

The Independent Hearing Commissioner
Resource consent application - Taumatotara Wind Farm Limited (RM200019)
Via email to Kayla.Hemara@waitomo.govt.nz

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Teena koe, e te Kaiwhakawhiriwhiri,

Maketuu Marae, Aaruka Marae, Te Kooraha Marae, Tahaaroa Lakes Trust and Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru collectively submitted on behalf of Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru in opposition to the above application to vary resource consent conditions.

Since that time, we have been in discussions with Taumatotara Wind Farm Limited ("Applicant") and have concurrently produced an Effects Assessment Report (**attached** to this letter). We reiterate the contents of the report below.

Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru are mana whenua in the Taumatotara/Existing Consent area.

Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru confirm its expectation that the conditions to mitigate the adverse effects, which TWF has proposed in the Variation Proposal and the Updated Variation Proposal, will ensure a less than minor environmental effect, or the conditions are amended accordingly. In this regard, Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru relies upon the Independent Hearing Commissioner to ensure that the conditions imposed ensure a less than minor environmental effect.

Additionally, Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru requests that the Independent Hearing Commissioner adopt the conditions agreed between the Applicant and Ngaati Mahuta in Table 2 of the Effects Assessment Report, to the extent that those agreed conditions can form part of the suite of amended consent conditions. The Applicant will similarly advocate this request.

With the above, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Applicant, Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru (Maketuu Marae, Aaruka Marae, Te Kooraha Marae, Tahaaroa Lakes Trust, and Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru) confirm its support for the variation proposal. With this updated position of support, we do not consider it necessary to appear at the hearing.

We can be contacted at tekooraha@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Maketuu Marae, Aaruka Marae, Te Kooraha Marae, Tahaaroa Lakes Trust, Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru