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PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT PLAN; PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 17 TO THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN; AND VOLUNTARY MANAGED RETREAT PROGRAMME

Background

1. The Whakatāne District Council (**WDC**) has notified proposed Plan Change 1 to the Whakatāne District Plan and has made a private plan change request to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (**BOPRC**) with respect to the Regional Natural Resources Plan (proposed Plan Change 17) (**Proposed Plan Changes**).
2. The Awatarariki Residents Society (**Society**) made submissions and further submissions on the Proposed Plan Changes. The Society's submissions will be heard, along with other submissions, by an Independent Hearings Panel in March 2020.
3. In addition, the WDC is progressing a voluntary managed retreat programme. The voluntary managed retreat programme is funded jointly by the WDC, the BOPRC and Central Government. Members of the Society are currently considering whether they choose to 'opt in' to the voluntary managed retreat and have until 31 January 2020 to advise the WDC whether they accept their acquisition offers.

Undertakings

4. The Whakatāne District Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council undertake that:
 - a. A declined offer under the Managed Retreat Programme does not preclude members of the Society pursuing relief under section 85 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**) where relevantly raised in a submission on either of the Proposed Plan Changes (1 and 17).

5. The Society undertakes that:

- a. It (including any of its members) will not file declaration proceedings in relation to either of the Proposed Plan Changes or the Voluntary Managed Retreat programme, prior to receipt of decisions by the Independent Commissioners on the Proposed Plan Changes (following hearings in March 2020).

Signed:

On behalf of the Society

On behalf of the Whakatāne District Council



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