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Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Submission in respect of the draft Central City Plan

- 1.1 This submission is made on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRoNT) in respect of the draft Central City Plan adopted by the Christchurch City Council (CCC) on the 11 August 2011 and developed under section 17 of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

- 1.2 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is the tribal representative body of Ngāi Tahu Whānui. It is a body corporate established under section 16 of the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 and made up of representatives for each of the 18 Papatipu Rūnanga spread throughout the Ngāi Tahu rohe (tribal area) within Te Waipounamu (the South Island). Section 15(1) of the TRoNT Act states:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu shall be recognised for all purposes as the representative of Ngāi Tahu Whānui.

- 1.3 There are currently over 48,000 members of Ngāi Tahu Whānui whose names are registered on the tribal roll in accordance with section 8 of the TRoNT Act. Within the greater Christchurch area there are currently over 7000 registered tribal members who Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have regularly communicated with throughout both the earthquake recovery and Central City Plan development process.
- 1.4 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu therefore notes that these comments should not be treated as a single comment, but should be accorded the status and weight due to the tribal collective that it represents.
- 1.5 Notwithstanding its statutory status as the representative voice of Ngāi Tahu Whānui, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu accepts and respects the right of individual tribal members and Papatipu Rūnanga to make their own submissions.
- 1.6 Specifically, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu acknowledges the submissions of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, as manawhenua within the area covered by the Central City Plan, as well as Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd who work on behalf of Ngāi Tūāhuriri and the other Papatipu Rūnanga within the CCC area on RMA and LGA related matters, and whom Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have worked closely with throughout the development of the draft Central City Plan.
- 1.7 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu also want to acknowledge the special working relationship developed between Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd and the Christchurch City Council, along with Environment Canterbury and the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority

throughout the creation of the Central City Plan, and as required by section 17 (2) of the CERA Act.

Collective Voice

- 1.8 This submission outlines the views and concerns identified by the entire Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Group including the units and teams of the Office of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (OTRoNT) and Ngāi Tahu Holdings Corporation (NTHC) and its subsidiary companies including Ngāi Tahu Property Ltd.
- 1.9 The Office of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu carries out the executive and distribution functions of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu including work across culture and language revitalisation, environmental management, regional economic development, leadership development, education and direct distribution of tribal pūtea (funds).
- 1.10 NTHC is the commercial arm of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and is entrusted with the protection, management and growth of the financial assets of Ngāi Tahu Whānui. Some of these assets include significant land holdings within the Central City Plan area that were acquired by Ngāi Tahu as part of its 1998 Settlement with the Crown and that are managed by Ngāi Tahu Property Ltd on behalf of Ngāi Tahu Whānui.
- 1.11 The Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Group works closely on matters affecting the cultural, environmental, social and economic well being of Ngāi Tahu Whānui and have taken a specific approach to dealing with earthquake recovery issues by establishing a sub-committee of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu called Te Awheawhe Rūwhenua.
- 1.12 Through Te Awheawhe Rūwhenua and the work of both the Office of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tahu Holdings, the iwi have taken an active role in earthquake recovery issues, including working with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd and the Christchurch City Council to provide input into, and assess, the content of the draft Central City Plan.

General Position

- 1.13 Overall, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu congratulates the Christchurch City Council on the work it has undertaken to date on the draft Central City Plan, particularly with the time constraints placed on it by the CERA Act, as well as the added pressures of dealing with wider earthquake recovery issues.
- 1.14 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is generally supportive of the draft Central City Plan, but has included expanded comment on a number of specific matters affecting the tribes settlement related land holdings within the Central City as well as areas where Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu would like to see more specific reference to achieving the recognition of Ngāi Tahu culture, history and identity and dedicated involvement of Ngai Tahu in specific projects.
- 1.15 Two appendices are attached and form part of this submission on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Appendix One outlines specific parts of the draft Central City Plan that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu considers need to be changed to address particular concerns. Importantly, the table also outlines areas of support for the specific parts of the plan that should remain unchanged. Appendix Two outlines specific concerns from our subsidiary Ngāi Tahu Property Limited,

these are endorsed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and form part of our submission.

- 1.16 The comments encapsulated within this submission focus on ensuring that effective provision in terms of participation and involvement of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, in finalising and implementing the draft Central City Plan.
- 1.17 Ngāi Tahu recognise the importance of the CBD rebuild in the future wellbeing and prosperity of Ōtautahi. The plan must go beyond replacing what we had and create a City that improves overall economic activity, enhances our competitive edge and attracts new business to Ōtautahi.
- 1.18 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu also request that a suitable Ngāi Tahu Commissioner is appointed to the panel hearing these submissions, as well as the provision for specific Ngāi Tahu representatives in project planning and design teams charged with implementing the plan.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Nāhaku noa nā



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