



Record of engagement with the Ngāti Tara hapū

Since November 2020 Arawai has sought to consult with the local hapū, Ngāti Tara, who in the 2012 acted for the multiple shareholders in Ōkokori A. Notwithstanding significant efforts, a face-to-face meeting between the Arawai Board and representatives of the hapū has yet to take place.

The background to the consultation has included an on-going grievance expressed by some whānau among Ngāti Tara about the acquisition of the Ōkokori B block by Sir Hekenukumai. This has been evidenced in a number of settings including the application by Sir Hek to establish the Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve on 2.1 ha of Ōkokori B he donated for the purpose. Judge Ambler dismissed this as not relevant to his decision on the Reserve (which he granted), just as it is not an RMA issue.¹

The consultation was initiated by Arawai's then planning consultant, Nina Pivac, who emailed the Marae Committee (p1) and attempted, to no avail, to make contact by phone. Advice was provided by Chappy Harrison at this time that the chair of the marae committee, Robert Gabelm was not supportive citing perceptions about Sir Hek's acquisition of Ōkokori B (p2).

A response was eventually made by the hapū through Deliah Balle who phoned Nina Pivac following making contact through FNDC (p3). Both Nina and Peter Phillips responded to the request for a meeting (p4) and (p5) with the suggestion of holding it at the Waka Centre on 15th May. This would enable a presentation to be made of the proposals followed by a site visit. It was indicated (p6) that the hapū was organising a hui and would respond to the invitation.

While Arawai was seeking a meeting (7) and (8) it emerged that Ngāti Tara has lodged an objection to the proposal without waiting to discuss the project with Arawai. Arawai's response (p9) noted a number of aspects of the development which addressed their concerns.

The same day the secretary of the Marae Committee, Carol Hudson, wrote that *"Our Trustees have arranged a hapū hui at Parapara Marae on Saturday 29 March 2021 (sic) at 10am to discuss your proposal, we feel it is imperative that we give our hapū and whānau the opportunity to listen to and discuss your proposal first, for this reason we feel that it is premature to attend your hui on 15 May 2021. You and your directors are welcome to be present at our hui where we are willing to engage with you afterwards."* (p10)

There were three emails to the Marae Committee (p11-13) before an email was received (p14) disinviting Arawai to the hui which stated *"we will contact you when we might meet following our hui"*. In consultation and social impact assessments dating back over 30 years for a diverse range of projects (including a wide range of infrastructure (motorways, water supply, electricity transmission, sewage treatment, airports, power stations, air discharges, quarries, etc.) through

¹ Ambler notes [7] *"First, Mr Burgoyne challenged Mr Busby's ownership of Ōkokori B and questioned the circumstances in which he acquired the land. Mr Piripi similarly disputed Mr Busby's ownership of the land and claimed that it should be returned to the "rightful owners", that is, Ngati Tara. Ms Yates touched on the history of Ōkokori A and B and indicated that her mother had objected to the splitting of the land and subsequent sale of Ōkokori B to Mr Busby. Mrs Sykes spoke in similar terms of the unresolved nawe that had remained over Mr Busby's ownership of Ōkokori B. She had raised these concerns at the hui at Parapara Marae on 26 March 2012.*

[8] As I explained to the parties at both hearings, I cannot look behind Mr Busby's ownership of Ōkokori B. Some members of Ngati Tara may well have unresolved grievances over the manner in which Mr Busby acquired the land in 1966 but that does not negate Mr Busby's title to the land and is not a factor that I can take into account in the present application." (50 TTK9) 50 Taitokerau MB 9 A20070011627



health policy, housing, possum control, water fluoridation, and district plans, to concerts at Eden Park) this disinvasion was an entirely new experience for Peter Phillips.

Contact was made with Carol Hudson by email and in person to see if any assistance could be provided to ensure the meeting was properly informed about the development following the exclusion of the Arawai directors (p15-17) from the hui.

As it turned out, no invitation was forthcoming and the next step was the receipt from FNDC of notification of objections raised by Ngāti Tara (p18). This included the claim that *"The Applicant has not sought (nor the Council deemed necessary at this stage) engagement with Ngāti Tara hapū and whānau pre and post lodging of the resource consent application."* This assertion is clearly contradicted by the approaches made by Arawai and neglects the role of the hapū in:

- disinventing Arawai to the meeting on 29 May 2021 and
- never following up as they wrote that they would.

The second stage of the (attempts at) consultation began after the Hearing Commissioner refused Arawai's application for a resource consent on that cultural matters were not, in his opinion, properly addressed.

Arawai rapidly moved to follow up on the Hearing Commissioner's suggestion that the preparation of a cultural impact assessment would be a good way to remedy the perceived deficiencies in Arawai's evidence and build the relationship with the hapū (continuing to ignore the fact that Sir Hek that a relationship already exists because Hek, his whānau and other members of the waka whānau are of Ngāti Tara descent).

Consistent with best practice in consultation Arawai made a proposal for the development of the CIA which was to finally be decided upon as a way of opening the discussion with the hapū (p23-4).

The response (p26-9) essentially asserted and rejected the Arawai proposal and asserted among other things that *"any CIA developed that includes the tupuna whenua within the Ngāti Tara rohe will be led by members of the Ngāti Tara hapū."*

Arawai welcomed the collaborative approach enunciated by the hapū (p31-3) although there were a number of issues arising from the hapū response. Most notable among these was the insistence that engagement with Arawai be preceded by a hui restricted to people holding mana whenua among those involved with the Waka Centre. In terms of the practice of consultation this constitutes a "demand", which is well-established to be inappropriate.² This is notwithstanding the intent of promoting whanaungatanga. A central issue is this failed to recognise that some members of the waka whānau at Aurere had severe reservations about dealings with particular whānau who have consistently opposed Sir Hek (as exemplified by the opposition to the declaration of the Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve).³

² Land Air Water Association v Waikato Regional Council A11 0/01, Environment Court, 2001, "p453 (viii) Neither party is entitled to make demands".

³ There were seven grounds of opposition addressed by Judge Ambler including the issue of land ownership (as noted above) all of which the Judge rejected. On the unsubstantiated claim that the whole of Ōkokori A and B was an urupa, Judge Ambler concluded that *"I have reviewed the Court records for Ōkokori A and B and have not found any express reference to there being urupa or wahi tapu on Ōkokori B. However, I do note that when the Court dealt with the partition of Ōkokori into Ōkokori A and B in the 1950s, there was express reference to a "tapu" being on Ōkokori A. In the minute of the meeting and site inspection that Judge Prichard conducted on the land with various owners on 19 November 1952, it refers to the proposed reservation to be partitioned (that would become Ōkokori A) as being for "... a camping and fishing reserve and to include the tapu". Judge Ambler also address the issue of access over Ōkokori B to Ōkokori A raised*



The Ngāti Tara Working group Te Tāhuna Roa responded on 27 May 2022 (p37-8) including a restatement of the restriction of the hui planned for 5 May 2022 to those who could whakapapa to Ngāti Tara on. The grounds that *"It is paramount our whānau are given the opportunity to speak in a safe, secure environment amongst their whanaunga nō Ngāti Tara."* The response also cautioned that the process could not be rushed. It concluded with the commitment that *"Following on from the hui to be held on 5 June 2022, Te Tāhuna Roa will be in touch regarding next steps moving forward."*

After careful deliberation the members of the waka whānau of Ngāti Tara descent decided that they would not attend the hui on 5 May (p40-1) on three grounds:

