

In the Matter of The Resource Management Act 1991

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BEFORE THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

**JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT
LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL EFFECTS**

Dated: 13 May 2021


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INTRODUCTION

1. Expert conferencing of the Landscape and Urban Design experts took place in person on 10 May 2021 and 13 May 2021.
2. The conference was attended by the following experts:
 - a. Frank Boffa
 - b. Robin Simpson
3. We confirm that we have read the Environment Court's Code of Conduct 2014 and agree to comply with its principles. We confirm that the issues addressed in this Joint Witness Statement (JWS) are within our area of expertise.
4. In particular (and set out in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) of Appendix 3
 - a) The witnesses acknowledge the JWS is to clearly record the issues agreed, between them. Succinct reasons are to be captured in the JWS. This will assist all parties and the decision makers in focusing on the matters that remain in dispute and the significance of them.
 - b) Expert conferencing is not a forum in which compromise or a mediated outcome between the experts is anticipated. Unlike mediation, the "aim" is not resolution. Rather, the aim is clear identification of and narrowing of points of difference.
5. In our conference we discussed the Landscape and Visual Effects issues relevant to the notices of requirement which arise within our field of expertise. The scope of our discussion was limited to this topic and as it applied to the East Side Area (ESA) and Terminal Precinct on the Main Site (in part). Frank Boffa was engaged to report on Landscape and Visual Effects and Robin Simpson was engaged to report on Landscape and Visual Effects and Urban Design Effects.
6. Prior to attending the witness conference, we have read the relevant parts of the Applications, the s42A planner's report, the evidence and reports prepared by the other expert(s).
7. The matters discussed were:
 - a. Landscape and Visual Effects Assessments including Visual Simulations
 - b. East Side Retaining Structure
 - c. Main Site Hillock
 - d. South Coast character
 - e. Design Guidelines

8. Landscape and Visual Effects Assessments

- We discussed this matter and are in agreement.

9 East Side Retaining Structure

- FB clarified further detail on the height extent and treatment of the retaining wall. Copy of Retaining wall modelling attached for Hearing Commissioners
- We acknowledge that geotechnical investigations will inform the final design
- We discussed this matter and are in agreement that the effects of the structure can be suitably mitigated.

10. Main Area Hillock

- We disagree on the visual and landscape significance of the hillock in the context of its setting
- RS considers the hillock to be a notable landscape element, albeit not an Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature in RMA terms. RS considers this landform, despite modification, has value. FB considers the hillock in its context to have limited value
- We acknowledge and support the condition requiring an archeological investigation
- In addition RS considers a cultural investigation and an assessment of its need for removal is required. FB disagrees.

11. South Coast Character

- RS clarified that the hillock is visually relevant to the South Coast Precinct, a precinct of the Main Site, not what is commonly referred to as Wellington's South Coast. FB agrees.

12. Design Guides

- We agree a Design Guide for the Broadway Gateway is appropriate.
- We agree that the Landscape and Visual Management Plan for the ESA is appropriate.
- We disagree on the need for a Design Guide for The Main Site and the ESA
- RS considers a Design Guide covering the Terminal and ancillary buildings in both the ESA and Main Site should be prepared

- FB considers that the Landscape and Visual Management Plan for the ESA, and the Design Principles and the Design Statement for the Main Site, along with a design guide for the interface areas, for example, the Broadway Gateway, to be adequate.

Jointly signed by:

