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Tēnā koe,

**RAUKAWA CHARITABLE TRUST SUBMISSION TO VARIATION 1 TO PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1**

Please find attached the submission by the Raukawa Charitable Trust to Variation 1 to Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change One: Waikato and Waipa Catchments.

Nāku noa, nā



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**SUBMISSION BY RAUKAWA CHARITABLE TRUST ON HEALTHY  
RIVERS/WAI ORA: VARIATION 1 TO PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN  
CHANGE 1**

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Raukawa Charitable Trust wishes to be heard in support of this submission at any hearing.

If other parties make similar submissions, Raukawa Charitable Trust may be prepared to present a joint case at any hearing.

## **SUBMISSION**

1. This submission is made by Raukawa Charitable Trust (**the Trust**) in relation to Variation 1 (**Variation 1**) to the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 (**Proposed Plan Change 1**).
2. Raukawa are co-governors of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, as reflected in legislation relating to the co-management of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers.

## **SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1**

3. Raukawa Charitable Trust has also submitted on Plan Change 1. Given that Variation 1 is a variation to Plan Change 1, to the extent necessary the Trust repeats in this submission, the submissions made by the Trust on Plan Change 1.

## **RIGHT TO MAKE FURTHER SUBMISSION**

4. As a co-governor of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, Raukawa Charitable Trust has an interest in Variation 1 that is greater than the interest that the general public has. Accordingly, Raukawa Charitable Trust must be provided with an opportunity to make a further submission on Proposed Plan Change 1 pursuant to clause 8 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

## **RAUKAWA**

5. Raukawa is a large iwi associated within a significant area of the central north island that is rich in natural and cultural heritage. The Raukawa takiwā is represented by four traditional rohe: Te Pae O Raukawa, Wharepūhanga, Maungatautari and Te Kaokaoroa O Pātetere. These four areas include Mōkai, Atiamuri, Whakamaru, Mangakino, Tokoroa, Putāruru, Tīrau, Tapapa, Matamata, Kēmureti, Kihikihi and Te Awamutu.
6. Raukawa have a special relationship with the Waikato Awa and its tributaries. For over 600 years, Raukawa have held that the mauri of the Waikato Awa and the mauri of Raukawa are inextricably linked. The Waikato Awa is a taonga to Raukawa. It is a whole and indivisible entity that flows from Ruapehu to Te Puaha o Waikato (the mouth). Within the region that the awa flows, the relationship Raukawa have with the awa is paramount. It includes the enhancement of tribal mana but also gives rise to the responsibilities to protect the awa, its mana and mauri. These responsibilities are woven within the customary assertion of mana whakahaere, which is encompassed within long established kawa and tikanga.
7. Raukawa continue to exercise customary rights and kaitiakitanga in relation to the Waikato Awa within the Raukawa rohe. In accordance with the principles of ahikāroa, Raukawa marae, hapū and whānau still reside next to and live every day with the Waikato Awa. The awa has provided a source of spiritual, cultural, social and physical sustenance for the Raukawa people and, in turn, the role of kaitiaki embraces respect and an inter-generational responsibility.
8. The Crown has acknowledged the relationship between Raukawa and the Waikato River through the signing in December 2009, of the Deed in Relation to a Co-

Management Framework for the Waikato River. This was followed with the enactment of the Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010, the signing of the Raukawa Deed of Settlement of Historic Claims in June 2012 and the enactment of the Raukawa Claims Settlement Act in 2014.

9. The Raukawa Settlement Trust represents 16 marae and was formed in 2009, as the Post Settlement Governance Entity, to receive and manage settlement assets. The Trust represents Raukawa as the iwi authority for resource management purposes.
10. The Raukawa Settlement Trust are co-governors of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, as reflected in legislation relating to the co-management of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers. The Raukawa Settlement Trust has delegated responsibility for the management of environmental and resource management activities to the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

## **RAUKAWA CHARITABLE TRUST POSITION**

### *Progressive achievement of the outcomes required by Te Ture Whaimana*

11. The Raukawa Charitable Trust view Proposed Plan Change 1 as an important first step on the journey toward achieving the long-term objectives required by Te Ture Whaimana.
12. The Trust are largely supportive of the general direction of travel that is articulated through Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1). The Raukawa Charitable Trust support the long-term objective to achieve the outcomes reflected in Te Ture Whaimana within 80 years, and the short-term objective to put in place the necessary mitigation actions to achieve at least 10% of the journey towards the outcomes required by Te Ture Whaimana within the next 10 years.
13. Raukawa Charitable Trust supports the increased controls on land use to “hold the line” and prevent further land use intensification. At this time, the “hold the line” approach is the most practicable way to prevent further cumulative increases of diffuse contaminants that are discharged into the Waikato and Waipā River.
14. The Raukawa Charitable Trust made a submission on Proposed Plan Change 1. This submission supplements our previous submission. To the extent required, the Trust repeat those submissions for the purposes of Variation 1.