- (1) *the demand that they will share their connection to Ngāti Tara is insulting and unnecessary as their word is sufficient to establish their status as mana whenua. They might well choose to identify their whānau in a hui but do not accept this as an expectation/precondition of the meeting;*
- (2) *they have no desire to revisit the long and, at times, fraught history of interactions between Sir Hekenukumai and other members of the waka whanau on Ōkokori B with a small number of the shareholders on Ōkokori A. These include, but are not limited to, objections to the establishment of the Waka Wānanga Reserve which were appropriately dismissed by Judge Ambler, and persistent trespassing on Ōkokori B; and*
- (3) *Ōkokori B was bequeathed by Sir Hekenukumai to the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust who are the kaitiaki of the land. Just as Arawai is the only organisation that can speak to the development of the Waka Centre, only the Trust, not individual members of Ngāti Tara, has the legal authority to discuss the management of Ōkokori B.*

The response also indicated that *"Notwithstanding the decision by the members of the waka whanau of Ngati Tara descent not to attend the hui on 5th June, Arawai looks forward to meeting with the Working Group to advance working relations with a view to establishing a mutually acceptable process and timetable for the CIA."*

No response was then forthcoming from Ngāti Tara following Arawai's email of 5 May or to a subsequent follow-up emails (p42). The next step was, in practice, prompted by a phone call from Chappy Harrison offering to broker a meeting starting by meeting with Ngāti Tara (p43-4). There were also no responses to follow-up emails (p45-6).

Contacts were renewed with a Zoom meeting between Deliah Balle and Peter Phillips on 2nd October 2023. The follow-up email of 11 October (p48) sought to pin down a date for a meeting proposed as a result of the discussion.

A further inquiry about scheduling was made on 21 November 2023 to which Deliah Balle responded *"Arohamai have been flat tack. Will touch base with Marae to check their next board hui availability."*

by Mr Burgoyne stating: *"His submission on this point waived and contradicted itself during the hearing; he variously suggested that there existed a right of access over Ōkokori B to Ōkokori A; or that there should be a right of access over Ōkokori B to Ōkokori A; or that there might be problems with access over Ōkokori B to the Maori reservation created on Ōkokori B".* Judge Ambler went on to state that *"Once again, I have reviewed the Court records in relation to Ōkokori A and B. The minutes of the meeting of 19 November 1952 and the hearing on 11 March 1954 confirm that the main part of Ōkokori A was the 32 acres in the south eastern corner of the block. The three chain wide extension of the block along the foreshore to the north western boundary of the block was intended to provide Ōkokori A with access to the Crown road reserve on the neighbouring OLC9 block."* . .



No meeting date was subsequently forthcoming and the Arawai Board resolved to seek a suitably qualified person with local connections to undertake the CIA. Arawai's current planning consultant, Steve Sansom, identified Tina Latimer who has significant cultural effects assessment experience (CEA). Tina was commissioned to undertake the CEA. The terms of reference for the work was very closely based on that used by Tina for her assessment of effects of the Carl Maria Quarry Works at Oruru (which is just 15km from the Waka Centre).

Ngāti Tara were advised of the ToR and outputs in an email of 21 January 2024. One of the key requirements was *"(d) provide hap and iwi with comprehensive information and improved understanding of the development activity with a view to avoiding objections on cultural grounds."*

Tina experienced some difficulties in arranging a meeting to discuss the report (p52) but eventually a process was suggested (P53). The engagement of an expert to review the report on behalf of the hapū was an excellent idea but an alternative to the proposed sequencing was suggested so that this work could be undertaken before a meeting was held between the hapū and Arawai

This suggestion was not accepted (p54) and the meeting eventually scheduled for 8th June (p55) (eight months after it was discussed at the 2 October 2023 Zoom meeting). In requesting an agenda the opportunity was again taken to emphasise that Arawai has no responsibilities for or influence over matters relating to land ownership or access over Ōkokori B that are the domain of the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust (p56).

The last meeting with Ngāti Tara took place at the marae on 7th September 2024. The then chair of Arawai, Sarah Petersen reported that the key concerns / priorities seemed to be

Concern/priority	Response
Access through Ōkokori B to the reserve and beach	This is an ongoing issue, see Ambler, but is outside Arawai control. This is the responsibility of the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust
Cultural recognition – acknowledgement of Ngāti Tara as mana whenua, and ensuring Ngāti Tara tell their own stories to visitors	<p>Arawai wrote to Ngāti Tara on 22nd October 2024 stating "Arawai acknowledges Ngāti Tara as mana whenua of southern Doubtless Bay. We commit to working with the hapū to build a strong and collaborative relationship as we seek to protect and enhance the local environment, and promote economic and social development in the local community and across Te Taitokerau through the development and operation of the Waka Centre.</p> <p>In terms of <i>"tell their own stories"</i>, the focus at Aurere is on kaupapa waka not the local area. If it were necessary to tell a local story we have people of Ngāti Tara descent on staff</p> <p>There has been no reply</p>
A feeling we were disrespectful in not approaching them sooner (before the original application) or directly consulting with them with regard to the CIA, a	<p>Approaches were made prior to the 2021 application and we directly sought to consult on the CIA as noted in the consultation record.</p> <p>Arawai has raised the possibility of forming an advisory committee to the Board to facilitate communications and</p>



	input from Ngāti Tara on matters of interest relating to the operation of the Waka Centre. This offer has not been taken up.
We don't believe concerns are about money or payment for services	We have established protocol for payment of salaries and wages, for services provided and koha
The continued concern we are focussed on large scale tourism,	We host larger groups (up to 80) students on the site as this is governed by the costs schools incur on hiring buses. This is education not tourism!
The organisational structure / responsibilities across the three different entities is frustrating for Ngati Tara	The structure with Tarai Waka as the voyaging and waka building society; Hekenukumai Nga Iwi Trust as the asset holder and Arawai as the commercial arm of these two shareholders was set up as a way to protect the kaupapa and the waka and other assets by Sir Hek and this is not about to change

It is potentially significant that cultural concerns about the potential cultural effects of the Waka Centre were not raised at this or previous meeting.

Dr Peter Phillips, NZPI
09 October 2025



Consultation record

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Nina Pivac

Query regarding Sir Hek Busby Kupe Waka Centre - Aurere
To: paraparamarae@hotmail.com

19 November 2020 at 13:05

Kia ora,

I write to you as the planning consultant coordinating the resource consent application process for the Kupe Waka Centre (KWC) located on Te Awapoko Waka Wananga Reserve (Okokori B Block), on behalf of Arawai Limited.

As you may be aware, the Whare Wananga has already been constructed as consented by RC 2130047, an application for which the Parapara Marae Committee provided a letter of approval in 2012 (see attached) after being consulted with by Sir Hek before his passing.

Thanks to PGF funding, Arawai Limited are able to progress to the next stages of development which involves the addition of three new buildings to the site (Taupaepae, Putanga, and Whare Whetu) and the extension of the existing Whare Whakairo/Whare Waka. This stage of development will require resource consent from FNDCC.

Also, while not part of this particular resource consent application, there are also plans to reinstate the existing ramp leading from the Whare Waka down to the Awapoko River in the near future. I have attached a summary of the long-term development plan to provide some context. Please note that this development plan may be subject to minor changes as the design phase progresses.

We recognise that the site and surrounding area is of high cultural significance, and would like to provide the Parapara Marae Committee the opportunity to express whether you have any concerns with the next stages of development. We understand that you may have further questions regarding the proposal, and are happy to discuss this further should you wish. Feel free to contact me on 0210614725 at any time. Alternatively, if you have no concerns with the proposal, it would be very much appreciated if you could please provide an updated letter of approval.

