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## **Response to the request for further information - Clevedon Kawakawa Road Private Plan Change Request.**

Lands and Survey have requested that The AgriBusiness Group respond to the Further Information Request from the Auckland Council in regards to the Clevedon Kawakawa Road Private Plan Change Request made by Stratford Properties Limited. This document responds to LC1 – LC7 of the further information request as appropriate.

### **1 LC 1- Please provide New Zealand Soil Classification with the soil series names corresponding to the Land Resource Inventory.**

This request has been addressed by Dr Hicks in his response.

### **2 LC2 - Please clarify whether Mr Stuart Ford is indeed the author of the ‘The Agribusiness Group’ referenced in the Soil Assessment Report.**

This request has been addressed by Dr Hicks in his response. I am the author of the report referred to by Dr Hicks in the report “Soils at 278 Clevedon – Kawakawa Road, Clevedon”.

### **3 LC3 - Explain why the Soil Assessment Report concludes that the LUC Class 3 land does not meet the definition criteria for prime soils**

This request has been addressed by Dr Hicks in his response.

### **4 LC4 – Clarify the statement as regards to the AUPOiP statement.**

I alter my reference to the AUPOiP as follows. I have updated my report accordingly.

The major factor in protecting the elite and prime soils in the AUPOiP is to ensure that retaining land with high productive potential for primary production provides flexibility to improve economic performance, sustainably manage land resources and enable communities to pursue sustainable lifestyles.

As I state in my report “Report on the Potential for Intensive Land Use on 278 Clevedon – Kawakawa Road as part of a Proposed Private Change Request” the combined factors of the fact that the areas of prime soil are not contiguous and the fact that these non-contiguous small areas are interspersed with land at a high degree of risk mean that the land in question does not offer the characteristics which would classify it as offering high productive potential.

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## **5 LC5 – substantiate the statement blocks of land below 50 ha are unsuitable to be operated efficiently.**

I alter this section as shown below. I have updated my report accordingly.

It is my opinion that in general the commercial vegetable production sector regard blocks of land below 50 ha as unsuitable to be able to operate them efficiently. This opinion incorporates the factors such as the scale of vehicles that are used, the size of the property that it is necessary to include a complete rotation of a range of crops which is required to allow for the necessary time between crops to allow for pest and disease minimization and the allowance for travel times between the various blocks operated by the large scale efficient commercial vegetable production operation.

## **6 LC6- Please clarify the reference to the term ‘viable operation.**

I include the following reference. I have updated my report accordingly.

I have used the term “viable” in the context that this term conforms to the definition of viable in the Cambridge dictionary, which is “able to work as intended or able to succeed”. It encompasses all of the factors of practical / commercial / financial / economic and political viability.

## **7 LC7- Please provide a land use map of the subject land and surrounding area.**

This matter is to be addressed further by Lands and Survey (Auckland) Ltd.