# BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AUCKLAND REGISTRY

## I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO TĀMAKI MAKAURAU ROHE

#### ENV-2024-AKL-000105

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management

Act 1991 ("RMA")

**AND** 

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal pursuant to

clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA

BETWEEN AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

**Appellant** 

AND AUCKLAND COUNCIL

Respondent

# SECTION 274 NOTICE FOR WHITFORD RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Dated 12 June 2024



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#### **To** the Registrar

#### **Environment Court**

### Auckland

1. Whitford Residents and Ratepayers Association ("WRRA") gives notice that it wishes to be a party to the appeal ("Appeal") by Auckland Transport against the decision of Auckland Council ("Respondent") in respect of Private Plan Change 88 ("PC 88") to the Auckland Unitary Plan - Operative in Part ("AUP") dated 2 April 2024, reissued with a correction on 23 April 2024, referenced as ENV-2024-AKL-000105.

#### **Status**

 WRRA made a submission on PC 88 in addition to filing its own appeal against Auckland Council (ENV-2024-AKL-000107) and therefore has standing as an organisation that has "made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings."

#### Not a trade competitor

3. WRRA is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

#### Interest in particular issue

- 4. WRRA is interested in all parts of the Appeal.
- 5. Specifically, WRRA is interested in the following aspects of Auckland Transport's appeal:
  - (a) The request by Auckland Transport for the removal of the Whitford roundabout from the transport infrastructure requirements in standard IXXX.6.3 and the prioritisation of the requirement to construct the Whitford Bypass if PC 88 is approved;
  - (b) Auckland Transport's request for various additional safety improvements to Whitford-Maraetai Road; and
  - (c) Auckland Transport's concern that PC 88 does not integrate urban growth with the planning and funding of infrastructure, particularly that the Applicant's draft funding plan is insufficient to meet the costs of the required upgrades, such that there will be a substantial demand on the public to fund this private development proposal.

Position on relief sought

6. WRRA supports the relief sought so far as it is consistent with the relief

sought by WRRA's appeal, on the basis that PC 88 currently:

(a) Will not promote the sustainable management of resources, and will

therefore not achieve the purposes of the RMA by:

(i) Failing to manage the use, development, and protection of

natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which

enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and

safety; and

(ii) Failing to sustain the potential of physical resources to meet

the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.

(b) Does not give effect to, and is not consistent with, the National Policy

Statement of Urban Development 2020.

**Mediation or ADR** 

7. WRRA agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute

resolution of the proceedings.

DATED this 12th day of June 2024

WHITFORD RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION by its solicitors and

duly authorised agents, Berry Simons, per:

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