

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT AUCKLAND**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU ROHE**

ENV-2024-AKL-000233

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“Act”)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under section 174 of the Act

BETWEEN **NARANDRABHAI HARIBHAI MASTER AND
MAHESEH MASTER AS TRUSTEES FOR
THE HARIBHAI MASTER (1975) TRUST**

Appellant

AND

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY – WAKA KOTAHI

Respondent

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF
AUCKLAND COUNCIL**

6 December 2024

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To The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

1. Auckland Council (**Council**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

Narandrabhai Haribhai Master and Mahesh Master as Trustees for the Haribhai Master (1975) Trust's (**the Trust**) appeal against a decision of NZ Transport Agency – Waka Kotahi (**NZTA**) on a Notice of Requirement for a designation relating to the Mill Road and Pukekohe East Road Upgrade, as part of the Pukekohe Transport Network known as NOR 8 (**NOR 8**).

2. The Council is a local authority under section 274(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
3. The Council appointed Independent Commissioners (**Commissioners**) to consider the NOR 8 and submissions received on it, and to make a recommendation to NZTA in accordance with section 171 of the RMA. The Commissioners recommended that the NOR 8 be confirmed subject to conditions. NZTA's decision was notified on 24 October 2024. The decision accepted in part the Commissioners' recommendation in relation to NOR 8 and sets out the modifications made by NZTA to the NOR 8 conditions recommended by the Commissioners on 1 August 2024 and the reasons for the modifications.
4. The Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
5. The Council is interested in all of the proceedings.
6. The Council wishes to participate in this appeal in light of its role as the recommending unitary authority responsible for the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part). The Council wishes to ensure that any resolution of this appeal results in clear, consistent and enforceable conditions to the designation.
7. The Council generally opposes the relief sought and considers that the conditions in NZTA's decision are appropriate.

8. The Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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