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Tena koe,

SUBMISSION ON: PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 2 - EXISTING INTENSIVE FARMING LAND USE

This submission is on behalf of the Muaūpoko Iwi, Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Lake Horowhenua Trust.

We object to Plan Change two. It is our view that the Change fails to take into account Muaūpokotanga both from a cultural and legislative viewpoint. At no point in time has the process informing this Plan Change taken into account the effects of Maori on their land, taonga or potential breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi.

With the release of the Waitangi Tribunal Muaūpoko Priority Report it was clearly found that the actions of Horizons (and its predecessors) both currently and in the past have been culpable in the pollution of Lake Horowhenua and hence contributed to the breach of the Treaty (Waitangi Tribunal. (2017). *Horowhenua: The Muaūpoko priority report (Report no. Wai 2200)*. <https://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Horowhenua-Pre-pub-W.pdf>).

In that respect we see this type of policy only continuing to reinforce the poor environmental management of the catchment that resulted in the degradation of our taonga. Horizons Regional Council continue to breach the Treaty of Waitangi through the failure to fulfil sections 6(e), 7(a) and 8 of the RMA or to apply any robustness to their processes. This new policy has not been tested against those sections with Muaūpoko and consultation with Muaūpoko has not occurred.

We also object to this policy change as there has been no adherence to Section 18 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1956 ROLD Act (1956). It is our understanding that the ROLD Act should be recognized in the management of the Lake Horowhenua catchment (or Lake Horowhenua, Hoki_1a, Hoki_1b as listed in the plan change) with appropriate provisions to enact those legislative rights of Muaūpoko to manage its taonga. We do note that it is highly offensive that you have adjusted the name from Horowhenua to Horowhena. Adjustments of te reo and Māori place names is unacceptable.

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Considering Lake Horowhenua is the main drainage asset and a privately (Muaūpoko) owned Lake in the Hoki_1a we would expect the Plan Change would better recognize our role as kaitiaki within the catchment. Again, this omission fails to meet section 7(a) and 8 of the RMA (1991).

Additionally, we believe the Plan Change triggers further breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi surrounding Lake Horowhenua and also breaches the Treaty with respect to the fact that it limits the development of Māori Land within the (Lake Horowhenua) catchment. Muaūpoko owned Māori land and its development has suffered from oppressive management regimes that further limits Muaūpoko to develop its land for our purposes but also with respect to the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act (1993). The proposed Plan Change provides no ability for Maori landowners to manage their lands based on our own tikanga and further limits us from participating in future agricultural developments.

We propose that the Lake Horowhenua catchment be removed from this Plan Change. We expect that Horizons will actively engage with Muaūpoko and the Lake Horowhenua Trust to develop more workable and holistic solutions to the pollution of Lake Horowhenua. There is no way we can accept the Lake Horowhenua catchment be included in this Plan Change until there is a robust Treaty of Waitangi Settlement that addresses past grievances' but also provides solutions for catchment management going forward.

We wish to be heard in support of our application. If similar issues are raised in other submissions, we wish to be heard separately.

Ngā mihi



On behalf of;
Chair Muaūpoko Tribal Authority