

Date: 8th November 2025

To: The Expert Panel

To whom it may concern,

Re: The Fast Application for the Ashbourne Project – [REDACTED] Matamata.

We own the property at [REDACTED], being all the land described in:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(“The Property”)

We have sold the property to Unity Management , with settlement scheduled for 31 May 2026.

We have reviewed Matamata Development’s substantive application for the “Ashbourne” development (“**Project**”). Our land is included as the western section of the project.

Consent

We have previously consented to the Project as part of Matamata Development’s Fast-track referral. **We reiterate our support of the Project.**

Additional Comments from Meghann Brown (maiden name Hemmings) (Part owner of RA Hemmings Ltd) below.

I am the daughter of the late Austin Hemmings and have inherited my father’s share of RA Hemmings along with my siblings Jessica and Gareth.

The farm as it stands is not profitable enough to make it worthwhile to run as dairy, with expensive investment required to even increase the herd size. It is also worth

mentioning the difficulty of splitting what small profit there would be left to share between us (after the large overheads).

There's also the difficulty of not being able to farm productively on the other side of the busy main road as cows cannot cross. Matamata is becoming a desirable place to live as the major centres are expensive for young families and retirees. We are right beside a thriving residential area, too close to successfully farm without impacting the nearby homes.

The management of the farm is currently divided between family and a farm manager. We would love to see the land used for something that can benefit the local community for generations to come.

Although farming is an important part of our economy, so is our green image. The Ashbourne Project will use Solar Power to generate significant amounts of renewable energy while maintaining grazing. New Zealand could be one of the leaders in renewable energy - solar, wind and hydropower, not only benefiting the community with reduced power costs but making NZ an attractive place to visit.

Yours Faithfully

Meghann Brown (nee Hemmings)

(part owner RA Hemmings Ltd)