

**BEFORE THE WAIPĀ DISTRICT COUNCIL AND WAIKATO REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

**TOKANUI HOSPITAL DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION AND LANDFILL
UPGRADES**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of resource consent applications by Toitū Te Whenua Land
Information New Zealand under section 88 of the Act for
demolition and remediation works, and landfill upgrades, in
respect of the former Tokanui Hospital site

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF MATTHEW DAVID BRADLEY
(PROJECT OVERVIEW ENGAGEMENT) ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT**

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1. My name is **Matthew David Bradley**. I provided evidence dated 12 September 2025 on behalf of Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (**LINZ** or **Applicant**) addressing the Project overview and engagement.

Project background

2. The Tokanui Hospital Project (**Project**) stems from the Crown's obligations under the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement (**Deed**) and the Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022 (**2022 Act**), which acknowledged the historical breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including in relation to the former Tokanui Psychiatric Hospital.
3. The works associated with the Project are required under the Deed and will enable the Crown to offer the site to Te Nehenehenui Trust (**TNN**) (the Maniapoto Post Settlement Governance Entity (**PSGE**)), as a deferred selection property (**DSP**).

Engagement and consultation

4. The Project has been designed with engagement as a core foundation. Since 2016, LINZ has undertaken extensive engagement with the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (**MMTB**) (the Maniapoto Pre-Settlement Iwi Entity (**PSIE**)), TNN and mana whenua to inform the scope and delivery of the Tokanui Hospital Project. This has included early feasibility studies, options assessments, the development of a Cultural Impact Assessment (**CIA**), a formalised Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) and support from mana whenua regarding cultural monitoring, cultural induction, and waahi tapu identification for the Project.
5. Feedback received through the engagement process has directly shaped key Project decisions and early engagement culminated in Ministerial decisions reflecting TNN and mana whenua preferences, including the preferred demolition and remediation option (Option 1C). Throughout all engagement there has been, and remains, strong support for the demolition and remediation works to proceed.
6. Following lodgement of the Applications, a draft Cultural Support Work Request was circulated to TNN and mana whenua, outlining commitments to cultural induction, karakia, and monitoring during works. TNN confirmed support for the intent of the Project and acknowledged progress on cultural support measures. LINZ also held virtual hui with TNN and Puniu River Care

to address technical concerns, which have now been resolved to TNN's satisfaction.

Response to submissions

7. LINZ has proactively contacted individual submitters to discuss their concerns, which included cultural impacts, environmental impacts, stream health, existing landfill works, and engagement processes. While some submitters maintain reservations, most expressed appreciation for the discussion and indicated willingness to continue participating in the process.

Further engagement since 12 September 2025

8. Since submitting my evidence, a further hui was held on 16 September 2025 to discuss cultural aspects of the Project and obtain confirmation from mana whenua as to who needs to be engaged for Stage 2 of the Project. The minutes from this hui, which were circulated to attendees on 19 September 2025, have been provided as **Appendix MB5**.
9. In the hui I outlined the engagement process to date and how the CIA and subsequent cultural support informed the proposed Cultural Support Work Request for the next phase of the Project. I also discussed the contractual arrangements required in order for the works to be undertaken (previous engagements have been through TAR Block Limited however I noted there is currently no contractual relationship between LINZ and TAR Block Limited).
10. The discussion predominantly focussed on the suitable entity / representatives for undertaking the cultural support work and there was discussion around whether TAR Block Limited was still the suitable entity to engage. It was agreed that a further hui was required outside the presence of LINZ to allow mana whenua to discuss in private and respond to LINZ, by 16 October 2025, confirming who will be the appropriate entity / person to engage.
11. LINZ requested feedback on the proposed scope of works. Key aspects of the scope (relating to cultural monitoring and opening karakia) were endorsed through the discussion. While not reflected in the Minutes, it was acknowledged in the hui by mana whenua representatives that the demolition and remediation works need to progress and should be progressing faster, with a request for the conversation in the hui to focus on how to support the works.

12. Following the hui, LINZ has continued to engage with TNN, mana whenua and submitters. As part of this I spoke with Mr Thomson, Ms Waho and Mr Roa over the phone on 24 September and followed up with emails (which are included at pages 148, 151-152, 156, 162, 166-167 and 171 of Appendix E.3 to the updated and finalised version of **Appendix MB1** (discussed below).¹ Mr Thomson indicated a general support for the Project, while still maintaining some specific concerns (including truck movements and concerns with the preparation of the CIA). Ms Waho and Mr Roa expressed appreciation for the 16 September 2025 hui, however Mr Roa indicated he maintained concerns as set out in his submission.
13. My overall impression from the conversations was that mana whenua wish to progress discussions amongst themselves, but there was a good degree of support for the proposed scope of works for cultural support on the Project as presented at the hui (and as set out in the draft Cultural Support Work Request).
14. The 2025 addendum to the Iwi Engagement Report (which was appended to my evidence-in-chief in draft as **Appendix MB1**) has now been updated and finalised, and Ms Wepasnick will address the key updates.
15. The finalised version of **Appendix MB1** has been pre-circulated and replaces the draft version that was appended to my evidence-in-chief.

¹ I have been unable to reach the other submitters by phone.