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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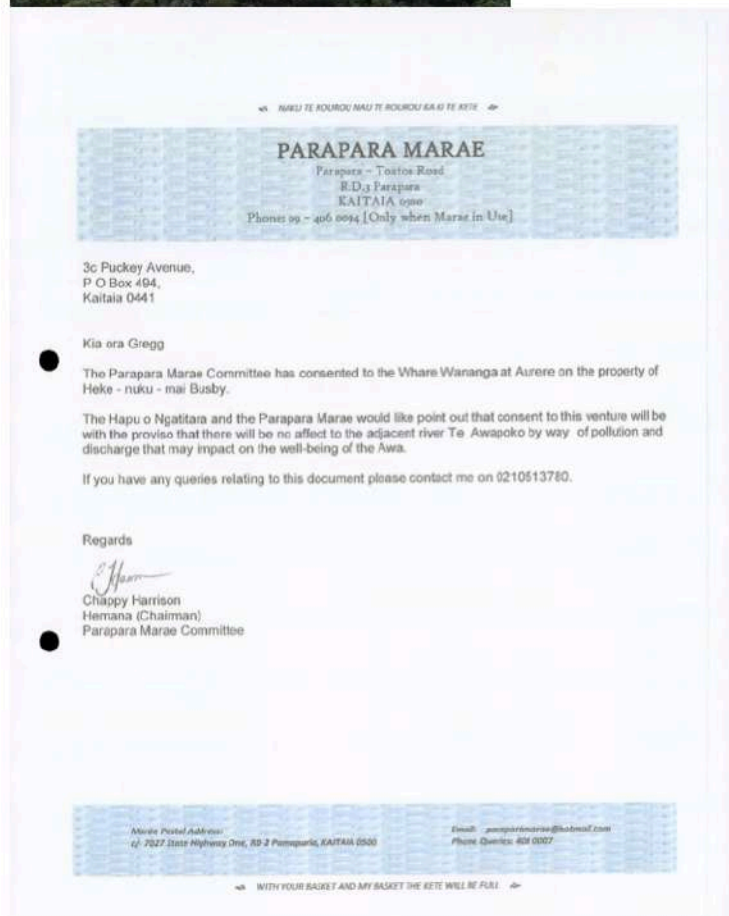
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Chappy Harrison

Re: Parapara Marae

To: Peter Phillips, peter.phillips

17 December 2020 at 12:16

Kia ora Peter

The chair for the marae now is Robert Gable. For some time now before the old man passed Rob has not been supportive of the Waka Facility. His words to me were 'if i had it my way that building will be another hapu marae of Ngatitara' Hecta was well aware of this.

Ngati tara people mostly Robs family have with a vegence not supported Hecta and the Waka facilty.

They believe Hecta obtained the land by ways of sculldugery. Its a funny one becuae it was Rob that stopped the court action on Hecta to evict him (so he tells me).

My suggestion is to get Stan to approach Rob and ask him for the supporting letter Stan has the respect and mana of the waka cummunity Rob is likely to liesten to him after all they are on the hekenuku trust together.

Chappy

Hui with Parapara Marae Committee?

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Nina Pivac <nina@tohuconsulting.nz>

Mon, 3 May 2021, 11:13



to me ▾

Morena Peter,

Just received a phone call from Delia Balle from the Parapara Marae Committee. She would like to discuss the proposal with Arawai Limited and has requested a hui. Overall, she didn't seem opposed to the proposal but would like to discuss certain matters including wastewater disposal, long-term protection of the awa, and plans to enhance and revegetate the area. I acknowledge that this may result in further delays in the consenting process but I think a hui would be beneficial for both Arawai Limited and Parapara Marae Committee as this may be the difference between the application being notified or not. She will liaise with the committee and send through suggested hui dates shortly. Keen to hear your thoughts on the matter.

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Nina Pivac
Sir Hek Busby Kupe Waka Centre
To: balle.deliah@gmail.com

3 May 2021 at 11:21

Morena Deliah,

Appreciate your phone call this morning.

As discussed, I have recommended to Arawai Limited (applicants) that we hold a hui to discuss the proposed development on the Okokori B Block. Please could you send through potential dates and indicate whether you would like to hold the hui on site or at Parapara Marae. I think it may be beneficial that we at least visit the site as it is always easier to visualise the project this way. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Please note I work flexible hours. I am sending this email now as it suits my schedule. However, I do not expect you to respond outside of normal working hours.



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>
to balle.deliah, Nina, bcc: Charlie, bcc: David, bcc: John, bcc: Sarah, bcc: Stanley ▾

Mon, 3 May 2021, 19:43

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Tena koe **Deliah**

On behalf of the Board of Arawai Ltd I would like to invite you and members of the marae committee to a hui at Aurere to discuss the development plan for the site, which is the subject of our application for a resource consent.

We are keen to progress this at your earliest convenience so that we can meet the schedule in our contract with the Provincial Growth Fund.

I have the agreement of the Board to suggest that we hold the hui on Saturday 15th May. If that works for you maybe we could meet at 11am. We could make a short presentation about the Development Plan before lunch and then look round the site and answer any questions you might have.

Ngā mihi

Pete

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Deliah Balle <balle.deliah@gmail.com>
to Carol, me, Nina ▾

Tue, 4 May 2021, 21:40

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Kia ora Peter

Thank you for the invitation to share the project plan. I have cc'd in Carol, Secretary and trustee of our Marae in Parapara who will get in touch with you regarding your hui on the 15th.

Ngā mihi maioha
Deliah Balle

027 471 1051



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>
to Deliah, Nina, Carol, bcc: david.wilson, bcc: sc, bcc: charlie_w, bcc: john, bcc: sarah ▾

Tue, 4 May 2021, 23:41

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Kia Ora **Deliah**

Thanks for this. I will look forward to hearing from Carol.

Nga mihi

Peter

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On 4/05/2021, at 9:40 PM, **Deliah** Balle <balle.deliah@gmail.com> wrote:





Carol Hudson <carolh@taipa.school.nz>

Wed, 5 May 2021, 09:26



to me, Deliah, Nina ▾

Morena Peter,

The Parapara Marae Trustees are in the process of organising a Hapu hui and will notify at a later date if they are able to attend. Thank you for your speedy response.

nga mihi nui

Carol



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Carol Hudson

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Wed, 5 May 2021, 09:40



to Carol, Deliah, Nina, bcc: Charlie, bcc: David, bcc: John, bcc: Sarah, bcc: Stanley ▾

Kia Ora Carol

Will be great if you can make the 15th and it would be really good to show you what we are doing, and plan to do.

We have been fortunate to have Kevin Matthews of Bushlands Trust advising us on the ecology of the site and restoration work we want to undertake. We have made a bit of a start with cleaning up the accumulated debris and noxious weeds and are looking forward to doing some planting of native species appropriate to the site.

Ngā mihi

Peter



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Peter Phillips

5 May 2021 at 09:40

Re: Sir Hek Busby Kupe Kaka Centre

To: Carol Hudson, Cc: Deliah Balle, Nina Pivac, Bcc: Charlie Wilson, David Wilson, John Panoho, Sarah Petersen, Stan Conrad

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Ngā mihi

Peter

[See More from Carol Hudson](#)

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Ngā mihi

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10 May 2021, 12:08



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Kia Ora Carol

Just a quick follow up on my email of 5th May. Will you and other members of the Marae Committee be able to come to the Waka Centre on Saturday? While the current proposal is not different from the previously consented Whare Wānanga in terms of adverse effects which was supported by the Marae Committee, it would be useful be able to discuss the details with you, particularly the measures for environmental protection and enhancement

Ngā mihi

Peter





Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

11 May 2021, 13:54



to Carol, Deliah, Nina, bcc: Charlie, bcc: David, bcc: John, bcc: Sarah, bcc: Stanley ▼

Kia Ora Carol

We have now received your objection from FNDC. I realise now that it would have been appropriate to meet earlier because we could have clarified a number of matters which you have raised in your objection.

