# BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT I MUA TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA AT AUCKLAND

# ENV-2025-AKL-000110

	IN THE MATTER	of the Resource Management Act 1991 ( <b>RMA</b> )			
	AND				
	IN THE MATTER	of an appeal under clauses 14(1) and 29 of Schedule 1 of the RMA OPEN SPACE FOR FUTURE AUCKLANDERS INCORPORATED Appellant			
	BETWEEN				
	AND	AUCKLAND COUNCIL Respondent			
	AND	MINSTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Applicant			
NOTICE OF WAIOHUA-TĀMAKI RŌPŪ'S INTE TO SECTION 274 OF TH				DINGS P	URSUANT
	ATED 4 JUNE 2025	<u>-</u> -			

**To** The Registrar

**Environment Court** 

Auckland

- 1. Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū wishes to be a party to the appeal by Open Space for Future Aucklanders Incorporated pursuant to Section 274(1)(e) of the RMA against the decision of Auckland Council dated 18 March 2025 (notice of decision dated 27 March 2025) on Plan Change 94: Wairaka Precinct to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) (PC94) (Appeal). The Appeal has been given the Environment Court reference ENV-2025-AKL-000110.
- 2. The Waiohua Tāmaki Rōpū is a confederation of Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti Te Ata, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Te Kawerau ā Maki who are collaborating with the Crown over the development of Treaty Settlement land within the Te Auaunga Precinct (currently called Wairaka Precinct) for housing and associated activities.
- 3. Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū made a submission on PC94 (Council reference # 67), and note that the individual iwi entities comprised within the Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū also made submissions.
- 4. Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū notes that it is generally supportive of the PC94 decision and is interested in all of the proceedings given the breadth of the Appeal. Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū opposes the relief sought in the Appeal.
- 5. Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū is not a trade competitor for the purposes of Section 308CA of the RMA.

#### Reasons

- **6.** Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū opposes the relief sough in the Appeal. In general terms, it considers that the Appeal:
  - (a) is not the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the RMA
  - (b) fails to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and is otherwise inconsistent with Part 2 of the RMA
  - (c) will not give effect to the objectives and policies of the National Policy Statement on
    Urban Development 2020 or the Auckland Regional Policy Statement

- (d) will not contribute to well-functioning urban environments
- (e) is not the most efficient or effective method to achieve the purpose of the RMA, not the objectives and policies of the Unitary Plan particularly when having regard to the provisions and their efficiency and effectiveness
- (f) will risk limiting the supply of housing and compromising the city's ability to cater for housing demand; and
- (g) is based on insufficient information and analysis.

## Mediation

**7.** Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

**Dated** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Ash Rainsford on behalf of

Waiohua-Tāmaki Rōpū

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