

BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL

UNDER

the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

IN THE MATTER

of the Far North Proposed District Plan –
Hearing 1: of Hearing 1: Introduction, General
Provisions (Strategic Direction, Tangata Whenua)

**SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF ADAM THOMPSON ON
BEHALF OF KIWI FRESH ORANGE COMPANY LIMITED**

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 During Kiwi Fresh Orange Company Limited's (**KFO**) presentation of oral submissions and evidence, I signalled that the Census 2023 District level population data would be released the following day (on 29 May 2024), and I could provide the Hearings Panel further information concerning the Census 2023 data, insofar as it was relevant to KFO's submission. The Hearings Panel confirmed verbally that this information could be provided by way of a supplementary statement of evidence.
- 2 Accordingly, this supplementary statement of evidence evaluates whether the Census 2023 District level population data (released 29 May 2024) has any implications on my primary statement of evidence.
- 3 I have outlined my qualifications and experience in my primary statement of evidence, dated 13 May 2024, and reiterate my statement as an expert witness at paragraph 7.

CENSUS 2023 COMMENTARY

- 4 The Statistics NZ 2023 Census District level population data confirms that the Far North District achieved growth of 1,240 people p.a. over the 2018-2023 period. This is consistent with Statistics NZ population estimates showing a 5-year average growth of 1,380 p.a. over this same period. The Statistics NZ District level population estimates for the period following the 2018 Census are shown in Figure 1 of my primary statement of evidence.
- 5 Although only the 2023 Census District level population data is available now, the strong correlation between projected population growth at the district level and actual population growth at the district level suggests that finer grain population projections (such as those for Kerikeri-Waipapa and specific SA2s) will also be within a safe margin of error.
- 6 Therefore, I consider the estimates of Kerikeri-Waipapa's 2023 population in my primary statement of evidence are sufficiently accurate, and I continue to hold the opinion that Kerikeri-Waipapa has a housing and labour market of approximately 11,000 people, and meets the definition of an 'urban environment'.

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Adam Thompson

4 June 2024