I think that the concerns which underpin your objection reinforce the value of meeting on Saturday, so I sincerely hope that this hui will go ahead.

On reflection I need to put my hand up and say that I probably relied too much on the fact that:

- Parapara Marae Committee previously gave approval for the resource consent for the Whare Wananga; and
- The cumulative adverse effects of the new development are no more than minor and even these will be mitigated.

In practice, the development will have no additional impact on visual domination, visual amenity, traffic, outstanding landscape and setback from the CMA, which were all considered in the consent for the Whare Wānanga.

In terms of the objections you have raised, rather than placing pressure on what you see as *"the already impaired ecosystem of the Awapoko river"*, we intend to do the reverse. The existing wastewater treatment on the site was designed by a professional engineer (Eric Wagener). This involves septic tank treatment and discharge to land via a soakage field. The existing system was put in with the consented construction of the Whare Wananga. Eric's design to cater for the new development adds further septic tank treatment and extends the soakage field.

It is worth noting that the resource consent was based on a maximum capacity of the Whare Wananga of 84 people. This number, in practice, will only be reached with the occasional event on the site. Otherwise there will be far fewer people on site - less than 20 when there is a standard guided tour present (which is designed for only 12 people).

The clearance of debris and noxious weeds, new plantings, and the silt trap before the stream exits the property will, if anything have a positive effect on water quality. The pest control programme we have in our *Development Plan* will also assist the local ecology. We are also putting in place both pest and bird monitoring to measure the effects of the pest control. We can share this Plan with you on Saturday, if you wish.

Furthermore, we are currently developing a nursery and planning to ensure that the two ponds on the site have water all year round and are properly planted with appropriate native species. Kevin Matthews of Bushlands Trust which has a number of restoration projects around lakes in the Kaitaia area (including planting around Lake Ngatu and Lake Heather) is advising on this. We would, naturally, welcome any input from people at the marae with local knowledge.

I can appreciate that you would not want visitors from Okokori B crossing Okokori A to get to the beach. I can reassure you that the site will not be open to the "general public" just to drop in when it suits them or to wander around the site. Quite the reverse - our whole approach is based on protecting the mana of the site which means that

- we will typically be only having small groups visiting the site,
- these groups will be guided at all times,
- there will only be one group on the site at a time;
- these groups will be pre-booked;
- visitors will enter and exit the site via the access road to SH10;
- none of Arawai's visitors will be free to enter/cross Okokori A; and
- Site security (including locked gates and surveillance cameras) means that no-one can transit Okokori B to get to Okokori A.

This is only one part of the picture which also includes jobs to be created and community engagement. So, there is a lot to share with you on Saturday. I would be grateful if the hui can go ahead. I have arranged for the full Board of directors to be available to meet you.

Ngā mihi

Peter



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Carol Hudson

Okokiri B

To: Peter Phillips

12 May 2021 at 11:50



Siri Found a Phone Number

Carol Hudson

09 406 0159;220

Update



Kia ora Peter,

Our Trustees have arranged a Hapu hui at Parapara Marae on Saturday: 29 March 2021 at 10am to discuss your proposal, we feel that it is imperative that we give our Hapu and whanau the opportunity to listen to and discuss your proposal first, for this reason we felt that it was premature to attend your hui on 15 May 2021.

You and your directors are welcome to be present at our hui where we are willing to engage with you afterwards.

Nga mihi nui

Carol

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Peter Phillips

Re: Okokiri B

To: Carol Hudson, Nina Pivac, Deliah Balle

12 May 2021 at 13:16

Kia Ora Carol

Has been pointed out to me that I just copied your text saying 29th March. Just to confirm we are talking 29th May

Nga mihi

peter

[See More](#) from Peter Phillips

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Ngā mihi

Pete

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Peter Phillips

Re: Okokiri B

To: Carol Hudson, Nina Pivac, Deliah Balle, Bcc: Charlie Wilson, David Wilson, John Panoho, Sarah Petersen, Stan Conrad

12 May 2021 at 13:02

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Kia Ora Carol

Thanks for this and we appreciate that you have your own processes to follow. Clearly we would be delighted to take up your offer to come to the marae on the 29th March.

Our intent in inviting the Marae Committee to the site was to provide an opportunity to stand on the whenua and see what is planned in context, rather than in the abstract on a plan or in a report.

With that in mind the Board has decided that it will still be onsite on Saturday and be happy to discuss the proposal on an informal basis with you or anyone from the marae who may wish to visit.

In the interim, however, I would like to extend the invitation to you and anyone else from the marae who may wish to come to the Waka Centre on Saturday 15th, any time from 11am onwards. In the same vein, we have always had a good relationship with Taipa School so if there are any of your colleagues who may wish to visit then they would be most welcome.

The gate at SH10 will be unlocked so just come down the (1.8km) access road to the Reserve. There will be signage to where you can park.

Hoping to see you on Saturday.

Ngā mihi

Peter

[See More from Carol Hudson](#)

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Re: Okokiri B

26 May 2021 at 15:50

To: Carol Hudson, Bcc: Charlie Wilson, David Wilson, John Panoho, Sarah Petersen, Stan Conrad, Nina Pivac, Deliah Balle

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Kia Ora Carol

Just to confirm that one of my directors and I will come to the marae on Saturday to discuss the proposed further development of the Sir Hek Busby Kupe Waka Centre.

I would be grateful if you could tell me at what time it would be appropriate to arrive and the format for the meeting.

If we will be talking to a larger group I can bring a projector and a presentation so people can see what we are talking about. If it is only a couple of people then I could use my iPad or just bring a handout. Happy to fit in with whatever suits you best.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Carol Hudson

Re: Okokiri B

To: Peter Phillips, Robert Gabel

27 May 2021 at 11:33



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Carol Hudson

09 406 0159;220

Update



Hi Peter,
Just letting you know that Marae Trustees have decided that the Hapu a Hui this Saturday will be solely for ourselves, we will contact you when we might meet following our hui.
Nga mihi
Carol

[See More](#) from Peter Phillips

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Carol Hudson
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Peter Phillips

27 May 2021 at 19:26

Re: Okokiri B

To: Carol Hudson, Bcc: Sarah Petersen, John Panoho, David Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Stan Conrad

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Kia Ora Carol

I will call you in the morning at school as I would very much like to catch up with you before returning to Auckland from Aurere now the invitation has been withdrawn.

Nga mihi

Peter

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Fri, 28 May 2021, 10:56



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

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Carol hudson

Rang 10:55



Peter Phillips

Re: Okokiri B

To: Carol Hudson, Cc: Nina Pivac, Deliah Balle, Bcc: Charlie Wilson, David Wilson, John Panoho, Sarah Petersen, Stan Conrad

28 May 2021 at 17:38

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Kia Ora Carol

Thanks for talking to me today. Herewith the Approval and the Resource Consent we discussed.

The consent decision is very helpful in that it identifies the key issues and the policies and plans which were considered before coming to a decision to grant the application. The Council's analysis prepared by Theresa Burkhardt concluded that *"It is considered that it has been demonstrated that the proposal's effect will be minor on the environment. In addition, it is considered that the proposal is consistent with the policies and objectives of the relevant plan provisions, and therefore passes the threshold test of S104D."*

With the new application the activity/use is the same as before with the same or fewer people on-site. The new buildings are further away from the CMA with the wastewater treatment an extension of the Whare Wananga scheme as previously approved, again prepared by Eric Wagener.

