

BEFORE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991 ('the Act')

AND

IN THE MATTER OF of an application for a Proposed Plan Change 37 Nukuhau

**SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR HEARING BY LYNDA CAROLINE WALTER
ON BEHALF OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Date: 8rd November 2021

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1 My qualifications and experience are set out in my Evidence-in-Chief.

CODE OF CONDUCT

2 I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses outlined in the Environment Court's Consolidated Practice Note and have complied with it in preparing this evidence. I also agree to follow the Code when presenting evidence. I confirm that the issues addressed in this brief of evidence are within my area of expertise and that I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from my opinions.

BACKGROUND

3 I have prepared the following document:

- Review of Archaeological Assessment prepared for Nukuhau Structure Plan Change (PC37), Taupō District. Letter of advice addressed to Hilary Samuel, Senior Policy Advisor, Taupō District Council, 2nd October 2021.

4 In my 2021 report I provided comments on:

- Archaeological Assessment for the Nukuhau Structure Plan Change, Taupō. 7th September 2021, prepared by Kirsty Sykes, WSP.

5 This summary statement is based on the above documents (although it does not replace them), along with consideration of the following:

- Evidence-in-Chief of Kirsty Nicole Sykes dated 20th October 2021.
- Submission of Carolyn Anne McAlley for and on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, dated 29th October 2021.
- Reply Statement of Evidence of Kirsty Nicole Sykes dated 5th November 2021.

COMMENTS ON KIRSTY NICOLE SYKES EVIDENCE

6 Ms Sykes submits (para 33 of Reply Statement of Evidence) that additional archaeological research as recommended in my report and the Heritage New Zealand submission has been carried out, and that it supports the recommendations outlined in the Archaeological Assessment (dated 7th September 2021).

7 The additional work has provided a more robust archaeological assessment of the area of land affected by PC 37. It has enabled the area of potential archaeological features to be defined as limited to the

portion of land in Area C where two depressions were identified. I agree with Ms Sykes recommendation (para 33 of Reply Statement of Evidence) that archaeological investigation of this area should be carried out.

CONCLUSION

- 8 The additional archaeological assessment undertaken is sufficient to determine that PC37 will not have an adverse effect on archaeological sites in Areas A & B.
- 9 An archaeological exploratory investigation of the depressions identified in Area C should be carried out, as provided by s.56 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 prior to development occurring in that area.

Signature

LYNDA CAROLINE WALTER
8th November 2021