## Bay of Plenty Regional Council DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS Ziwi Limited

## **Hearing Panel Composition**

- [1] This Minute is issued to inform participants that at his own instigation Commissioner Rauru Kirikiri has asked to be released from the Hearing Panel for RM20-0462 Ziwi Limited.
- [2] The primary issue of concern to be dealt with at the hearing is that of odour emanating from the Ziwi site. Given the absence of iwi authority submitters and the paucity of issues relating explicitly to Māori cultural and spiritual matters, Commissioner Kirikiri concluded that his presence on the Hearing Panel was unnecessary.
- [3] We understand that five submitters had requested that a Māori commissioner be appointed to the Hearing Panel, but we have been informed by BOPRC officers that those submitters had not requested a Māori commissioner be appointed because of their own concerns with the proposal or the nature of the evidence they intend to present.
- [4] The Hearing Panel Chair and the BOPRC officers support Commissioner Kirikiri's request and he is accordingly released from the Hearings Panel.
- [5] The Hearing Panel will now comprise Rob van Voorthuysen (Chair) and John Iseli.

Rob van Voorthuysen On behalf of the Commissioners

1 March 2022