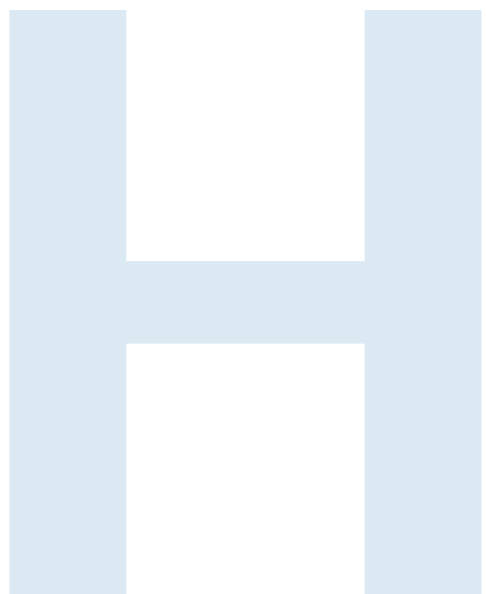


Appendix H

Letter of mana whenua support



04 August 2026

Redvale Landfill Expansion Panel
c/- Environmental Protection Authority

Tēnā koutou,

LETTER OF SUPPORT: REDVALE LANDFILL EXPANSION — EXTENSION OF CONSENT TO 2036

1. This is a joint letter of support from Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Rango and Te Kawerau a Maki (together, “the mana whenua partners”) for the substantive application by WM New Zealand Limited (“Waste Management”) to extend consented operations at the Redvale Landfill and Energy Park at Dairy Flat (“the Project”) from the end of 2028 to 2036, now that the Project has been referred by the Minister into the fast-track approvals process. Waste Management is the applicant. The mana whenua partners are not applicants, but write jointly to record our support for the Panel's consideration of the application.

The mana whenua partners

2. Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Rango and Te Kawerau a Maki are mana whenua over the Redvale site and the wider Dairy Flat area. Each of our three groups holds enduring whakapapa, historical and customary connections to this whenua, and we together hold primary standing to speak for it as tangata whenua.
3. We note that, as part of the engagement carried out for the Project, all other iwi and hapū groups with interests within the wider Tamaki Makaurau area were invited to be consulted and to participate. To date, none of those other groups has responded to that invitation. We consider that this absence of any competing response reinforces the standing of Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Rango and Te Kawerau a Maki as the mana whenua of the Project area who are actively engaged with it.
4. We, the mana whenua partners, remain open to engaging with any other iwi or hapū groups that would challenge our mana whenua status.

Engagement with Waste Management

5. The mana whenua partners have a working relationship with Waste Management in respect of Redvale. Ongoing engagement will allow us to exercise kaitiakitanga over the site and to have a direct, practical influence over how the Project is operated and monitored in an active exercise of rangatiratanga, rather than relying solely on conditions imposed from the sidelines.

Why we support the extension to 2036

6. We are aware that the current consent for Redvale expires at the end of 2028, and that the proposed Auckland Regional Landfill at Wayby Valley, intended as the long-term replacement facility, remains before the courts and is unlikely to be operational before the mid-2030s. Extending Redvale's operation to 2036, or until the Auckland Regional Landfill is ready to receive waste, avoids a gap in Auckland's residual waste infrastructure and the associated costs, and environmental and social effects, of transporting large volumes of waste out of the region in the interim.
7. We are conscious that the extension has received opposition from some in the Dairy Flat community, and we do not raise our support lightly. Our support is given on the basis that Waste Management continues to work with the mana whenua partners on the operational, cultural and environmental performance of the site for the duration of the extended consent, and that the extension is appropriately time-limited so that Redvale transitions to closure once the Auckland Regional Landfill is available.

Our request

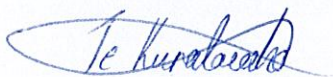
8. The mana whenua partners ask that the Panel take this letter, and our standing as mana whenua of the Project area, into account in any assessment, and that the Panel grant approval for Waste Management's application to extend operations at Redvale to 2036, subject to the conditions necessary to appropriately manage the Project's effects.

Nāku noa, nā



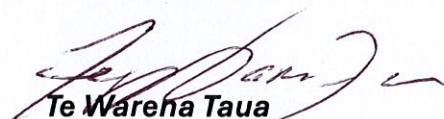
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Te Kurataiaho Kapea

Chair: Ngāti Rango



Te Warena Taua

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