



Submission on Publicly Notified Notice of Requirement
Minister of Corrections – Waikeria Prison Expansion Project
Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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Signature:

Signature of submitter:  Date 25 May 2017
(or the person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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BEFORE THE

Otorohanga District Council and Waipa District
Councils

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of a resource consent application for a "Notice of
Requirement" by the Minister of Corrections for
the Waikeria Prison Expansion Project

**SUBMISSION BY HAROLD MANIAPOTO ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE
ENTITLED OWNER OF SEC 28, BLK XI PUNI SD AT 107 WAIKERIA ROAD
CONCERNING THE "NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT" FOR THE WAIKERIA PRISON
EXPANSION**

25 MAY 2017

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 My name is Harold Maniapoto and I make this submission concerning a publicly notified Notice of Requirement by the Minister of Corrections for the Waikeria Expansion Project (the Project) on behalf of myself, my whanau whanui and other entitled owners of the properties at 107 Waikeria Road, and
- 1.2 I live on our ancestral customary whanau and hapu lands at 107 Waikeria Road, Te Awamutu. I was born and lived at this address for some fifty years of my life having spent a period pursuing a career with Telecoms in Design Engineering (Telecommunications) in Taranaki and Wairarapa. I have lived at this address for the last twenty nine years.
- 1.3 All our whanau were born here and raised on the lands and I am resident kaitiaki of those lands some 70 years later in keeping with the customary and cultural principles guaranteed by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- 1.4 My siblings and I retain undivided interests in the properties described as SEC 28, BLK XI PUNIU SD, and the surrounding farmlands, and are kaitiaki "ahi kaa" of the original ancestral owners of these lands. We are also beneficially entitled descendants owners of the Tokanui Block lands taken under the Public Works Act for a Mental Hospital and Reformatory farm purpose in 1910, of which the Waikeria prison is part.
- 1.5 The property falls within the Waipa District Council section of the application and Waikeria Road.
- 1.6 When I returned to our family homestead at 107 Waikeria Road in 1988, Waikeria was a small sized borstal come minimum security men and women's facility with little likelihood of serious expansion. However, the last decade and half has seen some quite dramatic changes occur with the closure of the women's faculty and the lifting of security risk status to the prison overall from a mere boys borstal to a high security facility to cater for some 4000 plus inmates, staff, and support personnel.
- 1.7 I and our whanau have a number of concerns with the expansion of Waikeria to a 3,000 inmate capacity facility under the Notice of Requirement application lodged by the Minister for Corrections for "the Project" and make this submission on behalf of our hapu, whanau, tamariki, and mokopuna who are, or will be, the successor generation owners of these lands forever in the future.

2.0 AFFECTED PARTY STATUS

- 2.1 Due to the location of our property at 107 Waikeria Road, and the direct adverse affects associated with its location on Waikeria Road we submit that we and our whanau and hapu are an affected party to this application.
- 2.2 We wish these adverse effects to be remedied, mitigated or removed if the application for requirement is approved.

3.0 CONCERNS AND ISSUES

- 3.1 Notification documentation has provided a number of complex technical reports identifying and assessing environment issues likely to have detrimental effect on the natural environment.
- 3.2 "Prison Alternative Site Assessment". Sect. 5.1.1. (p8) Effects: states as follows.....
The potential environmental effects that are considered relevant when assessing the potential alternative sites are:
- 1) Social effects
 - 2) Maori cultural effects
 - 3) Heritage/archaeological effects
 - 4) Ecological effects
 - 5) Landscape and Visual effects
 - 6) Economic effects
 - 7) Lighting and glare effect
 - 8) Traffic effects
 - 9) Noise effects
 - 10) Water and wastewater effects
- 3.4 Further to these the following were further concerns that were raised by our whanau community...
- 11) Consultation
 - 12) Local Authority cross-boundary clarity
 - 13) Design considerations
- 3.5 We allege that these, and other concerns identified by our whanau whanui, will, or will likely to, have or cause, significant adverse and detrimental effect on our current residence and lifestyle on Waikeria road as a result of this application.

REMEDY, MITIGATION AND REMOVAL OF CONERNS AND ISSUES FROM ADVERSE EFFECTS

- 3.6 This submission submits that a condition of the Requirement be included to require the applicant to formally engage with the submitter/submitters at every stage of "the Project" to agree remedy, mitigate or removal actions/outcomes for the adverse effects of the application including but not restricted to the following matters;
- 3.6.1 Social effects
 - 3.6.2 Maori cultural effects
 - 3.6.2 Heritage/archaeological effects
 - 3.6.2 Ecological effects
 - 3.6.7 Traffic effects Consultation

3.6.8 Design considerations

- 3.7 Subject only to the inclusion of the above conditions will the submitters agree to support the application.

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Waikeria has engaged with the Maniapoto ki Te Raki, Ngati Maniapoto "ahi kaa" Mana Whenua for the region under a best faith MOU agreement to discuss mana whenua concerns, and where possible, agree remedy, mitigation, or removal of adverse environment effects of the Waikeria expansion project.
- 4.2 I am a party to that agreement as an official of the Maniapoto KI Te Raki mana whenua group.
- 4.3 However, the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties does not extend to myself or my whanau as individual affected parties to the expansion of the prison.
- 4.4 Of particular concern is the level of consultation with local residents such as ourselves. The consequence being that, due to the sheer magnitude and complexity of the project, the consultation period did not provide for individuals such as myself, or whanau groups such as ours, to be able to adequately identify, address, or be adequately consulted on resolution for all the concerns and issues caused, or likely to be caused, by the expansion of the Waikeria Prison,
- 4.5 Consequently, any subsequent submission will not be able to provide full particulars and details of concerns and issues, let alone provide appropriate or robust, remedy, mitigation, or relief for those effects.
- 4.6 A further concern was the apparent lack of clarity between cross-boundary authority responsibilities and engagement with affected parties before notification and closure of submissions. For example, in the case of this submission I was only able to arrange to talk with a local body about the application only two days before submissions closed, and that meeting could not take place until a day after closure.

