

Before the Board of Inquiry  
Waterview Connection Project

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*in the matter of:* the Resource Management Act 1991

*and*

*in the matter of:* a Board of Inquiry appointed under s 149J of the Resource Management Act 1991 to decide notices of requirement and resource consent applications by the NZ Transport Agency for the Waterview Connection Project

Expert Caucusing Joint Report to the Board of Inquiry – Avifauna : Avian Conditions

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Dated: 21 January 2011

Due: 7 February 2011

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## EXPERT CAUCUSING JOINT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

### INTRODUCTION

1 This joint signed report is written in response to the Board of Inquiry's Minute and Directions dated 23 December 2010. The Directions require the experts, following caucusing, to provide a report by 10am on 7 February 2011 that includes:

- Resolution of Avian Condition A.5. as a result of its amendment.
- No Avian Conditions are unresolved.

2 This report relates to the caucusing topic of Avifauna.

3 A caucusing telephone conversation was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

4 Participants were:

- Dr Andrea Julian – Natural Heritage Consulting Ltd (For Auckland Council)
- Mr Graham Don – Bioresarches Group Ltd (For NZTA)

### 5 AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

Avian Condition A.5.

The draft, proposed Condition read –

“A.5. Where practicable, vegetation clearance shall occur outside the bird breeding season of September to October.”

It was agreed that, because banded rail have been confirmed as present on Traherne Island, a precautionary approach would be to only undertake vegetation clearance at Traherne Island outside the bird breeding season.

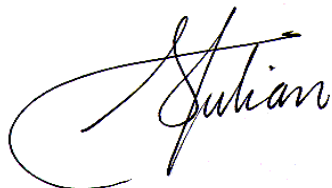
The amended, agreed Condition is as follows –

**A.5. Vegetation clearance at Traherne Island shall occur outside the bird breeding season of September to December. Elsewhere, vegetation clearance shall occur outside the bird breeding season of September to December where practicable.**

6. AREAS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED

No Avian Conditions are unresolved.

Date: 21 January 2011



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**Dr Andrea Julian**



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**Mr Graham Don**