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Kia ora

Thank you for consulting Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira (Te Rūnanga) regarding the proposed resource recovery park at No.30 Benmore Crescent (Te Karearea Business Park).

Te Rūnanga is the mandated iwi authority for Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Toa). We have the responsibility for protecting and enhancing the mana of Ngāti Toa across the various political, economic, social and environmental spheres.

In relation to Te Ao Tūroa, the objective of Ngāti Toa is to nurture a resilient environment to sustain future generations through reclaimed connection and mātauranga to natural resources, empowering kaitiaki who are leaders and co-managers of our natural environment, our commitment to environmental sustainability and our ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The application for resource consents to develop a resource recovery park at No.30 Benmore Crescent aims to minimise and manage waste in the Wellington region with material recovery, second-hand goods retail, a repair café, construction and demolition waste management and a general waste transfer station. The development will also involve water management and re-use, solar panels, and EV chargers. A riparian margin will be maintained along Dry Creek with native planting. The proposal follows previous consents for earthworks, infrastructure and development of the site which have been supported by Te Rūnanga.

As outlined in the application, the proposal adjoins Te Awa Kairangi (Hutt River) which is of significance to Ngāti Toa particularly through association with Te Rauparaha and Te Rangihaeata. The river was traditionally valued as a place where kai was gathered, a large source of freshwater and a transport route. Te Awa Kairangi is listed in Appendix B of the Wellington Region Proposed Natural Resources Plan and is part of the Hutt River and its Tributaries Statutory Area which is recognised as a statutory acknowledgement area under the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014.

Te Rūnanga considers the proposed resource recovery park will be beneficial for encouraging sustainable management of resources and achieving waste minimisation goals. Te Rūnanga also has no concerns about the development of the site as erosion and sediment controls and landscaping will mitigate potential effects on Te Awa Kairangi.

Te Rūnanga supports the proposal application as the property owner and as representing mana whenua for the purposes of the RMA.

Kia whai kaha ki nga mahi e whakapau kaha ana (best of luck for the proposed works).

Ngā mihi

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