Before an Independent Hearing Panel Appointed by Wellington City Council

In the Matter of the Resource Management Act

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And

In the Matter of a Notice of Requirement to

designate land for Airport Purposes

known as the Main Site NOR

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In the Matter of a Notice of Requirement to

designate land for Airport Purposes known as the East Side Area NOR.

Summary Statement of Evidence of Frank Boffa for Wellington International Airport Ltd

Dated: 19 May 2021

INTRODUCTION

Qualifications and Experience

- 1. My name is Frank Boffa.
- 2. My qualifications and experience are provided in my statement of evidence dated May 5, 2021.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

3. My evidence broadly deals with the visual and landscape effects of the proposed Designation Outcomes of the Main Site and the East Side Areas.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 4. Based on my visual effects assessment there are unlikely to be areas or particular viewpoints beyond the confines of the airport itself, from where views will be blocked or rendered out of character with what generally and currently exists. All affected views, in my opinion, will largely be seen as a change or modification to existing views rather than the screening of those views.
- 5. As noted in my visual effects assessment, there are properties on the lower section of Bunker Way and a property on Raukawa Street from where the changes to their foreground/middleground views are likely to be considered as being significant. I understand the owners of 17 Bunker Way appear to be the only residential property owners who have submitted on visual effects as they relate to their specific property, are having discussions with the Airport.
- 6. While there may be other properties in the lower Bunker Way area that may also be affected visually, I have not visited any of those properties. Notwithstanding this, I acknowledge there may be a loss in visual amenity from some of these properties. From all other properties beyond those noted above, I consider the visual effects of the outcomes of the Main Site and East Side NOR's are likely to be low.

- 7. In terms of landscape and visual effects, I consider the effects of the East Side retaining wall can be managed sensitively and in a manner that minimises adverse effects.
- 8. I consider the removal of the small remnant hillock will have no adverse landscape or visual effects given its particular context and landscape setting.
- Overall, I consider that adverse landscape and/or visual effects of the NOR outcomes can be adequately and sensitively mitigated.

Frank Boffa

19 May 2021