

Points of clarification:

1. Clarification regarding engagement with Tangata Whenua :

- Firstly in relation to Ms Chetham's criticism of the consultation with iwi I would like to point out that the company has an established relationship with the Ruarangi Trust which has been in place well before the commencement of consultation on this project. The company entered into a MoU with the Ruarangi Trust in 2006 and an informal relationship has existed during that time, primarily between the Quarry Manager and a couple of trustees.
- Prior to commencing consultation (early 2016), I approached Whangarei District Council's Maori Engagement Officer, Andre Hemara to confirm & to clarify who the key Tangata Whenua contacts were, not having been involved personally prior to this time . He advised that I should contact Mira Norris, Marina Fletcher and Taipari Munro.
- Consultation on this proposal has been extensive and over a long period of time (2 years) – to demonstrate this, I would like to point you to pages 12 – 17 of my statement of evidence in chief which sets this out. The company has had over 17 formal hui with iwi representatives including Trustees and representatives members with differing views it's certainly not the case that the Applicant has only consulted with parties who are supportive of the project.
- In this record you can see that for the most part, consultation was undertaken in tandem with both Ruarangi & Te Parawhau Ki Tai. I also note that despite our best efforts and that of Mira Norris and Marina Fletcher, we were unable to contact Taipari Munro during the first 6 months of consultation However he was included in Ruarangi Trust meetings (after that as set out in the record)

2. Clarification regarding agreed mitigation with Te Parawhau Ki Tai / Te Pouwhenua O Tiakiriri Kukapa Trust, I would like to summarise this as follows:

There are two main components, firstly the mitigation embedded into the proposed consent conditions and secondly higher Level Mitigation which includes:

- Scholarships & internships (to be further fleshed out and to include GBC operations) 3 scholarships (up to \$10k ea – could be structured differently, i.e. multiple smaller scholarships) & internships tabled.
- Nursery and/or riparian planting projects within the rohe of Te Parawhau Ki Tai (\$20k upfront + \$2k per annum)

The Relationship Agreement is confidential to the parties – and it is up to Te Parawhau Ki Tai if they wish to share a copy with the Commissioners.

3. Planting only native species

- In response to Commissioner Hunts question about native planting proposed for the project I would like to make the comment that the intention is to far as practicable replicate the existing environment which consists of a mix of native and exotic species. I would like to point out that the 10m wide riparian planting

proposed along the margins of the realigned stream and a 4,200 square metre patch of restorative planting adjoining an existing remnant totara stand at the eastern end will be planted solely in native species. This will be fenced and appropriate pest control will be undertaken. The intention here is to support the existing remaining native species.

- The intention is to work closely with Te Parawhau Ki Tai in selecting species, sourcing plants from their nursery (developed as a joint initiative with TeParawhau Ki Tai as discussed above, assuming it is operational and is able to supply the required species).

4. Sports Fields

- I note a number of submitters have raised potential effects on the nearby Otaika Sports fields. I would like to confirm that the company consulted with Council's Parks Departments (Paul MacDonald and Jemma Sands), which included several meetings and a site visit with them and – I note they did not elect to submit on the application.

5. New District Council Landuse consents

- I confirm that there is no plan to seek new District Council landuse consents within the 35 year period of the overburden project because there is no need to. I would like to table the consented Quarry Foot Print plan, which was prepared and submitted as part of the original Landuse consent application for the existing landuse consents this allows for quarrying within the Active Quarrying Area

6. Consultation with 1 Grove Lane

- Ms Mia Barton – Boots & Ms Rhondda Taylor were critical of the signoff provided by Jock Green at 1 Grove Lane, who was 99 years old at the timing of signing. I would like to comment that I meet with Jock on a number of occasions, including twice with Mr Evans. His daughter and son inlaw were present on all of those occasions, except for one occasion when his son was present. Jock was an incredibly generous man, gifting me two bottles of wine and Christmas cake on one occasion. I have no doubt that he fully understood what he was signing and that his daughter and son in law were present and fully aware of what he was signing.