



## TE RARAWA

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### **Northland Regional Council**

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To whom it may concern

### **RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION APP.042075.01.01 –NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL – WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPGRADING OF AWANUI FLOOD SCHEME**

This letter is in support of Resource Consent Application – Works Associated with the Upgrading of the Awanui Flood Scheme which we received on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020; and the mahi done by Northland Regional Council (NRC) to mitigate flood risks to the township of Kaitaia and its surrounds.

Following a presentation given to the Runanga by Joseph Camuso and Peter Weissing of NRC and a subsequent visit to relevant sites, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Board of Trustees feels assured that the mahi will be done with the best interests of not only the local people in mind, but also focused on restoring beauty and biodiversity to the environment and acknowledging the history of the sites in reinstating Māori names to areas. This will assist our people to reconnect to their whenua and waterways.

We look forward to working with NRC to plant out areas once earthworks and new builds have been completed and being included in planning landscape features for the township such as areas to be planted, areas for signage and paving, where our local community can interact and truly enjoy.

In conclusion, we are appreciative of the time and effort NRC took to consult with us as mana whenua and as Treaty Partners and look forward to seeing the many fruits of this mahi.

Naku noa, nā

Phillip Murray

**Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa**