enable the efficient and integrated use, development and protection of natural and physical resources;
- (d) Would ensure the Proposed Plan gives effect to higher order planning instruments in accordance with section 75 of the RMA;
- (e) Would prevent imposition of restrictions that would render Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust's land as incapable of reasonable use;
- (f) Would be more effective in ensuring the actual and potential adverse effects on the environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated;
- (g) Would more appropriately achieve the objectives of the Proposed Plan in terms of section 32 of the RMA.

Mediation

10. The **Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust** agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 22nd August 2025

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