

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

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of an appeal pursuant
to Cl.14, First
Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN

**NORTH SHORE
HELICOPTERS
LTD and
HELILINK LTD**

Appellants

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**AUCKLAND CITY
COUNCIL**

Respondent

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TO: The Registrar
Environment Court
AUCKLAND

NORTH SHORE HELICOPTERS LTD and **HELILINK LTD** appeal against decisions by Auckland City Council (“the Council”) on the proposed Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan 2006.

Decision:

1. The appellants made submissions on the proposed district plan in respect of the provision for air services including helicopter services to the Hauraki Gulf Islands.
2. The appellants received the notice of the decision and an electronic copy of all decisions on 4 May 2009.
3. The decision was made by the respondent Council.
4. The decision which the appellants are appealing is the decision of the respondent dated 2 May 2009 in respect of the following provisions of the proposed plan:
 - (a) Part 2 - Resource Management Overview
 - (b) Part 3 – Strategic Management Areas
 - (c) Part 13 – Connectivity and Linkages

Reasons for the Appeal:

5. The reasons for this appeal are that the decision:
- (a) The appellants operate tourist helicopter services out of North Shore and Auckland Central. Their operations provide commercial and passenger services throughout Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf and in particular provide connections to many tourist destinations on Great Barrier Island and Waiheke Island.
 - (b) There is a strong demand for these services providing infrastructural support to the tourist destination opportunities on Great Barrier Island and Waiheke Island in accordance with the provisions and expectations of the district plan.
 - (c) Provisions in the proposed district plan (Parts 13.2.3 & 13.3.2 and Rule 13.8.2) have failed to provide for Waiheke Island and fail to provide for aircraft movements which are reasonable over a seven day period to any particular site with a helipad or airstrip.

Relief Sought:

6. The appellants seek the following amendments:
- (a) Recognition of the public aerodrome at Waiheke Island in Part 13.2.3 of the proposed plan.
 - (b) Recognition in Part 13.3.2 of the Waiheke Island Aerodrome and providing recognition for all existing private and public helipads on Waiheke Island and Great Barrier Island.
 - (c) Rule 13.8.2 include under permitted activities Waiheke Island Aerodrome Helipads and Airstrips.

- (d) Replace the existing words and Include under Rule 13.8.2 –
- (i) *No more than 8 inward and 8 outward movements to occur in a seven day period* – replacing the words in the proposed plan.
- (e) Amending Rule 13.8.3 Discretionary Activities to include a new criterion -
- 4. Helipads and Airstrips that may be required for farming activities, visitor accommodation and tourist complexes.*

Attachments:

7. The following documents are attached to this notice:
- (a) A copy of the relevant submissions lodged by appellants
- (b) A copy of the relevant extract of the decision of the respondent
- (c) A list of names and addresses of persons to be served with a copy of this notice



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