5.0 PARTICULAR CONCERNS – WAIKERIA ROAD TRAFIC

- 5.1 Of particular concern to myself and my whanau is the significant adverse effects of the traffic density increases on Waikeria Road.
- 5.2 this is borne out by a statement from the Economic Report. Sect 4.2.2, p11.headed ... **Recruitment – Permanent Prison Staff/Workforce**
- "The prison expansion will require the employment of approximately 595 custodial staff, 335 prison support staff for a total of 930 workers both permanent and temporary to provide for the Waikeria expansion alone"
- 5.3 This means that as the project builds to full compliment by 2021, the influx of workforce individuals and their families into the immediate and surrounding area will place considerable stress on the existing community services in the surrounding areas including, traffic volumes, accommodation, housing, health and disability/mental health services, social and community services.

- 5.4 Me and my whanau have experienced steadily increasing traffic volume and build-up over the last 29 year period but despite the material impact being considered tolerable at best , have tolerated it in silent and inevitable inconvenience.
- 5.5 However, the Notice of requirement has proposed an increase of inmate beds to accommodate some 3,000 beds, plus a further 900-1,000 staff and support service personnel. This will have significant impact of traffic volumes and density at least three peak shift-changes times per 24 hour day. The impact of Traffic volumes on Waikeria road will become unbearable to the both short and long term resident communities living and earning a living on or along the Waikeria Road.
- 5.6 The Traffic Report recommends that the Waikeria Road be the main traffic access and egress route for the Waikeria prison. This means that Waikeria will be subject to constant two-way traffic every day and night
- 5.7 The particular section of Waikeria Road that is the subject of this section of the submission falls within the Waipa District.
- 5.8 Waikeria Road is a typical rural road with no special passing capability or other better traffic management facilities along its entire length, with farms and some 20-30 homes along its length from State Highway 3 to the Waikeria Stream bridge where it enters Waikeria Prison property.
- 5.9 Current prison and rural traffic has turned this rural road into a very busy transit road with some 1600 prison vehicle/days traffic density plus normal residential and agricultural traffic.
- 5.10 We contend that the current traffic volume is in a "tolerable state" at this level and any major increase to current volumes will push it beyond that tolerable state comfort zone into a "stressed state" non-comfort zone.
- 5.11 With the increase in inmate numbers from the current approx 600 inmates to 3,000 inmates it is expected that permanent and service staff will increase from the current 2-300 to approx 1,300 inside the next three years. Accordingly the traffic on Waikeria Road would also increase some two to three-fold, to around 3,000 prison vehicle/days,
- 5.12 The consequence of this will be congestion and traffic build-ups where there were none before and serious traffic congestion and increased risk and danger to rural activities and residents living on Waikeria Road.
- 5.13 This will be most significant at the State Highway intersection where we envisage serious traffic build-up and hold-up, possibly exceeding up to 30 minutes, at regular shift-change times of the day.
- 5.14 The next most significant effect will be the affect of speed and visibility of traffic for locals trying to enter into the traffic stream from their residents during those peak traffic times, especially so if the traffic is two-way traffic at those times.

- 5.15 Current experience with build-up of emerging traffic at the State Highway intersection at shift-change times currently is generally around four to five vehicles which clears in a reasonably quick time.
- 5.16 Proposals suggested by the Traffic Report are insufficient to remedy, mitigate, or alleviate the environment effects of this increase on local residents of Waikeria Road.
- 5.17 Further, greater traffic build-up creates impatience and risk-taking which would bring even greater risk to greater road users on the Main Highway.

6.0 OPTIONS FOR REMEDY, MITIGATION, OR REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC EFFECTS

- 6.1 We see a number of options for remedy, mitigation or removal of the effects caused by Traffic effects to the natural environment of residents on the Waikeria Road and submits that a condition of the Requirement shall be included to require the applicant to formally engage at every stage of "the Project" with the submitter/submitters to agree remedy, mitigate or removal actions/outcomes for the adverse effects of the application including but not restricted to the following recommendations;
 - 6.1.1 Schedule shift-change times to occur at non-peak local traffic periods, e.g. 10pm, 6am, 2pm, and/or,
 - 6.1.2 Use the Wharepuhunga Road access as its primary access road and entry to the prison, and
 - 6.1.3 Create a one-way circuit route for prison traffic with entry through Wharepuhunga road and exit through Waikeria Road, and
 - 6.1.4 Install a traffic island at the Waikeria intersection with State Highway3 , or,
 - 6.1.5 Any alternative, combination, or enhancement of the above acceptable and agreed by the submitters.
- 6.2 The Waikeria prison property more or less runs along the northern boundary of the Wharepuhunga Road for a majority extent of the southern prison property boundary. It is by and large the only resident property on that side of the road that will be effected by its expansion. As such all access to Waikeria should be directed through that Road instead of Waikeria Road.

Waikeria has none of its property adjacent to or running alongside the Waikeria Road.
- 6.3 Subject only to the inclusion of the above conditions will the submitters agree to support the application.


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25 May 2017

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Tena koutou ODC and BoffaMiscall,

Please find herein a submission for the Waikeria Expansion Project... A further submission follows....

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No reira noho ora mai;
Naku na...

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