

BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application to Hamilton City Council for Private
Plan Change 7 to the Hamilton City District Plan by
Green Seed Consultants Limited

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF
ALEXANDRA LEE SIMMONS (ARCHAEOLOGY)
Dated 27 October 2021**

INTRODUCTION

1. My full name is Alexandra Lee Simmons.
2. I hold a Doctor of Philosophy in Archaeological from the University of Otago (2014) and a Masters of Arts in Archaeology from Oregon State University (1984). I have over forty years' experience working as an archaeologist in New Zealand, the United States, and Antarctica. My employment history includes twenty-one years as a Principal Archaeologist and Director of Simmons and Associates Ltd. Prior to that I was employed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for eight years managing heritage in the Central North Island.
3. I am a member of the New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA).
4. My experience in the field of archaeology includes: site identification, investigation, interpretation, management, excavation and technical report preparation. I have prepared archaeological assessments and reviews for a wide range of projects within the Waikato Region and served as an expert witness for the Environment Court and District Councils in relation to archaeology. Recent land use review projects include:
 - a) Archaeological review of Weston Lea Limited, land use and subdivision consents for a large scale residential development at Peacocke, Hamilton.
 - b) Archaeological review of the designation for the Rotokauri Greenway, Hamilton.
 - c) Other recent archaeological projects are: Te Awa River Ride archaeological assessment (Hamilton); Archaeological assessment Hillsborough WW Pump Station Pipeline (Hamilton); Kirikiriroa

Cycleway assessment and site management plans (Hamilton); Archaeological assessment, management and mitigation at Te Awa Life Care Village (Cambridge); Waipa District River Ride Archaeological Assessment and Mitigation Reports; Archaeological assessment and management of Turata and the Military Stockade Reserves (Kihikihi); Swayne Road Subdivision assessment (Cambridge); Waikato District Hopu Hopu to Huntley Pipeline assessment and mitigation; and Waikato District Plan archaeological review.

5. I provided a report assessing archaeological matters arising under the proposed Rotokauri North Private Plan Change (**PC7**) on 28 June 2021 which was included in Appendix D to the s 42A report.

CODE OF CONDUCT

6. I have read the Environment Court Code of Conduct for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2014 and agree to comply with it. I confirm that the opinions expressed in this statement are within my area of expertise except where I state that I have relied on the evidence of other persons. I have not omitted to consider materials or facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions I have expressed.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

7. I was retained by Hamilton City Council (**HCC**) to provide archaeological advice relating to PC7.
8. I provide a summary of the findings in my report appended to the s42A report, and comment on any relevant matters raised about archaeology in the evidence of Green Seed and submitters.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

9. I conducted a technical review of the PC7 archaeological assessment report prepared by Arden Cruickshank, CFG Heritage Ltd (**CFG**). The focus of my review was evaluating the technical accuracy and thoroughness of Mr Cruickshank's identification and assessment of potential effects to archaeological or heritage or significant 20th century sites including built heritage.
10. My review included the archaeological and historic context, the research information presented in the assessment report, the field work carried out and the relevant statutory provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**), Waikato Regional Policy Statement (**WRPS**), and Hamilton City Operative District Plan Historic Heritage objectives and policies (**ODP Heritage**).
11. The CFG archaeological assessment report identified no pre-1900 archaeological or heritage or significant 20th century heritage including built heritage sites in the PC7 area, and stated therefore no assessment of archaeological values or significance could be made. I agreed with the assessment findings and found no RMA, WRPS, ODP Heritage effects to sites in PC7.
12. Mr Cruickshank concluded and recommended:
 - a) No authority application to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (**HNZPT**) under section 44 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 was required based on the assessment results; and
 - b) All work should be undertaken following an accidental discovery protocol (**ADP**).
13. I agreed with his conclusions. I also supported the recommendation that all work be undertaken in accordance with an ADP. My expectation

would be that future subdivision/land use applications would be subject to an ADP.

UPDATED POSITION

14. I have read the evidence of Green Seed, in particular the evidence of Arden Cruickshank. There are no changes in the archaeological assessment findings and recommendations.
15. No archaeological matters have been raised by submitters.
16. There are no known outstanding archaeological or heritage issues within the PC7 area to alter my position.

CONCLUSION

16. No archaeological or historic sites or heritage effects were identified within the PC7 land as a result of the CFG research and field survey. Therefore I find no reason based on pre-1900 archaeological sites or heritage or significant 20th century heritage including built heritage for PC7 to not be approved for land development.

Alexandra Lee Simmons

27 October 2021