### *Relationship between Raukawa Charitable Trust and the Council*

15. Raukawa Charitable Trust have a co-governance relationship with the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) to jointly co-manage the Waikato and Waipā Rivers (including catchments and tributaries). The importance of this relationship is partly recognised through the co-governance role of Trust as members of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee (the HRWOC). The ongoing co-governance role in the wider Healthy Rivers Wai Ora project is important to the Raukawa Charitable Trust. Likewise, upholding the commitments made by each party in the respective Joint Management Agreements will also be pivotal to advancing this relationship into the future.

### *The unique position relating to Māori-owned land*

16. Proposed Plan Change 1 provides a limited pathway for developing multiply-owned

Māori land and Treaty Settlement land. Designed by the Collaborative Stakeholder Group (CSG). It sets a very high threshold for any resource consent application in relation to developing this land. Raukawa Charitable Trust note that Māori land has historically suffered impediments to development, and these challenges have not diminished through the notification of Proposed Plan Change 1.

17. Because Māori land is often undeveloped or under-developed, it has not contributed significantly to the discharge of contaminants into the Waikato and Waipā Rivers. The contribution of Māori land—in offsetting the discharge of contaminants from other developed land— should be recognised and accounted for at some stage in the future. Further, the investment made by landowners, particularly the owners of Māori land, to reduce contaminants discharged from land use should also be recognised and protected.

#### *Implementation*

18. The Raukawa Charitable Trust understand that detailed implementation of Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1) by WRC is critical to the relative success of the Plan. Of particular importance is building the capacity and capability of WRC (including the necessary systems and human resources) to give effect to the methods set out in Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1).
19. The Trust also believes that monitoring the effectiveness of Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1) will be important to give confidence to the regional community that we are on target to achieving the short-term objectives and tracking positively towards achieving Te Ture Whaimana in 80-years.

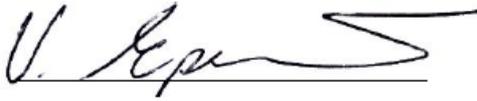
#### *Future measures*

20. The Raukawa Charitable Trust recognises that further Plan Changes will be required to put in place further measures towards achieving the requirements of Te Ture Whaimana within 80 years. As Co-Governors of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, the Trust will actively participate in co-designing any new regime to “allocate rights to discharge contaminants”. Raukawa Charitable Trust are clear that any future framework for the allocation of rights to discharge contaminants will not be based on a pure grand-parenting approach.

#### **JOINT SUBMISSION BY THE WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER IWI**

21. Raukawa Charitable Trust has made a joint submission, together with the other Waikato and Waipā River Iwi, on Variation 1 (the Joint Submission).
22. Raukawa Charitable Trust endorses and supports the submissions made in the Joint Submission.
23. A copy of the Joint Submission referred to in this submission by the Raukawa Charitable Trust is attached as Appendix One.
24. For the purposes of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA):
  - (a) Raukawa Charitable Trust repeats in this submission, the submissions made in the Joint Submission.

- (b) Raukawa Charitable Trust refers in this submission to each of the provisions of Variation 1 that are referred to in the Joint Submission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Eparaima', written over a horizontal line.

Vanessa Eparaima

Chair

Raukawa Charitable Trust

**APPENDIX ONE – SUBMISSION BY THE WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER IWI ON  
VARIATION 1 TO HEALTHY RIVERS WAI ORA PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN  
CHANGE 1**

**From:** [Healthy Rivers](#)  
**To:** [Jo-Anne Cook-Munro](#); [Healthy Rivers](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Submission to Variation 1 to Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Raukawa Charitable Trust  
**Date:** Thursday, 24 May 2018 9:57:32 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Jo-Anne

Thank you for your prompt response. I will attach this email chain to your submission.

Kind regards

Keita

### Healthy Rivers

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Thank you for acknowledgement receipt of Raukawa Charitable Trust's submission. In response to your questions I note:

1. The Trust is not in trade competition and will not gain an advantage through the submission.
2. The Trust is directly affected by the submission points raised in its submission.
3. The effects experienced by the Trust do not relate to trade competition.

Nga mihi, na

Jo-Anne

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**From:** Healthy Rivers <[healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz)>  
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Hi Jo-Anne

We've received your submission, however we're missing a little bit of information. We require the answers to the following question in order for your submission to be processed in full

- Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?
  - o Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
    - a. Adversely effects the environment, and
    - b. Does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Could you please respond, as soon as possible, and I will ensure your answers are attached to your submission.

Kind regards

Keita

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**Importance:** High

Kia ora

Please find attached the submission on behalf of the Raukawa Charitable Trust. It would be appreciated if receipt could be acknowledged.

Nga mihi, na

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