In my professional assessment the cumulative effects of the new buildings will be less than minor. They will, however, allow us to do more in terms of education and training including the use of VR headsets for celestial navigation and waka sailing "experiences" - especially important for our school visits. The extended programme for environmental restoration and new nursery and organic gardens will also provide opportunities for community engagement, in which it would be great if people from the marae could be involved.

As mentioned, I am also attaching Judge Ambler's decision on the declaration of the Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve which was gazetted on 23 May 2013. The judge found that a number of objections had no bearing on the establishment of the Reserve. They are similarly not matters related to sustainable management.

I trust you will have a productive hui and look forward to hearing the results, with a timetable for the next steps.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Ambler Decision MLC-
MB-9-Okokori-B.pdf



From: Deliah Balle <balle.deliah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 14 June 2021 12:35 pm
To: Minnie Fox <minnie.fox@fndc.govt.nz>
Subject: Resource Consent Application 2300463 - Te Arawai Limited, Land Use Consent, Okokori B

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Kia ora Minnie

Thank you for your time on Friday to discuss the abovenamed resource consent application which we now understand is currently on hold pending further information. Appreciate the time and effort you have provided our hapu and whanau to understand the process and to provide feedback.

Firstly it is with urgency that I wish to inform you, if you havent already been advised, that whanau visited Okokori on the weekend gone and noticed that earth moving and excavation work had begun on Okokori B. It was quite upsetting to hear this given there has been no engagement with us as whanau or Ngati Tara to consider the location and or effects. Our understanding is that this is work is consented therefore work should cease immediately and an abatement notice issued to stop work. I have had to encourage whanau not to call the police as some wanted to do. We have footage and photos if you need, in the meantime can you please confirm? Your soonest reply would be appreciated.

Below is the feedback I wish to provide at this stage of the application, should the consent be reviewed or notified it would be good to have the opportunity to provide further feedback. I have also provided recommendations for your consideration in determining whether to notify the consent.

So that you are aware I have also provided my feedback as a template to whanau to encourage them to provide their own feedback.

I provide this feedback as Ngāti Tara whanau and hapu who has mana whenua of the land on which the development is proposed. I am also mana whenua and landowner of the neighbouring land block, namely Ōkokori A. It is my duty as mana whenua and kaitiaki to protect the mana and mauri of our whenua, wai, moana and taonga species.I have reviewed the resource consent application RC2300463 and I wish to raise the following concerns as feedback for your consideration in deciding to notify the resource consent application. Notifying the consent will enable our wider whānau and hapū to voice their concerns and be properly recognised and heard.

1.	No Consultation Undertaken or Sought with Tangata Whenua
<p>The Applicant has not sought (nor the Council deemed necessary at this stage) engagement with Ngāti Tara hapū and whānau pre and post the lodging of the resource consent application. Ngāti Tara are mana whenua of the area and are also landowners of the neighbouring property. We are disappointed that engagement and approval was sought from a number of other parties, including property owners within the vicinity, but not mana whenua.</p> <p>Based on the location and scale of the proposed development of this resource consent application and the many sites of significance to Ngāti Tara located in and around this whenua, we stand to be adversely affected by this proposal. Consultation with mana whenua is absolutely necessary. I am only one of many landowners on Ōkokori B who I believe must equally be engaged so that they may have the equal opportunity to provide input and feedback.</p>	

2.	Inadequate Cultural Assessment Undertaken
<p>The entire area of Ōkokori (both A & B) is considered wāhi tapu of Ngāti Tara and accordingly is an area that contains several sites of cultural significance to our people. This area is also acknowledged in the FNDC Operating Plan as a Site of Cultural Significance (MS05-38).</p> <p>It should also be noted that whilst some cultural sites are identified by Councils and NZ Archaeological Association (NZAA), there are sites whereby their locations have not been disclosed due to their sensitivity and identification may undermine their integrity. Thus consultation with tangata whenua is required to ensure use and activities do not impact these sites.</p> <p>The Applicant considers that the proposed activity associated with the development i.e. ‘promoting kaupapa waka’ would “seem to address any adverse cultural or spiritual effects arising from the proposed development” [pg. 26]. Clearly this assessment is a poor effort and falls short of meeting the requirements of this provision, whereby effects on cultural values can only be determined by mana whenua. Therefore only Ngāti Tara can determine and define cultural effects.</p>	

3.	Thoroughfare from Ōkokori B through Ōkokori A
<p>Whānau have been observing and experiencing non tangata whenua using Ōkokori A as a thoroughfare from Ōkokori B to access the beach. The application does not address this particular issue however it is my view that the proposed development and associated activity will ‘not discourage’ passage through our whenua rather, due to the proposed increase of activity i.e. cultural tourism, in addition to the waka school, the trespassing may increase. For the reasons stated in point 2 (cultural sites and sensitivity) this cannot continue.</p>	

4.	Impact of the Proposed Development on the Mauri of our Wai, Moana and Whenua
<p>The fundamental concept of Te Mana o Te Wai is articulated in the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020). This includes the exercise of the Mana Whakahaere principle of Te Mana o te Wai and the direction to actively involve tangata whenua in freshwater management and decision making. The NPS-FM 2020 is a matter local authorities must have regard to in determining this application under s 104 (1) (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).</p> <p>The misuse and mismanagement of our wai by local authorities has seen the decline of the mauri of our wai. This is so for our river Awapoko whereby the discharge of wastewater into our wai has prohibited tangata whenua from continuing our cultural and traditional practices. This includes the impact on taonga species, harvesting of taonga species and the ability for our tamariki to safely swim in its waters.</p> <p>The application refers to management of sewerage and stormwater (noting the current system is within the 30m setback from CMA thus non-compliant) which notes Awapoko as the receiving environment. As mana whenua and kaitiaki of Ōkokori, I want to see the mauri of our wai improve so that my children and mokopuna can continue our traditional practices. I therefore will not support any activity or use that continues to diminish the mauri of our awa.</p>	

Recommendations

1.	That the FNDC at this stage decline the resource consent application based on the issues raised above.
2.	Should the FNDC continue with reviewing the resource consent application that it require the Applicant to consult with all mana whenua and landowners of Ōkokori B.
3.	Request that a Cultural Impact Assessment be undertaken to consider the impacts of the proposed development on the cultural overlay of Ōkokori as a whole i.e. Ōkokori A & B and that this be undertaken by mana whenua i.e. Ngāti Tara, nominated also by Parapara Marae Trustees.

I am available for further comment or questions you may have on the feedback I have provided and can be contacted also by mobile on 027 471 1051.

Nga mihi maioha
Deliah Balle



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Mon, 14 Jun 2021, 21:20



to Chappy, bcc: Charlie, bcc: David, bcc: John, bcc: Sarah, bcc: Stanley ▼

Kia Ora **Chappy**

Herewith the presentation.

I would be most happy go through this with you on Zoom as I don't have as site visit planned in the next week or so. We could also include anyone else who is interested to go through this. Just let me know a suitable time.

Ngā mihi

Pete

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to Chapman ▾

16 Jun 2021, 12:06



Kia Ora **Chappy**

Ngati Tara through Deliah Balle and others are already submitting objections (see attached) so it would be really good if you could put in your submission sooner rather than later.

Because Council has issued a S92 there is technically no closing date yet but it would be fantastic for them to see that there are other views from members of Parapara Marae!

Nga mihi

Pete



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Nina Pivac <nina@tohuconsulting.nz>

to me ▼

14 Dec 2021, 14:18



Kia ora Pete,

Sounds good.

