



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

DOCM-7211929

25/11/2022

Waipā District Council
Private Bag 2402
Te Awamutu 3840

Attention: Proposed Private Plan Change 20

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further Submission on Proposed Private Plan Change 20 to the Waipā District Plan

Please find enclosed further submissions by the Director-General of Conservation in respect of Proposed Private Plan Change 20.

Please contact Jesse Gooding in the first instance if you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this further submission (jgooding@doc.govt.nz or 027 224 8714).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tinaka Mearns'.

Tinaka Mearns

Operations Manager, Waikato

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

**FORM 6
FURTHER SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO, SUBMISSION ON PUBLICLY
NOTIFIED
PROPOSED PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 20 TO THE WAIPĀ DISTRICT PLAN**

Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

TO: Waipā District Council

FURTHER SUBMISSIONS ON: Plan Change 20

NAME: Director General of Conservation

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Attn: Jesse Gooding

STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSERVATION

This is a further submission in support of (or in opposition to) a submission on Proposed Private Plan Change 20 to the Waipā District Plan (PC20).

I, Tinaka Mearns, Operations Manager (Waikato District) of the Department of Conservation, acting under delegated authority from the Director General of Conservation (the Director-General), make the following further submissions in support or opposition to the submissions on PC20.

1. **I support or oppose the submissions of** those persons and/ or organisations listed in the second column headed "Submitter Name" of the table in the attached.
2. **The particular parts of the submission I support or oppose are** identified in the third column headed "Submission".
3. **The reasons for my support or opposition are** set out under the fifth column headed "Reasons" of the table.
4. **The particular aspect of the Plan that the further submission relates to are:** set out in the first column headed "Plan Reference".
5. **In relation to those submissions I support I seek that that submission is allowed.**

6. **In relation to those submissions I oppose I seek that the part of the submission I oppose is disallowed.**
7. **I do wish to be heard in support of this submission.**
8. **If others make similar submissions I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.**

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Tinaka Mearns
Operations Manager
Waikato Operation District

Pursuant to delegated authority
On behalf of
Penny Nelson
Director-General of Conservation

Date: 25/11/2022

Note: A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House Whare Kaupapa Atawhai, 18/32 Manners Street, Wellington 6011.

TOPIC	PLAN REFERENCE	SUBMITTER NAME	SUBMISSION	SUPPORT/ OPPOSE	REASONS
Bat Habitat	Policy 10.3.2.2A, Rule 10.4.2.14A(a)	Titanium Park Ltd Rukuhia Properties Ltd	14.1	Oppose	<p>The submitter seeks to amend the provision to allow for biodiversity compensation as a first instance response to more than minor residual effects on a threatened species. This is contrary to WRPS direction and inconsistent with good practice. No assessment of the effectiveness of potential biodiversity offsetting or compensation has occurred. The subject policy and rule do not require the applicant to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects to minimise residual effects. The Director-General seeks the submission be disallowed.</p>
Zone Extent	S10.1, S10.2, Section 10 Waipa District Plan, Planning Maps, Section 4.2 PPC, Section 10.1, Rule 10.4.2.13A, Appendix 03	Tabby Tiger Ltd	15.1	Oppose	<p>The site/s proposed to be rezoned Airport Business/Industrial in the submitter's Figures 2 and 3 contain significant vegetation and habitat, including in figure 2, SNAs 274 and 274a.</p> <p>The sites contain and abut habitat for the critically endangered long-tailed bat. No ecology effects assessment has been provided to understand the potential impact of the proposed land use change.</p> <p>The submitter's rezoning request is opposed in its entirety. The Director-General seeks the submission be disallowed.</p>