

**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 MARK ROBERT SINCLAIR
ON BEHALF OF FONTERRA LIMITED**

GEOTECHNICAL

20 NOVEMBER 2025

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1. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

- 1.1 My name is Mark Robert Sinclair. I am a Principal Geotechnical Engineer and Technical Director at Geotechnical Engineering Limited (trading as Soil and Rock Consultants). My qualifications and experience are set out in my Statement of Evidence for PC17 dated 7 October 2025.
- 1.2 I have been providing Fonterra Limited ("**Fonterra**") with expert geotechnical advice in relation to PC17. I provided a statement of evidence on behalf of Fonterra for PC17 dated 7 October 2025.
- 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 I confirm I have read the section 42A report and supporting documentation, and all submitter evidence available, and I am not aware of any disagreement with the section 42A reporting team or other experts in relation to my expert evidence provided for PC17.

Mark Sinclair
20 November 2025