I received a phone call from Simeon today, he wants to know if there is any appetite for mediation with the submitter's pre-hearing. He says he has spoken with Deliah Balle (submitter) who is open to the idea. In my opinion, I believe it would be more efficient if we just proceed with the hearing as mediation could cause further delays AND they have left it too late in the year to even arrange anything this side of Christmas. As you are aware, we have attempted to consult on numerous occasions with no success so best to let the commissioner deal with it. Let me know your thoughts on this so I can respond to Simeon on the matter.

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Ngā Mihi,

Nina Pivac | BAppSc | PGDip Planning | Assoc NZPI | Director



Nina Pivac <nina@tohuconsulting.nz>

Wed, 9 Feb 2022, 14:18



to me, Buddy, Sarah, David, Charlie, John, Stanley ▼

Kia ora koutou,

Whilst Arawai Limited may not have consulted prior to the application being lodged with FNDC in March 2021 (as asserted by the submitters), it seems to have been forgotten that I, as your acting planning agent, had sent an email to the Parapara Marae email address (paraparamarae@hotmail.com) in November 2020 in an attempt to engage tangata whenua. See attached. I used contact details that are publicly available on the Ngati Kahu website and the Parapara Marae facebook page. Consultation through Parapara Marae was deemed the most appropriate approach given this was the approach adopted in RC 2130047.

I also recall attempting to phone Parapara Marae's main contact (as per their facebook page) but was unable to connect. Unfortunately, I do not have any record of this.

I gave them almost 3 months to respond prior to lodging the application, and yet no response had been received until May 2021 after the application was circulated by FNDC.

If our original email did not reach the relevant parties, that is not our fault. Whilst I am (now) not comfortable with the opening sentence of the final paragraph, the attached email serves as evidence that we, as a collective, acted in good faith and did attempt to facilitate early engagement. Will be sure to point this out tomorrow.

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Ngā Mihi,

Nina Pivac | BAppSc | PGDip Planning | Assoc NZPI | Director



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

31 Mar 2022, 15:27



to Planning, Deliah, Kristin, Carol, bcc: Sarah, bcc: David, bcc: Charlie, bcc: John, bcc: Stanley ▾

Kia Ora **Deliah**

Arawai has now formally resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Hearing Commission that a CIA be undertaken.

We have developed a draft consultation strategy for the process of defining the brief and identifying potential consultants, which I attach.

The strategy seeks to avoid any suggestion that Arawai is not following best practice in engaging widely with hapū members and their representatives.

We would be interested in the your thoughts and that of your team on the strategy.

Ngā mihi

Peter



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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

22 Apr 2022, 06:13



to Planning, Deliah, Carol, bcc: sarah, bcc: david.wilson, bcc: sc, bcc: john, bcc: charlie_w ▾

Kia Ora **Deliah**

Following up on my email of 31 March 2022 and subsequent emails, Arawai invites you and your working group to:

1. Nominate a suitably qualified person or persons to be considered to undertake the Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) recommended by the Hearing Commissioner;
2. Identify any person or organisation among Ngati Tara, outside your working group and the Marae Committee (via Carol Hudson), who you consider should also be consulted on the Brief for the CIA and/or the selection of a suitable person(s) to prepare the CIA (email addresses would be best); and
3. Provide any input you might care to make into the development of the Brief for the CIA.

Arawai has been working on points 1 and 2 above and will shortly begin consultation with other members of Ngati Tara on points 1-3.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Nga mihi

Peter

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On 31/03/2022, at 3:27 PM, Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz> wrote:

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Deliah Balle <miss.dballe@gmail.com>

to me, Carol, Planning ▼

27 Apr 2022, 12:25



Kia ora Peter

The working group met with Ngāti Tara over the Easter Weekend and are in the process of now finalising a response and proposed way forward.

We anticipate this will be with you by the end of the week.

Ngā mihi

Deliah



28 April 2022

Peter Phillips
PO Box 51
Mangonui 0442

By email: peter@arawai.co.nz

Tēnā koe Peter,

CONSULTATION ON THE BRIEF FOR THE CIA AND A CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE THE ASSESSMENT

1. We refer to your communications stated above, received by email on 31st March 2022. Please find below response from the Ngāti Tara Working Group on behalf of Ngāti Tara (the “**Working Group**”) namely Te Tāhuna Roa.
2. Thank you for your response and making the first move to engage with Ngāti Tara hapū, our overall wish following on from the hearing is to heal from the mamae this process has caused our hapū, to rebuild relationships and move forward to achieve a collective aspiration.
3. This letter addresses the next steps Ngāti Tara would like to take moving forward and how we intend to do this.

Background

4. By way of background, Ngāti Tara as a hapū held a hui at Parapara Marae on 2 April 2022 to discuss the outcome of the hearing, the consultation proposal sent through from Arawai Limited and the direction the hapū are wanting to move towards. Zoom facilities were also made available for hapū members who were not able to be present in person.
5. The feedback was positive from the whānau in response to the decision of the Hearing Commissioner where the whānau felt, although the decision was favorable to Ngāti Tara, there is a lot of work that is still yet to be done.
6. As a result of this hui, a Ngāti Tara Working Group (the “**Working Group**”) was formed, tasked with leading the strategic consultation and acting on behalf of Ngāti Tara. The Working Group has met twice since this hui to work towards drafting this response and deciphering what the next phase of this Kaupapa will look like.
7. Ngāti Tara held another hapū hui during Easter weekend (15 April – 17 April 2022) to discuss, amongst other things, this response letter, aspirations and expectations around engagement and consultation moving forward. In addition we held working bees at Aurere and Parapara Marae in exercising our role as kaitiakitanga of the whenua.
8. Due to the nature of the isolated rural setting Ngāti Tara is situated in and with a number of hapū members being involved in the urban drift now living outside of the rohe, in the past it has proven difficult to meet and hold hui with a healthy turnout of hapū members, however, since the conception of this Kaupapa, Ngāti Tara have been involved and present in numbers, something we have not seen for years. This highlights the importance and significance of this Kaupapa to Ngāti Tara as a

hapū, therefore, it is paramount, engagement throughout the entirety of this process is done so in the right manner.

Next steps

9. We appreciate the consultation strategy developed by Arawai Ltd, however, we believe there are more significant steps that need to be completed prior to engaging in the development of the CIA and rolling out a communications plan as outlined in the consultation strategy.
10. First and foremost, it is the expectation of Ngāti Tara that prior to engaging in any consultation and engagement, that any strategy, plan or outcome involving Ngāti Tara is co-designed, co-developed and mutually agreed to between **both** Arawai Ltd and Ngāti Tara. The Working Group must be involved from the conception of any strategy or plan and cannot be expected to engage in something they have not been involved in developing.
11. We understand and support the desire to reach as many Ngāti Tara hapū members as possible to be involved in this process and understand the importance of an in-depth communication plan and strategy to achieve that. As mentioned previously, there has been healthy involvement from Ngāti Tara hapū members attending hapū hui at Parapara Marae. Ngāti Tara are fortunate to have a number of hapū members with a wide range of expertise and skills, including communications. Therefore, Ngāti Tara have the capability and capacity to build our own communications strategy and plan as we understand how to communicate and reach our people due to the unique nature of our hapū.
12. In saying this, in accordance with the tikanga and kawa of Ngāti Tara, Ngāti Tara believe it is appropriate and necessary to hold a hui at Parapara Marae and invite the Ngāti Tara descendants referred to in your letter, this being, the immediate whānau of the late Sir Hekenukumai Ngāiwi Puhipi Busby, Stan Conrad and others, who have been involved in waka building, ocean voyaging and traditional wayfinding at Aurere since the early 1980s.
13. The purpose of this hui is to whakawhanaungatanga with the Ngāti Tara descendants involved in this Kaupapa, to re-build relationships that have been present for many generations based on whakapapa and to have an open and honest discussion regarding the direction moving forward. The hope is, by holding this hui, it will be the catalyst for many and to reach a mutual agreement and understanding amongst all of Ngāti Tara on how to engage with one another.
14. Whanaungatanga will provide the opportunity to build positive and collaborative relationships to explore what is of utmost importance to all involved, to co-develop mutual aspirations for the whenua at Aurere and is essential to achieve mutual benefits of the owners of Okokori A, Okokori B and Ngāti Tara as a whole.
15. An agenda would be mutually agreed to by the Working Group and those who are of Ngāti Tara descent referred to in your letter. This would be a closed hapū hui where those only of Ngāti Tara decent attend, an overview and outcome of the hui may be shared at a later date with Arawai Ltd if agreed to by those in attendance. As a recommendation to keep the momentum moving, the Working Group have scheduled the first of these hui (the “**Mana Whenua hui**”) to occur on **Sunday 5th**

