

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL
OF HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**

UNDER

the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA")

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Private Plan Change 17 to the Hamilton City
Operative District Plan ("PC17")

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF EXPERT EVIDENCE OF SCOTT DEAN KING
ON BEHALF OF FONterra LIMITED**

STORMWATER

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 My name is Scott Dean King. I am a Technical Director at Harrison Grierson. My qualifications and experience are set out in my Primary Statement of Evidence.
- 1.2 I provide engineering evidence on stormwater management for PC17, which enables staged industrial development across the West Block, North Block, and South-East Block.
- 1.3 I confirm that I have read the Expert Witness Code of Conduct set out in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023. I have complied with the Code of Conduct in preparing this evidence and I agree to comply with it while giving oral evidence before the Hearings Commissioners. Except where I state that I am relying on the evidence of another person, this written evidence is within my area of expertise. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed in this evidence.
- 1.4 This summary draws only from my primary evidence and my rebuttal evidence already filed. It is intended to give the Hearing Panel a clear overview of my conclusions and responses to other evidence. It does not introduce new analysis.

2. SCOPE OF MY EVIDENCE

- 2.1 My evidence addresses how stormwater is managed to protect receiving environments while enabling orderly development of PC17. It covers:
 - (a) Treatment of stormwater before discharge to improve water quality;
 - (b) Attenuation of post-development peak flows and the use of extended detention where required by the receiving environment; and
 - (c) Mitigation of additional runoff volumes arising from development, with particular focus on the Te Rapa Stream downstream of the West Block.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

Overall approach and alignment with good practice

3.1 The stormwater management approach for PC17 follows whole-of-catchment best practice and is consistent with the approach taken within the draft Te Rapa Integrated Catchment Management Plan ("Te Rapa ICMP"), Waikato Regional Stormwater Management guidelines, the Regional Infrastructure Technical Specifications, and the Operative District Plan.

West Block (discharging into the Te Rapa Stream)

3.2 The West Block requires on-lot retention, stormwater quality treatment, extended detention, and attenuation of peak flows up to the 100-year event. Artificial wetlands are proposed for treatment and attenuation, with a treatment-train approach for road runoff. Flood storage zones will be created along the Te Rapa Stream corridor, and downstream erosion protection is proposed to mitigate against increased runoff volumes in the Te Rapa Stream.

North and South-East Blocks (discharging into the Waikato River)

3.3 The North and South-East Blocks discharge directly to the Waikato River, and as such, only on-lot retention and stormwater quality treatment are required. Treatment swales or wetland swales are proposed within road corridors, and existing outlets to the river will be utilised where possible.

Staging and independence of sub-catchments

3.4 The proposed stormwater infrastructure can be staged to align with development, with each sub-catchment provided with the necessary treatment and attenuation measures as it is developed. There are no interdependencies between sub-catchments that would restrict the order of development.

Preferred approach to increased runoff volume effects (discharging to the Te Rapa Stream)

3.5 For development of the West Block, targeted downstream erosion protection within the Te Rapa Stream is considered the most efficient and effects-focused response to mitigate additional runoff volumes from development.

3.6 This approach will direct mitigation efforts to the stream locations with greatest risk of erosion. Focusing initial works on the highest-priority areas ensures mitigation is commensurate with the effects enabled by PC17.

3.7 A review of Fonterra's potential cost contribution to the erosion control measures has established that Fonterra's contribution is broadly equivalent to the cost associated with stabilising the worst affected areas of the stream.

4. RESPONSE TO SUBMITTER EVIDENCE

Integration with the Southern Triangle Land

4.1 Mr Dean Morris requested confirmation of connectivity to the Southern Triangle Land owned by Porters / Empire Group that adjoins the south-west corner of the West Block.

4.2 I can confirm that, as part of the best practice whole-of-catchment design approach required for the stormwater system, the concept wetland areas currently designed for the West Block have already been sized to allow for future developed site flows from the Southern Triangle Land, addressing Mr Morris's concern. As a result, the PC17 provisions future-proof the later live-zoning of the Southern Triangle Land.

5. RESPONSE TO SECTION 42A ADDENDUM REPORT

5.1 With regards to stormwater matters, I note that the Section 42A Addendum Report states that:¹

the technical issues raised in the S42A Stormwater Memo have now been resolved on the basis of the current provisions as appended to the Addendum S42A Report being adopted.

5.2 It is my understanding that, following recent discussions between Mr Nick Grala and HCC, agreement has been reached on the wording of the provisions as they relate to stormwater management. Details of the provisions will be covered in the evidence presented by Mr Grala.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 In my opinion, the proposed stormwater approach for PC17 is appropriate and robust. It provides reliable treatment of contaminants, applies detention and attenuation where the receiving environment requires it, mitigates for additional runoff volumes from the West Block through a targeted and proportionate

¹ Addendum Technical Specialist Memorandum (Stormwater) of Iain Smith on behalf of Hamilton City Council dated 26 November 2025 at [62].

erosion-protection package, and enables staged, independent delivery by sub-catchment.

6.2 Together, these measures achieve the required stormwater management outcomes, manage flood and erosion risks to an acceptable level, and allow industrial land to be brought forward in an orderly, effects-based manner.

Scott King

2 December 2025