

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Notices of requirement for designations under section 168 of the Act, in relation to Te Ahu a Turanga; Manawatū Tararua Highway Project

BY

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY

Requiring Authority

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF JAMES LLOYD KENDRICK
REPRESENTING KAHUNGUNU KI TĀMAKI NUI-A-RUA**

13 March 2019

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Ngāti Tāwhaki o Ngāputahi tōku hapū

Ko Ngai Tuhoe raua Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa ōku iwi

Ko Gavin Kendrick tōku papa

Ko Cecilia Kendrick (nee Doherty) tōku whaea

Ko James Lloyd Kendrick tōku ingoa

No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā ra tātou katoa.

1.2 I married into the Edwards whānau in Dannevirke and my father-in-law was Ray Edwards, who had prolific knowledge of local hapū and tikanga Māori. I spent a significant amount of time with him and with the older Māori around Dannevirke who are no longer with us. They imparted to me knowledge of local history and events from their childhood. I believe they entrusted me with this knowledge, and I felt privileged to have received it.

1.3 For most of my adult life I have had a keen interest in history, and I have a large collection of historical books and documents, many on the Tararua District and Manawatu Region. Within Tararua, my colleagues and Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua consider me to be an expert on local history.

1.4 My other area of expertise is in New Zealand's native plants and rongoā (Māori medicine), which I have nurtured and developed throughout my adult life.

1.5 I am the Mataawaka delegate on the Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Board of Trustees, a position I have held for 6 years

2.0 EXPERIENCE

2.1 I gained accreditation under the Ministry for the Environment's *'Making Good Decisions'* programme in 2018. I am part of the Resource Management team at Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua. I am also on the Kahungunu Education team where we run environmental education programmes with local schools.

2.2 I have provided historical content and material on indigenous plants for Cultural Values Assessments (CVAs) for TAG Oil (2012), New Zealand Energy Corporation (2014), KiwiRail (2017) and more recently for Tararua District

Council's wastewater upgrades. Over the last 4 months I have worked with NZTA to monitor the Stage 2 and Stage 3 drilling programme and geotechnical investigations. I have spent considerable time traversing the landscape along the proposed route for Te Ahu a Turanga project in preparation for this hearing.

- 2.3 The other role I have alongside NZTA, involves undertaking a preliminary '*cultural scan*' of the NoR route. The purpose of this work was to identify and locate areas of cultural significance based on observation, landscape features and sensory perception. While this work was initiated in 2018, a number of site limitations has meant work could not be completed at that time. More recently we have been able to do this in association with the geotechnical work. Information from the cultural scan is to be assessed further, but it signals specific areas, where Kahungunu considers extra caution should be taken with pre-construction, construction and mitigation activities, were the NoR to be approved.

3.0 PRESENTATION AT HEARING

- 3.1 I would like to address the Hearing Panel on the Notices of Requirement ("NoR") lodged in respect of Te Ahu a Turanga. At the hearing, I intend to give a kōrero presentation that identifies:
- culturally significant features along the proposed Te Ahu A Turanga highway,
 - specific sites of environmental and cultural interest,
 - describe why these values are of significance.
 - provide my opinion on relevant issues.
- 3.3 "He toa taua, he toa e waia, he toa ahuhenua, he toa tuturu"/The cultivator of the soil is a greater man than the warrior.

James Kendrick

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