June at Parapara Marae. As mentioned previously, this date is a starting point to keep momentum rolling, thereafter the Working Group propose to hold regular hui as and when required.

Cultural Impact Assessment Report

16. As outlined in your letter, the Hearing Commissioner suggested in his decision that an effective way of moving forward is to work to preparing a Cultural Impact Assessment Report ("CIA"). The Hearing Commissioner suggested the CIA considers, amongst other things, identify the impact of the proposal culturally, spiritually and environmentally whilst also suggesting to review the cultural significance of the site and wāhi tapu sites within Okokori.
17. A suggested timeframe or deadline was not provided in terms of when the CIA should be finalised, however, as you may be aware, the timing to complete a CIA is dependent on the terms of reference agreed to, the resourcing made available and the nature of the proposed activity. Based on the above, this could take up to six months to a year, minimum.
18. Although we appreciate your efforts to draft a consultation strategy as well as a communication plan to move forward, as mentioned previously it is extremely inappropriate to agree to and engage in a process that Ngāti Tara have not been involved in developing. Who is engaged with in the development of the CIA and timeframes in terms of communications will be negotiated with and mutually agreed to by Ngāti Tara.
19. As Ngāti Tara have previously engaged in the process of developing a CIA for another Kaupapa, the Working Group are aware of the process and understand CIA's are most effective when the terms of reference and the CIA process is co-designed and co-constructed between the commissioning party and mana whenua.
20. CIA's are generally prepared by mana whenua who hold a deep understanding of the hītori, tikanga, cultural values and interests in the area affected by the proposal. Due to the nature of what is included in a CIA, it is inappropriate that this process is led by a 'consultant' as referred to in your letter and any CIA developed that includes the tupuna whenua within the Ngāti Tara rohe will be led by members of the Ngāti Tara hapū.
21. The Working Group are committed to working in genuine partnership with the various stakeholders that are involved. Accordingly the Working Group propose a subsequent hui with Arawai Limited, following the Mana Whenua hui whereby an agreed process will be jointly considered and designed to consider the CIA, communication and engagement processes.
22. It is important to remember any development that may potentially happen on the whenua at Aurere will surpass those involved now and will remain for generations, therefore, it is of utmost importance that balance is restored and whanaungatanga is at the forefront of any consultation and engagement.
23. It is paramount that all levels of stakeholders involved are on the same page with mana whenua that being first and foremost, the Busby whānau and the landowners

of Okokori B, the trustees of the Māori reservation Okokori B, the Ngāti Tara descendants involved in the waka academy and lastly, the Arawai Ltd Directors and project leads.

Ngā mihi, nā

Te Tāhuna Roa
Ngāti Tara Working Group



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

9 May 2022, 12:24



to Deliah, Deliah, Carol, Planning, bcc: Sarah, bcc: David, bcc: Charlie, bcc: John, bcc: Stanley ▼

Kia Ora **Deliah**

Thanks for this. It is on the Agenda for our Board meeting this week.

We will be in touch in due course.

Ngā mihi

Peter



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12 May 2022

Ngāti Tara Working Group Te Tahuna Roa

Atten: Ms Deliah Balle

Tēnā koe Deliah

CONSULTATION ON THE BRIEF FOR THE CIA AND A CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE THE ASSESSMENT

Thank you for your email of 7 May 2022 and the Working Group's paper of 28 April 2022. These were tabled at Arawai's Board meeting yesterday with careful consideration given to the points made.

The steps taken as set out in the "*Background*" are noted. The working bee has had a positive impact on the whenua at Okokori "A".

We appreciate that the Working Group wishes to hold a hui at Parapara Marae and invite the immediate whanau of the late Sir Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Puhipi Busby, Stan Conrad and others, who have been involved in waka building, ocean voyaging and traditional wayfinding at Aurere since the early 1980s before meeting with Arawai. This will be useful as both Stan Conrad and Alex Busby are trustees of the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust to whom Okokori B was bequeathed by Sir Hekenukumai. For clarity, we note that it is this Trust which administers Okokori B and is responsible for matters of access and land ownership. Furthermore, these matters are outside the ambit of the application for a Resource Consent, as noted in the Section 42A Report on Arawai's application.¹

In terms of the draft consultation strategy for the development of the Brief for the CIA and selection of the person to undertake the work, this was a follow-up on the statement of the Hearing Commissioner that the preparation of a Cultural Impact Assessment would "*provide for a greater degree of consultation with the submitters to this application.*"² Arawai welcomes the opportunity for a collaborative approach to developing an engagement strategy whilst recognising that the company has responsibilities as the applicant and also contractual responsibilities to Kānoa who has provided funding for the development work.

In this respect it is worth noting that there is no budget provision for funding a CIA in the contract with Kānoa and accordingly Arawai will need to seek their approval for any work. Our contract with Kānoa requires us to meet Government and social procurement processes for any expenditure given it is public monies, and therefore we note that selection of the person to

¹ Simeon McLean (18 January 2022) *Planners Hearing Report, Application No: 2300463-RMALUC*, para 7.3, 14/37

² *Decision following the hearing of an application for resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991, Application number: 2300463-RMALUC*, 7 March 2022, para 62 i)



undertake the preparation of the CIA may also be influenced by these requirements. Please let us know if you would like us to provide further information on our implementation of these Government procurement processes.

In terms of the proposed hui on Sunday 5th June at Parapara Marae we note the intention that this be restricted to mana whenua. We would appreciate it if the Working Group would consider whether our chairperson, Sarah Petersen, might attend as an observer only and with no speaking rights to further our collective understanding of the perspectives and help build momentum for collaboration with Arawai. With Stan and Alex in attendance you will already have two people from Arawai at the meeting which renders a nullity the notion of *“sharing an overview and outcome of the hui at a later date with Arawai Ltd if agreed to by those in attendance”*.

We consider the statement in para 19 that Ngati Tara have previously engaged in the process of developing a CIA for another Kaupapa, and that the Working Group are aware of the process, to be positive. This will help focus the Brief and ensure that matters of concern identified as *“effects on the site”* in the Hearing decision are properly resolved.³ Arawai is happy to work with the Working Group to co-design the terms of reference and the CIA process.

