



NGĀTI TE ATA WAIOHUA

“Ka whiti te rā ki tua o Rehua, ka ara a Kaiwhare i te rua.”

3 June 2026

To: Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Expert Consenting Panel

Cc: New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)

**Re: Northwest Rapid Transit Project (Te Ara Hauāuru – Northwest Busway) – Arch Hill
Cultural Associations**

Tēnā koutou,

Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua confirms that it holds longstanding whakapapa, cultural, spiritual, historical, and customary associations with Arch Hill and the wider project area. These associations arise from the iwi's ancestral occupation, use, and relationship with the area and exist independently of, and alongside, those held by other iwi.

Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua acknowledges the status of the Te Ākitai Waiohua Treaty settlement process. However, any future statutory acknowledgement in respect of Arch Hill does not extinguish, diminish, displace, or otherwise affect the existing cultural associations, mana whenua interests, evidence, or participation rights of other iwi with connections to the area, including Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua.

Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua has actively participated in the project and has provided evidence of its cultural values, associations, and interests through engagement with NZTA and the EPA process. These matters remain relevant considerations under sections 6(e), 7(a), and 8 of *the Resource Management Act 1991*, including the requirement to recognise and provide for

the relationship of Māori with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga.

Accordingly, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua requests that the Panel recognise that multiple mana whenua groups hold cultural associations with Arch Hill and that the cultural values, interests, evidence, and submissions of Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua are fully considered and afforded appropriate weight in the assessment and determination of the project.

Ngā mihi,

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Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua

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