

**Before an Independent Hearing  
Panel Appointed by  
Wellington City Council**

**In the Matter** of the Resource Management Act  
1991

**And**

**In the Matter** of a Notice of Requirement to  
designation land for Airport  
Purposes at known as the Main Site  
NOR

**And**

**In the Matter** of a Notice of Requirement to  
designation land for Airport  
Purposes at known as the East Side  
Area NOR

**Summary Statement of Evidence of  
John Howarth  
for Wellington International Airport Ltd**

Dated: 19 May 2021

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## SUMMARY

1. My name is John Howarth. I am the General Manager Infrastructure and Development at Wellington International Airport Limited. My qualifications and experience are provided in my statement of evidence dated 5 May 2021.
2. Wellington Airport operates off a very constrained site and consequently is very efficiently and intensively utilised. Currently at peak times there are not enough aircraft stands to meet demand, causing delays.
3. WIAL has consulted widely and undertaken a thorough and robust long-term planning approach to establish a logical, staged and flexible approach for progressive airport expansion into the ESA.
4. WIAL has a record of the progressive removal of non-compliances with civil aviation rules when developing and maintaining infrastructure. The staged expansion on to the ESA will include allowance for these improvements to continue.
5. Infrastructure development will only occur as demand requires.
6. The 2040 Airport Masterplan, including as it relates to the ESA, remains robust and relevant for its primary purpose of identifying and protecting land requirements for accommodating long-term inter-generational aeronautical requirements.
7. WIAL has a strong record of working closely with the local community to ensure that the impact of the continued development and operation of the airport is clearly communicated and well managed to mitigate the impact on the Airport's neighbours.
8. WIAL has considered and included within the NOR, conditions for an Earthworks and Construction Management Plan, that will provide a robust framework within which WIAL will continue to deliver significant infrastructure projects while minimising the impact on neighbours.
9. WIAL will continue to consider and allow for climate change resilience in the design and construction of infrastructure at the Airport.

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John Lindsay Howarth

19 May 2021