## **Before the Hearings Panel**

In the Matter of

the Resource Management Act 1991

And

In the Matter of the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

## Memorandum of Counsel for Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Submitter 1189) regarding Ngāi Tahu Statutory Acknowledgements

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## May it please the Panel:

- This memorandum is filed on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Kaikoura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (collectively referred to as Ngāi Tahu) and respond to a request from the Panel.
- Ms Stevens has advised Counsel that during Panel questioning on 21 November 2017 Commissioner Shenfield asked whether there were any statutory acknowledgements relating to Ngāi Tahu within the Marlborough region.
- There are 70 statutory acknowledgements by the Crown throughout the South Island which are a statement of Ngāi Tahu's particular cultural, spiritual, historical and traditional association with specific areas. These are included as schedules to the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (NTCSA).
- 4. Ms Stevens evidence in relation to Hearing 1 discussed these statutory acknowledgements at paragraphs 22 to 28. In particular in paragraph 28 Ms Stevens' notes the statutory acknowledgements, Tōpuni, Nahoanga sites and dual place names relevant to the proposed Marlborough Environmental Plan which are:
  - (a) Te Tai o Marokura (Statutory Acknowledgment, Coastal Marine Area)
  - (b) Te Tapuae o Uenuke (Tōpuni)
  - (c) Waimā / Ure River (Nohoanga site)
  - (d) Lake Grassmere/Kapara Te Hau (dual placename)
  - (e) White Bluffs/Te Parinui o Whiti (dual placename)
- 5. Further details expanding on these are included in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 with relevant extracts **attached** as Annexure 1.
- Section 215 of the NTCSA sets out the purposes of Statutory Acknowledgements. Section 215 (a) states that local authorities are required to forward summaries of resource consent applications to Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

- 7. Section 220 of the NTCSA requires local authorities within the Ngai Tahu claim area to attach to all regional policy statements, regional and district plans information recording all statutory acknowledgements affecting statutory areas.
- 8. Ngai Tahu would be happy to provide any further clarification on the above mechanisms of the NTCSA (including mapping) as required by the Panel.

Dated: 27 November 2017

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