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### **Submission on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan**

1. This is a submission by Te Rōpū Kaumātua ki Hīkoikoi (c/- Coral MacLennan) on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025.
2. Our email address for service is [coral@tekau.maori.nz](mailto:coral@tekau.maori.nz).
3. The rōpū could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
4. The specific provisions of the proposal that our submission relates to, our submission on those provisions, and the decisions we seek are shown in the below table. We also seek all further, alternative, necessary, or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in this submission.
5. We do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.
6. If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

### **Introduction**

7. Te Rōpū Kaumātua ki Hīkoikoi is a kaumātua program run under the auspices of the Ngahuru Charitable Trust. The program provides a space for kaumātua to connect, share knowledge, and strengthen their cultural ties. Grounded in whakapapa and tikanga, it upholds the mana of kaumātua and strengthens community connections. Most of the kaumātua who participate in the program whakapapa to Taranaki Whānui and are Mana Whenua of Lower Hutt.

**Comment**

8. We support the inclusion of the SASM Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori Chapter in the proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025. The key issue with the current plan is that it does not include all sites and areas of significance to Māori, and this limits the plan's ability to protect these sites
9. The Rōpū believe it is essential that the proposed District Plan identifies and protects sites and areas of significance to Māori, and we are pleased to see the Hutt City Council taking steps to acknowledge and safeguard these important places.

## Decisions Requested

| Chapter: SASM – Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori |          |   |  |
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| Provision  | Position | Reasons   | Relief Sought                                      |
| Whole Chapter  | Support  | <p>The sites and areas listed in SCHED6 have been identified with the guidance and direction of Mana Whenua. In addition to these sites, the chapter also recognises the significance of marae, waterways, and the harbour islands.</p> <p>The categories listed in SCHED6 provide an appropriate framework for determining the importance of these sites.</p> <p>We agree that the provisions of the chapter should apply to the use, development, and activities within the extent of the identified sites.</p> <p>We support the objectives, policies, rules, and standards proposed in the chapter. We believe they offer an appropriate level of recognition and protection for the SASMs, while still enabling land development and respecting the rights of landowners to develop their land as they wish.</p> | We recommend keeping the chapter as it is written. |

## Te Rōpū Kaumātua ki Hikoikoi

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We support the adoption of the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori Chapter in the proposed district plan

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