

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (PAUP) and procedures established under the relevant legislation to address the submissions and further submissions processes in relation to the PAUP following notification of it by the Auckland Council

Affidavit of John Michael Duguid

Introduction

1. My full name is John Michael Duguid and I am the Unitary Plan Manager at Auckland Council (**Council**).
2. I am a qualified planner and hold a Bachelor of Building Science from Victoria University of Wellington and a Master of Planning Practice from the University of Auckland.
3. This affidavit summarises the content of the Auckland Council submission on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (**PAUP**), outlines where the Council's Summary of Decisions Requested Report (**SDR Report**) has been made available for inspection in hard copy, and explains that the Council wrote to 4,913 ratepayers to advise them of the Council submission on the PAUP.

Auckland Council submission on the PAUP

4. Following notification of the PAUP on 30 September 2013, the Council identified a number of errors and omissions in the PAUP. This led to the Council considering the merit of, and ultimately, making a submission on the PAUP.
5. The majority of the changes outlined in the Council submission are proposed to improve the workability, consistency and overall integrity of the PAUP. The proposed amendments are largely corrections of errors subsequently found in the PAUP, or arise through the incorporation of recent plan changes to various sections of the Council's operative district plan. A number of plan changes had become operative between the time of public notification of the PAUP and the close of submissions. The Council also decided to take the opportunity to propose a number of policy refinements that will improve the workability of provisions in the PAUP without changing their intent.

6. During the submission period, the Council continued to work with its Council Controlled Organisations (**CCOs**) to ensure that the Auckland Council group presented one position on the PAUP. This removed the need for individual submissions by the CCOs. That work also resulted in the Council supporting the inclusion of additional points in its submission.
7. In my experience the content of the Council submission is appropriate for consideration by the Auckland Unitary Plan Independent Hearings Panel as a submission, rather than a variation.

Council letter to ratepayers

8. The Council recognised that certain aspects of its submission could have a direct impact on key property-specific provisions such as zoning, precincts and overlays.
9. Although not a statutory requirement, at the time of the notification of the SDR Report, letters were sent to 4,913 ratepayers directly affected by substantive mapping changes included in the Council submission to advise them about the submission and inform them of their ability to make a further submission. Of the 4,913 letters sent, 1,683 related to proposed zone changes, 846 to proposed overlay changes, and 2,384 to proposed precinct boundary changes. The Council received a significant number of enquiries in response to those letters, and has assisted many ratepayers to determine whether or not to make a further submission.
10. One of the more significant changes proposed in the Council submission is the rezoning of land surrounding the rural town of Waiuku from Large Lot Residential to Single House. In response to the large number of questions being asked by local residents, the council held a public meeting in Waiuku on 17 July 2014 to discuss the proposed changes. I presented at this meeting, which was attended by well over 100 people.

The Council's SDR Report

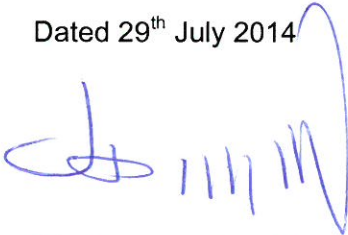
11. The Council's SDR Report has been available on the Council website since 11 June 2014 in Adobe PDF and Microsoft Excel formats. Copies of all 9,425 submissions on the PAUP are also available in Adobe PDF format. Every decision requested in the submissions on the PAUP is allocated to a theme and topic, and in many cases a sub-topic. Both formats of the SDR Report are able to be searched by submitter, theme, topic and sub-topic. An advantage of the Excel version of the SDR Report is that it also has filter and key word search functions.
12. In addition to the electronic versions of the SDR Report available on the Council website, hard copies of the report are available in 37 Council libraries, 12 local board offices and nine Council service centres, enabling members of the public to review a paper version of the SDR Report if they prefer.

Conclusion

13. At all times, the Council has been conscious of the large volume of material that needs to be dealt with. The Council has worked to ensure the ease of use and access to that material, importantly for members of the public, but also for its many staff who are working on the project.

14. As a final point, I note that as of the date of this affidavit, the council has registered approximately 1,500 further submissions, with approximately 1,000 electronic and 200-300 hard copy further submissions still to be processed. As with many of the original submissions on the PAUP, many of the further submissions received have been made by individual members of the public, rather than professional advisors.

Dated 29th July 2014



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