

**Before the Hearings Panel  
At Porirua City Council**

**Under** Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

**In the matter of** the Proposed Porirua District Plan

**Between** **Various**

**Submitters**

**And** **Porirua City Council**

**Respondent**

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**Statement of expertise of Emma Frances McRae on behalf of Porirua City  
Council**

**Date: 8 March 2023**

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

- 1 My full name is Emma Frances McRae. I am an Associate Principal Landscape Architect at Boffa Miskell Limited, a national firm of consulting landscape architects, planners, ecologists and urban designers.
- 2 This statement of expertise relates to the matters in the DEV-NG – Northern Growth Development Area chapter of the PDP.
- 3 I am authorised to provide assistance to the Hearings Panel in relation to landscape and visual effects on behalf of the Council.

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

- 1.1 I hold the qualifications of Bachelor of Design (Hons) in Landscape Architecture, and I am a Registered Member of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects. I have been a landscape architect for over 18 years, practicing both in New Zealand and the United Kingdom and have been based in Wellington for the last five years, providing consultancy services for a wide range of clients around New Zealand, including local authorities, land developers, and the infrastructure and renewable energy sectors.
- 1.2 My experience includes practicing landscape architecture in Cardiff, Wales, for over five years, during which time I became a Chartered Member of the United Kingdom's Landscape Institute. During my time in Cardiff my work included undertaking landscape and visual effects assessments for residential development at a range of scales, ranging in scale from small subdivisions to larger urban extensions.
- 1.3 I have significant experience in carrying out landscape and visual effects assessments, natural character assessments and landscape sensitivity and capacity studies for a range of development types, including residential, energy and renewables, commercial, industrial, minerals developments and the acquisition and disposal of reserve land.

**Code of conduct**

- 4 I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses set out in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023. I will comply with it while giving oral evidence before the Hearings Panel. My qualifications as an expert are set out above.

**INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PROPOSED PLAN**

- 5 I have been involved with the Northern Growth Development Area since September 2021.
- 6 I authored the Porirua Northern Growth Area Landscape Statement ( July 2022) for the Northern Growth Area Plan Variation that provided technical information relied on for the development of the Northern Growth Development Area chapter and attached to the Section 32 Evaluation Report - Part B Northern Growth Development Area.

**ASSISTANCE TO THE PANEL**

- 7 I am happy to assist the Hearings Panel through answering any questions they may have in relation the technical documents supporting the Northern Growth Development Area identified above.

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023



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