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Date: 4/09/2009 9:47 a.m.
Subject: Re: RAF Party to the proceedings
Attachments: Renaissance Aotearoa Foundation form33 s274.pdf

Dear David,

I attach the 274 party appeal herein.

Best regards

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Director
R.A.F.

Form 33
Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To the Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch

We, The Renaissance Aotearoa Foundation, wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

Heletranz Ltd (Appellant) and Auckland City Council (Respondent) in an appeal against a decision to the proposed Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan 2006

We are an organisation that made a submission related to the matter of helicopters, and we represent a relevant aspect of public interest. We believe that helicopter landings require more controls than the appellant seeks. We note that while the appellant argues their case on the growth of tourism and recreational activity, in fact they are a corporation with primarily a pecuniary interest of selling helicopter rides.

We are not opposed to helicopter access to the island of Waiheke; we believe the nuisance factor needs to be controlled so that thousands of Waiheke citizens and visitors should not suffer the adverse noise pollution that accompanies landing sites that, if not properly regulated, become an attractive nuisance.

We are interested in all the proceedings.

We are interested in the following particular issues: We oppose the Appellant's proposal on how to manage landing sites for helicopters. We believe the Court needs to instruct the Council to develop a proper policy on managing landing sites so the noise of helicopters affects the least number of people for the minimum amount of time. We believe the issue is a mechanical one. If new technology introduced helicopters that made no noise, the issue would go away. However, until such time, the noise effects of helicopters needs to be regulated. We acknowledge that the Council does not have the authority to regulate where helicopters fly in the air, but the reality is that most noxious flights go from point to point, where the landing point on Waiheke Island establishes who will be bothered. The landing point and the number of landings allowed create the problem.

We agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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We received notice on 27 July 2009 and we serve this notice today by email and post to the Appellant