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To the Infrastructure Minister Chris Bishop and Regional Development Minister Shane Jones c/- The EPA, Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140

Tena korua

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“Orawaahi” “A Place of Wellbeing and Vitality” The Waiau Pa, Clarks Beach Housing Development

I am writing to outline Ngaati Te Ata’s position on the Orawaahi, Waiau Pa Clarks Beach Fast Track Housing Development (located at 162 Clarks Beach Road) proposed by Nakhle Group.

Ngaati Te Ata is mana whenua of Orawaahi with over a thousand years of history to Waiau Pa, Clarks Beach and the surrounding area. This ideal location for settlement, nestled on the Manukau harbour's edge with all the delicacies it provided, was held under the leadership of Ngaati Te Ata RaNgaatira Papaka, progenitor and one of the most prominent leaders of the Iwi. Papaka married Puaki and they founded the Ngaati Puaki hapu of Ngaati Te Ata who resided throughout the entire area traditionally.

Ngaati Te Ata and the Nakhle Group have a well-established, mutually beneficial relationship.

In 2023, Ngaati Te Ata prepared a Cultural Values Assessment Report for a housing development proposed by Nakhle Group on the block of land adjacent to the existing development.

From that undertaking, Nakhle Group set aside a 400-metre coastal frontage reserve on the Manukau Harbour that was named in honour of the late Ngaati Te Ata matriarch, Dame Nganeko Minhinnick.

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This close relationship carried over to a subsequent Housing Development project between Ngaati Te Ata and the Nakhle Group in Mt Albert, where, on this occasion, Ngaati Te Ata invited the Nakhle Group to partner in the development. The partnership acquired resource consent in 2024 to build 500 apartments. Ngaati Te Ata will receive significant economic, social and cultural benefits from this joint venture.

When this second Clarks Beach proposal was contemplated, Ngaati Te Ata was involved from the outset, working alongside Daniel Nakhle and his team to support Ngaati Te Ata's aspirations for its people on these culturally significant lands for the Iwi.

Subsequently, Ngaati Te Ata, have been heavily involved in this current application and carried out cultural site visits and related assessments during the initial stages.

This current application has been submitted through the fast-track process, and once again, it presents a significant opportunity for Ngaati Te Ata, enabling the economic, social, and cultural advancement of our people and the wider community. Like the Mt Albert development, the benefits from this application include:

- (a) Ngaati Te Ata gifted the name of the development "Orawaahi" "A place of wellbeing and vitality."
- (b) Descendants of Ngaati Te Ata are guaranteed mana-enhancing opportunities to house our people
- (c) Land set aside to establish a Ngaati Te Ata Cultural Centre
- (d) To retell, Ngaati Te Ata 1000-year cultural and traditional history of the area through a physical presence on the land where the Iwi can continue to exercise its kaitiakitanga responsibilities to surrounding lands and waterways
- (e) To have the right of first refusal over any potential commercial enterprise
- (f) To first employment opportunities during construction
- (g) To provide cultural design in the architectural master planning that captures the Ngaati Te Ata history of the area
- (h) The naming of all aspects of substance regarding the development
- (i) To support the remediation of surrounding waterways through riparian planting and the provision of planting contracts to descendants of Ngaati Te Ata
- (j) To appoint a cultural advisor over the project to oversee the entire development

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In practical terms, this letter signifies that Ngaati Te Ata is in full support of the Orawaahi, Nakhle Group, Waiau Pa, Clarks Beach, Fast Track Housing Development application.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roimata Minhinnick', written in a cursive style.

Roimata Minhinnick

Lead Negotiator Ngaati Te Ata Treaty Claims

On behalf of Ngaati Te Ata