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Re: Taumatotara Wind Farm Ltd – RM200019 Public Notification. Taumatotara West Road, Te Kūiti

Te Nehenehenui is the Post Settlement Governance Entity for Maniapoto under the Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022.

The proposed amendments to the activity will occur at a location within Te Nehenehenui's area of interest (see appendix 1). Te Nehenehenui have not been formally engaged by the applicant in considering and determining the effects of the amendments to the consent conditions. Until this occurs, and Te Nehenehenui can fully understand the effects of the proposed amendments, concerns will remain at the potential impacts on iwi, hapu and whare, cultural, social, economic, and environmental interests.

Due to the significant change of the proposed amendments, it is concerning to iwi that a Cultural Impact Assessment and Tangata Whenua Environmental Assessment Report towards Ko Tā Maniapoto Mahere Taiao (Maniapoto's Environmental Management Plan) were not included within the application proposal. It is beneficial that the applicant includes at a minimum, a Cultural Impact Assessment or Tangata Whenua Environmental Assessment Report from Te Nehenehenui and other iwi and hapu that have overlapping interests, as well as undertake direct engagement, so they can each understand what effects if any, that the proposal has on them.

The current position of Te Nehenehenui therefore is to oppose the proposed amendments. Te Nehenehenui wish to appear at the hearing. We would like to engage with the applicant and seek to understand the amendments, potential effects and mitigation measures proposed, if any. This may assist to change our position of opposition.

Ngā mihi,


Samuel Mikaere
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Appendix 1

Te Nehehenui Area of Interest Map (noting we also share interests with other iwi/ hapu)

