



To: **Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority**

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## **Submission on Tūpuna Maunga Authority's proposed amendments to its Integrated Management Plan**

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### **Introduction**

1. Civic Trust Auckland is a non-profit public interest group formed in 1968 with activities and interests throughout the Auckland region. It is a regular submitter on matters of interest to it, mostly at a local government level but also on national matters where they may affect the Auckland region. The aims of the Trust include the:
  - protection of natural landforms
  - preservation of heritage in all its aspects
  - encouragement of good planning for the city and region.

### **Background**

2. Civic Trust Auckland understands the following:
  - 2.1 The Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 (the *Redress Act*) sets out the functions and powers of the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (the *Maunga Authority*).<sup>1</sup>
  - 2.2 For the benefit of mana whenua, the Redress Act directs the Maunga Authority to have regard to the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.<sup>2</sup> For those other than mana whenua, the next clause<sup>3</sup> further directs the Maunga Authority to have regard to section 41(2), which states that the maunga are to be held as reserves for the common benefit of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau and the other people of Auckland.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 - section 109

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid* - section 109 (2)(a)

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid* - section 109 (2)(b)

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid* - section 42 (2)

- 2.3 Civic Trust Auckland acknowledge the relationship of Māori with wāhi tapu, wāhi tupuna and other taonga, and note that the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) gives expression to values mana whenua attach to the maunga.
- 2.4 We note the IMP appears to not adequately recognise or reflect the diversity of connections and histories of Aucklanders other than mana whenua, and as a consequence, it fails to adequately provide for the relationship all peoples have with those maunga.
3. Humans are but a small part of this planet and notwithstanding we humans have modified the maunga over time for our own benefit, those maunga are home to many other lifeforms including birds, animals, trees and other plants.
- 3.1 We acknowledge the Maunga Authority's desire to mass fell trees on the maunga
- 3.1 The Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the maunga is prepared in accordance with The Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 <sup>5</sup>. The Redress Act states that the Reserves Act 1977 (*Reserves Act*) applies to the IMP <sup>6</sup>
- 3.2 The Reserves Act states the Maunga Authority shall keep its management plan under continuous review, so that, subject to subsection (3), the plan is adapted to changing circumstances or in accordance with increased knowledge.<sup>7</sup>
- 3.2 Since the Redress Act, and consultation on and implementation of the Integrated Management Plan, the Maunga Authority's co-governance partner Auckland Council has declared a Climate Change Emergency.

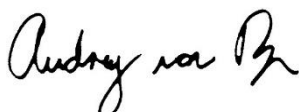
## Conclusion

Civic Trust Auckland submits that the mass felling of trees as proposed would cause an inappropriate level of damage and destruction to habitats within those natural features and across those landscapes, and we contend it would be contrary to the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991. We submit that the Maunga Authority should review and reverse its decision to remove what it refers to as inappropriate trees, firstly in light of the climate change emergency, and secondly because it is apparent that their retention is desired by many of the people of Auckland other than Mana Whenua.

CTA wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

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Signature:



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<sup>5</sup> *Ibid* - section 58(1)

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid* - section 58(3)

<sup>7</sup> Reserves Act 1977 - section 41(3)