Frank Boffa

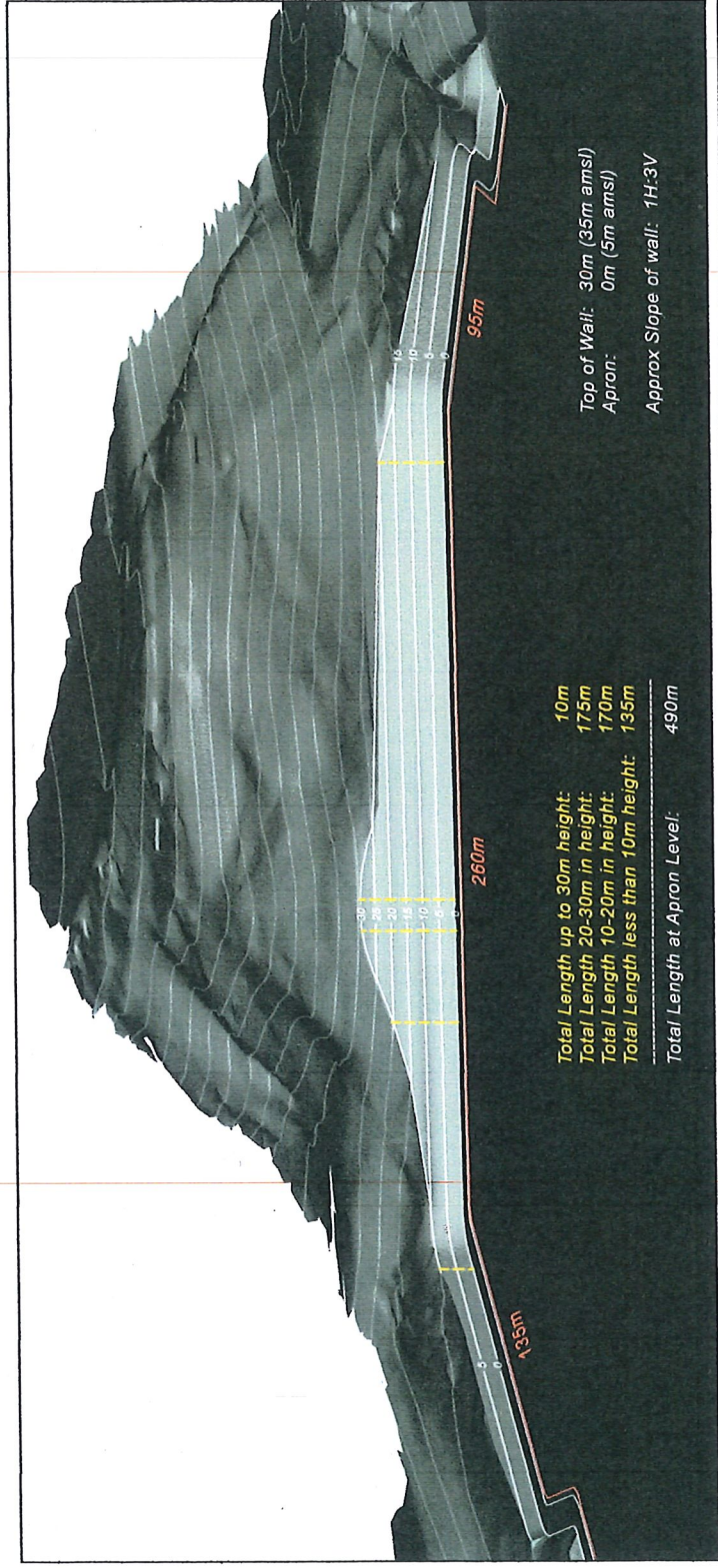
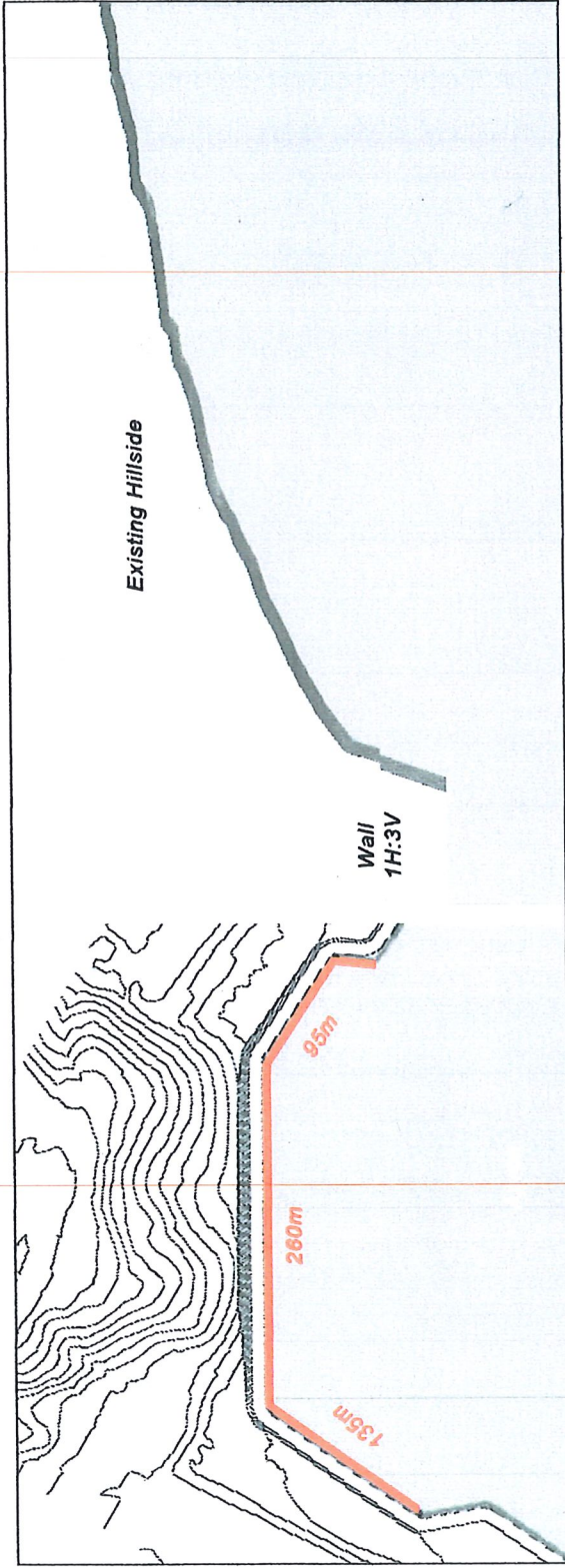


Robin Simpson



13 May 2021





Total Length up to 30m height: 10m
Total Length 20-30m in height: 175m
Total Length 10-20m in height: 170m
Total Length less than 10m height: 135m
Total Length at Apron Level: 490m

Top of Wall: 30m (35m amsl)
Apron: 0m (5m amsl)
Approx Slope of wall: 1H:3V

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