Before the Waikato Regional Council Hearings Panel

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan

(Waikato and Waipā River Catchments)

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF FISH AND GAME RESPONDING TO PANEL QUERIES Submitter # 74085

Block 1

Dated: 16 July 2019

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- 1. In a Memorandum dated 21 May 2019, Fish & Game responded to the Panel's questions directed to Fish & Game at the 'Block 1' hearings. Counsel advised that the other questions from Block 1 would be addressed by Fish & Game following freshwater expert conferencing.¹ The remaining query that Fish & Game has not addressed to-date is:
 - 1.1. Commissioner Ryder's question to Dr Canning on the number of hard bottom streams in catchments covered by PC1.
- 2. A map showing hard bottom streams in the Region is contained at page 33 of the JWS (Freshwater). Dr Canning provides a better copy of this map together with his full answer to Commissioner Ryder's question, attached. Because the question to Dr Canning followed a discussion regarding relevance of managing nutrients for the purpose of managing nuisance periphyton growth, Dr Canning puts some context around his answer.
- Dr Canning will be in attendance at the presentation of the JWS scheduled for this Thursday 18 July. Unfortunately Dr Daniel cannot attend as he has had a longstanding trip planned and is in America. Counsel requests that Dr Daniel be excused.
- 4. Finally, Dr Canning has noticed a typographical error in his Block 1 evidence: Table 1 on page 19 shows the bottom of the C-band for nitrate-nitrogen at 0.74 mg/L, whereas this number should read 0.89 mg/L consistent with the rest of Dr Canning's evidence (e.g. at [2.3.1]).

DATED this 16th day of July 2019

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¹ The Panel had anticipated that some of the queries would be addressed in the freshwater conferencing.