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Ngāti Hauā Submission to ResourceCo Ltd Managed fill, 3831 Cambridge Road, Cambridge.

Ngāti Hauā opposes the proposed managed fill activity at 3831 Cambridge Road, Cambridge.

The submission period closed on Monday 29 June. We respectfully request acceptance of a late submission to be accepted.

Unfortunately, we were unable to provide our response by the notified deadline this was due to our commitment to working collaboratively with Ngāti Korokī Kahukura and Waikato-Tainui to develop a collective position on the proposal. During this period, a key member of our taiao team was undergoing a transition, which impacted our capacity to meet the submission timeframe.

We apologise for the delay and appreciate your consideration of this request.

To reaffirm, the scale of the proposal is significant, involving the importation of more than 1.4 million cubic metres of managed fill over up to 20 years. This would permanently alter the natural landform, raise ground levels by up to 21 metres, and fundamentally change the character and mauri of the whenua.

The managed fill raises significant cultural, environmental and intergenerational concerns that have not been adequately addressed.

Ngāti Hauā's key concerns include:

- The site has heritage and cultural value, including its relationship to the Waikato River and its wider cultural landscape.
- The proposal does not demonstrate how it gives effect to the aspirations and objectives of Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato, particularly the requirement to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River and its catchments.
- The proposal is inconsistent with the vision and outcomes of Te Rautaki Taiao Tāmata Ao Tūroa o Ngāti Hauā, which seeks to protect, restore and enhance the mauri of the whenua, wai and wider taiao for future generations.
- The permanent modification of the natural landscape, resulting in the loss of landforms and cultural values that contribute to the whakapapa and identity of the whenua.



- The cumulative effects of importing more than 1.4 million cubic metres of managed fill over an extended period.
- The risk of contaminants affecting groundwater, surface water, wetlands and downstream receiving environments including our tūpuna awa.
- Increased sediment generation, stormwater runoff, noise, dust and heavy vehicle movements over the life of the project.
- Long-term uncertainty around environmental management, monitoring and the potential legacy effects once the site is closed.
- The absence of a clear net environmental gain or meaningful cultural and ecological enhancement that would leave the taiao in a better condition than it is today.

Ngāti Hauā considers a cautionary approach is needed. Once contaminants enter the whenua or groundwater, the effects may be irreversible and passed on to future generations. For Ngāti Hauā, the whenua is a living ancestor, not simply a place to deposit managed fill or landfill material at this important site, along our Tūpuna Awa.

For these reasons, **Ngāti Hauā opposes the application in its current form.**

Ngāti Hauā requests that Waipā District Council and Waikato Regional Council defer any decision on this application.

Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Korokī Kahukura and Waikato-Tainui will work together and prepare a Cultural Impact Assessment for this proposal. This will include looking at alternative options, ways to avoid or reduce adverse effects, and opportunities to improve cultural and environmental outcomes.

The process will also assess how the proposal gives effect to Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato, Te Mana o te Awa, and the aspirations of mana whenua.

Tiakina te taiao, he tāonga tuku iho.



Norman Hill

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