

**BEFORE THE TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL AND NEW PLYMOUTH
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

MT MESSENGER BYPASS PROJECT

In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991

and

In the matter of applications for resource consents, and a notice of requirement by the NZ Transport Agency for an alteration to the State Highway 3 designation in the New Plymouth District Plan, to carry out the Mt Messenger Bypass Project

**SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF MICHAEL PETER JOHN
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INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Michael Peter John Dreaver.
2. My supplementary evidence is given in relation to applications for resource consents, and a notice of requirement by the NZ Transport Agency ("the **Transport Agency**") for an alteration to the State Highway 3 designation in the New Plymouth District Plan, to carry out the Mt Messenger Bypass Project ("the **Project**").
3. I have the qualifications and experience set out in my statement of evidence in chief ("**EIC**") dated 25 May 2018.
4. I repeat the confirmation given in my EIC that I have read the 'Code of Conduct' for expert witnesses and that, to the extent my evidence is expert evidence, it has been prepared in compliance with that Code.
5. In this evidence I use the same defined terms as in my EIC.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

6. This evidence provides an update on further engagement and interactions that have taken place with Ngāti Tama (through Te Runanga o Ngāti Tama ("**Te Runanga**")) and other Māori entities since my EIC was filed.

FURTHER ENGAGEMENT WITH NGATI TAMA AND OTHER MAORI GROUPS

Ngati Tama hui a iwi

7. On 2 June 2018, I attended (along with others from the Project team) a Ngāti Tama hui a iwi at their Pukearuhe marae in Taranaki. The hui was chaired by Te Runanga and I acted as facilitator.
8. At the hui a iwi, the Project team was given the opportunity to present the Project, including proposed mitigation and offset measures, to iwi members. We then fielded questions from iwi members about the Project and the proposed mitigation.
9. Representatives of Te Korowai were specifically invited by Te Runanga to attend the hui a iwi. The hui was attended by the chair and at least one trustee of Te Korowai, who like all other attendees had the opportunities to ask questions and take part in the general discussion of the Project.

Design and mitigation / offset meetings with Te Runanga

10. Since the preparation of my EIC, our discussions with Ngāti Tama (through Te Runanga) have continued in respect of Project design and in particular the proposed measures to mitigate and offset cultural and ecological effects.
11. The Project team has also kept Te Runanga informed of the ongoing discussions between the Transport Agency and DOC. In addition, there have

been direct discussions involving the Transport Agency, Te Runanga and DOC. I understand that there have also been direct separate discussions between Te Runanga and DOC.

Meeting with Te Korowai

12. Te Runanga Trustees (and now Te Korowai members) Amos White and Lisa White attended meetings between the Transport Agency and Te Runanga throughout 2016 until they were suspended as Trustees. In 2017 Te Runanga continued to update suspended Trustees on its engagement with the Transport Agency. Since the recent formation of Te Korowai (around the end of 2017) the Transport Agency has discussed with Te Runanga how to keep Te Korowai members informed. Consequently, they were invited by Te Runanga to a 28 April 2018 information hui with the Transport Agency at Pukearuhe marae, but did not attend.
13. Te Korowai were also invited to the 2 June 2018 hui a iwi and some of their members (including Amos White and Lisa White) did attend that hui. The Project team subsequently offered to meet with Te Korowai's executive and their lawyer to discuss the Project. I have continued to liaise with Te Korowai's lawyer in the hope of arranging an on the record meeting and hope this can occur in the week ending 20 July.

Meeting with Ngāti Mutunga

14. On 11 July 2018 the Project team and I met with the chair of Ngāti Mutunga to discuss the Project, in order to keep Ngāti Mutunga up to date as to progress since the EIC was filed and to answer any questions.

Poutama and its cultural values assessment

15. In my EIC I discussed that the Transport Agency had invited Poutama to prepare a cultural values assessment. The Transport Agency has maintained its commitment to support the preparation of the cultural values assessment and has remained open to meet or answer any questions from Poutama if requested.
16. I am aware that Poutama requested that the hearing schedule be delayed to allow it to provide and present its cultural values assessment after 24 August 2018. That request was opposed by the Transport Agency via a memorandum of counsel filed on 25 June 2018, and declined by the Commissioner in a minute dated 27 June 2018.
17. As per the minute (and as suggested in the Transport Agency's memorandum of counsel), Poutama have been directed to provide and present their cultural values assessment on either 8 or 9 August 2018, during the second week of the hearing. This will allow the cultural values assessment to be considered by the Commissioner, the Transport Agency and the parties during the

hearing. My understanding is that the Transport Agency is expecting to receive Poutama's cultural values assessment on either 8 or 9 August 2018, in line with the Commissioner's direction.

Mike Dreaver

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