

19<sup>st</sup> April 2017

To whom it concerns,

**RE: PROPOSED CAMERA OBSCURA PROJECT WHANGAREI**

I'm writing on behalf of the Deaf community to voice our support of the proposed "Camera Obscura" project. It is rare that the Deaf community has access to a fun activity locally that doesn't require hearing for the full enjoyment of it. The design of this project provides something we could enjoy with our friends and families, hassle-free without barriers. I have had the pleasure of seeing the draft model of the Camera Obscura myself and it looks captivating. To be able to see our own city upside down and from a different perspective would be really quite unique and exciting.

I feel with the CCTV system operating 24/7 in the camera obscura room, the risk of incidents that could harm our tourism industry or our community's well-being would be low, which is reassuring.

We very much support this project, and if built in our beautiful area with a view of Te Matau a Pohe, would be an asset to our city and something we all could enjoy for years to come. This new landmark will be an engaging attraction for everyone and add to our rich history of the city as there is no other like this anywhere in New Zealand.

Regards,

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