

## **Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust – Response to RM210151: 160 Kāpiti Road, Paraparaumu**

This report provides Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust's (the **Trust**) response to an application (the **Application**) by Kapiti Retail Holdings Limited (the **Applicant**) for the construction and operation of a supermarket along with ancillary car parking, loading, servicing, access and landscaping, as well as two trade supplier tenancies; site works to facilitate construction - such works include retaining, cut and fill earthworks and flood storage (the **Proposed Works**) at 160 Kāpiti Road, Paraparaumu (the **Site**).

The Proposed Works are located within close proximity to a tributary of the Wharemaukū Stream which is a site of high significance to Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai (**Ātiawa**). Thus, the Trust reserves our position on the Proposed Works until further information is provided. Depending on whether the further information provided satisfies the Trust's initial concerns, the Trust may request that a mana whenua assessment is undergone, which will need to be resourced by the Applicant.

The Trust makes the below requests and comments on the Proposed Works:

- The Application notes that the Site is subject to ponding or flood hazards and in an attempt to mitigate ponding depth to an appropriate level, underground flood storage tank(s) are proposed. This will accommodate the loss of any flood storage on Site as a result of the Proposed Works. The Trust is concerned with the impact that placing flood storage tanks underground will have on the groundwater and the impact that this will have on the nearby Wharemaukū Stream and the taonga native species that reside there.
- The Application mentions that the Proposed Works involve planting the berm with two trees. The Trust requests confirmation that these trees are natives species that will thrive in this environment. The Trust also requests confirmation that the Applicant will not remove any other native vegetation from the Site as a result of the Proposed Works.
- The Proposed Works involve cut and fill earthworks which means that there is potential for sediment to enter the stormwater system and nearby tributary of the Wharemaukū. This is a concern for the Trust as untreated stormwater entering the Stream can have a negative impact on the native species that reside within it. Therefore, the Trust requests that the Applicant provide a copy of their draft erosion and sediment control plan so that the Trust can ensure that it is stringent and thorough, to avoid this from happening.

Section 7(1) of the RMA requires decision makers when making decision under the RMA to have particular regard to kaitiakitanga. As part of their kaitiaki role and responsibility, the Trust makes the above comments, recommendations and requests.

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