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Notice to Environment Court of appeal on decision on application concerning resource consent Section 120 Resource Management Act 1991

The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland.

I, Noelene Buckland, Chair, City Centre Residents Group (CCRG), appeal a decision on the following matter:

To construct, operate, occupy and maintain a new public space between Princes Wharf, Pier 2 and the Ferry Building. The proposal includes the demolition and replacement of the existing wharf structure located at 109-129 Quay Street, Auckland.

I made a submission on that application on behalf of the CCRG.

I received notice of the decision on 15 October 2019.

The decision was made by Auckland Council appointed Independent Hearing Commissioners Barry Kaye(Chairperson), Hieke Lutz and William Kapea.

I have a right to appeal this decision under section 120 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The decision to which this appeal relates is not one of those activities excluded by section 120(1A) or (1B) of that Act.

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The decision I am appealing is:

The granting of approval for the resource consent to construct, use, occupy and maintain a new public open space in the Ferry Basin between Princes Wharf, Pier 2 and the Ferry Building.

The land affected is: Auckland Ferry Basin, 109-129 Quay Street, Auckland, 1010.

The reasons for the appeal are as follows:

1. The Ferry Basin, and its associated buildings/structures, located between Princes and Queens Wharf has been, and continues to be, an essential aspect of Auckland's heritage and transport infrastructure since the late 1880's.
2. Together with the nearby Admiralty Steps, they represent the last remnants of our maritime heritage on the Auckland waterfront and they are of great physical and visual significance to the sense of place that city centre residents' enjoy and respect.
3. The ferry services has a functional need to be located within the ferry basin and this has been confirmed with the recent decision to build new ferry infrastructure within this same water and wharf space.

4. The need for ferry services within easy access of the city centre is a key aspect of infrastructure planning for Auckland now and in the future.
5. There is no functional need for public open space to extend into the ferry basin water space given the high quality options available in nearby areas and the flexibility of design that quality public open space offers.
6. The decision to grant approval for this public space was wrong in law and on the merits.

I seek the following relief:

- (a) As first preference, cancel the decision to grant approval
- (b) As second preference, approve the application for improved public space within the area of the current public space footprint and decline any extensions into the ferry basin harbour space.
- (c) Consequential relief

I attach the following documents to this notice:

- (a) a copy of my submission.
- (b) a copy of the relevant decision

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