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**CONCERNING: THE TREATY OF WAITANGI ACT
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**A N D: THE CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND
INQUIRY**

**FURTHER MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE BAY OF PLENTY
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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May it please the Tribunal:

1. At the hearing Tribunal hearing in Rotorua on 14 July 2005, the Tribunal directed that Environment BOP file with the Tribunal information on Council's nitrate management strategy for the Rotorua Lakes.
2. There is no single document dealing with nitrate management for the lakes. Instead, it is one component of a wider strategy for co-operatively managing the lakes in partnership with the Rotorua District Council and the Te Arawa Maori Trust Board.
3. We are forwarding to the Tribunal by courier the following documents:
 - Strategy for the Lakes of the Rotorua District, prepared in 2000
 - The Rotorua Lakes Protection and Restoration Programme, published in June 2004 which sets out a restoration action programme. It contains a section on nutrient sources and identifies methods for reducing the nutrient load entering the lakes from the surrounding catchments.
 - Lake Okareka Catchment Management Action Plan, which is a precedent for dealing with the other lakes.
 - A useful summary of how the Lakes Management Strategy has been developed can be found in the documents accompanying the Ohau Channel Diversion Consent Application which has recently been filed with the Regional Council.
 - One of the methods for managing nutrient input into the lakes is through the Proposed Regional Water and Land Plan and in particular we refer the Tribunal to Rule 11 at page 133 of the Plan.

The above documents are available for inspection by other parties at the Regional Council offices at Whakatane.

4. Also at the hearing on 14 July 2005, the Tribunal requested copies of the Regional Policy Statement and the Rotorua Geothermal Plan. Both those Plans will be couriered to the Tribunal.
5. Finally, at the hearing Mr Andrew on behalf of the Crown requested information verifying that bore holes were drilled by Norske Skogg Limited as part of the sub-surface investigation undertaken at Rotoitipaku. That information can be found in the report prepared for Norske Skogg by Gwilym Environmental Services Limited dated March 2004. That report will also be forwarded to the Tribunal by courier as part of the bundle of documents. A copy has been sent to Mr Andrew.

Dated this 27th day of July 2005.



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