We note the comment in your para 17 that preparation of the CIA *“could take up to six months to a year, minimum.”* Thank you for your openness in sharing this advice, and we acknowledge that some time is required to work through this process appropriately. We do, however, also need to address our funding commitments and deliverables. We would welcome the opportunity to share these with the Working Group at an appropriate time in the spirit of openness and understanding of our respective timeframes. We are also more than happy to work with you to expedite the process of finalizing the terms of reference and the selection of a person to undertake the work. In this respect, we have already identified a number of candidates who might be considered which we are happy to share at the appropriate time.

Looking at para 17 we would be grateful if you could elaborate on the term *“nature of the proposed activity”* as a factor which could influence the timing of the CIA, as we do not understand this fully. Our application did not contain any activities that were not previously approved in the 2012 Consent for the Whare Wānanga, so there are no new proposed activities. As always, we remain open to meeting together and sharing Arawai’s plans to improve our shared understanding of the activities that have developed over the years of operating at Okokori B under the leadership and stewardship of the late Sir Hekenukumai.

Looking at your para 22, it is worth noting that Okokori B is held in freehold title and that the only portion that is Māori reservation is the Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve. This represents the 2.1ha of the 115.8ha which was specifically established for the Waka Centre by the Māori Land Court in 2013.⁴

In closing, Arawai looks forward to working collaboratively with the Working Group to bring the CIA forward expeditiously and to build on existing links to Ngāti Tara. We are mindful of the profound contribution of Sir Hekenukumai to Aotearoa~New Zealand and the peoples of Te

³ Decision following the hearing of an application for resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991, Application number: 2300463-RMALUC, 7 March 2022, para 50, page 12

⁴ Setting Apart Maori Freehold Land as a Maori Reservation, Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve, New Zealand Gazette, Notice Number, 2013-In3089, Page Number: 3089, Issue Number: 64. This followed the Reserve Judgement of Judge DJ Ambler issued on 12 October 2012 which concluded that there were no valid objections to the Māori reservation, (50 TTK 9) 50 Taitokerau MB 9 A20070011627



Moana Nui a Kiwa, and fully committed to seeing his vision for the Waka Centre realised to acknowledge his legacy.

Ngā mihi

On behalf of the Board of Arawai Ltd

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Te Tāhuna Roa <tetaahunaroa@gmail.com>

to me, balle.deliah ▼

Mon, 16 May 2022, 18:10



Kia ora Peter

The purpose of this email is to firstly inform you that this is the new email address for **Te Tahuna Roa** (working group) and accordingly to where all communications are to be forwarded (and received) going forward,

Secondly and further to my email of 7th May, we are seeking the names and contact details of Ngati Tara uri who are involved in the Arawai Limited resource consent (as mentioned in your briefing) so that we may send them an invite to attend the mana Whenua Hui **on** 5th June. Accordingly can you please provide their names and contact details (email addresses).

Nga mihi maioha

Deliah Balle

on behalf of **Te Tahuna Roa**



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Tue, 17 May 2022, 14:20



to Te, balle.deliah, bcc: Sarah, bcc: David, bcc: Charlie, bcc: John, bcc: Stanley, bcc: Shane ▼

Kia Ora **Deliah**

Please find attached Arawa's response to the Working Group's paper of 28 April.

I will be in touch about possible attendees to the meeting on 5th June - to date, Stan has confirmed.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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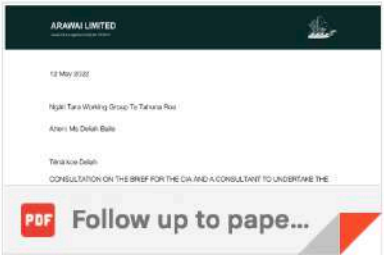
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Te Tāhuna Roa <tetaahunaroa@gmail.com>

to me ▼

Fri, 27 May 2022, 15:00



Tēnā koe Peter,

Please find **attached** a response letter from Te Tāhuna Roa dated 27 May 2022. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please feel free to contact us.

Ngā mihi uruhau,
Te Tāhuna Roa

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27 May 2022

Peter Phillips
PO Box 51
Mangonui 0442

By email: info@arawai.co.nz

Tēnā koe Peter,

LETTER DATED 12 MAY 2022

1. We refer to your communications in relation to the above matter, please find below a response to your letter dated 12 May 2022 from Te Tāhuna Roa on behalf of Ngāti Tara.
2. Thank you for responding to our letter in a timely manner and for taking the time to table the letter from Te Tāhuna Roa at the Arawai Board meeting. All in all, it is encouraging to see Arawai Limited is interested in working with Ngāti Tara and Te Tāhuna Roa.
3. This letter provides information regarding the hui to be held at Parapara Marae on 5 June 2022 and outlines some matters relating to the Cultural Impact Assessment ("CIA").

Ngāti Tara hapū hui 5 June 2022

4. As noted previously, the intention and purpose of this hui is for Ngāti Tara to whakawhanaungatanga with the Ngāti Tara descendants involved in the Waka Kaupapa. The objective of having a hui as such is to start a dialogue, establish relationships with those Ngāti Tara uri involved in the Waka Kaupapa and ensure all Ngāti Tara uri are on the same page.
5. The Ngāti Tara whānau are still very hurt from how this consenting process has unfolded and from the disregard for our mana whenua within our tribal area, therefore it is important our whānau are given the opportunity to share their hurt and voice their concerns of the past, present and future.
6. There will be an expectation that the Ngāti Tara uri involved within the Waka Kaupapa will share their connection to Ngāti Tara and their experiences with Ngāti Tara whenua.
7. As mentioned previously and as acknowledged in your letter, this hui is for Ngāti Tara uri only. Therefore, we respectfully decline the Chairperson Sarah Petersen to attend the hui.
8. We would also ask you to relay this message to those of whom the invitation has been extended to, that those who whakapapa to Ngāti Tara are only to attend this hui. It is paramount our whānau are given the opportunity to speak in a safe, secure

environment amongst their whanaunga nō Ngāti Tara. If people are in attendance who do not whakapapa to Ngāti Tara, they will respectfully be asked to leave.

Cultural Impact Assessment

9. Te Tāhuna Roa acknowledges the pressures Arawai Limited is faced with in terms of contractual obligations and responsibilities to Kānoa. As a reminder, we are in this position as a result of the process Arawai Ltd undertook to seek approval for a resource consent that failed to consult and engage Ngāti Tara. Now that we have arrived here, it is crucial we ensure the foundations are set properly.
10. In response to your comment around timeframes to complete the CIA, it is important to note, processes like these cannot be rushed despite contractual responsibilities. Whilst Arawai Ltd have obligations, Te Tāhuna Roa have hapū obligations to Ngāti Tara that we must follow within our own processes. In rushing a process of this magnitude, we will only find ourselves back at square one. In saying this, the priority for Ngāti Tara is to establish relationships with our own whanaunga within the Waka Kaupapa.
11. If it may be of some assistance, Te Tāhuna Roa is open to writing to Kānoa to provide an overview of the process that is to be undertaken and the estimated timeframes to complete this mahi.
12. It is extremely important that we do not rush this process and Arawai commit to consulting and engaging with Ngāti Tara respectfully and effectively. It is also important to Te Tāhuna Roa that our hapū is brought along on this journey. As mentioned previously, Ngāti Tara are open to working with Arawai Limited, to develop an appropriate engagement strategy and a CIA that truly reflects our mana whenua status in our rohe as well as the unified thoughts of our hapū.

Next steps

13. Following on from the hui to be held on 5 June 2022, Te Tāhuna Roa will be in touch regarding next steps moving forward.

Ngā mihi, nā

Te Tāhuna Roa



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

3 Jun 2022, 20:16



to Te, info, bcc: Sarah, bcc: David, bcc: Charlie, bcc: John, bcc: Stanley, bcc: Suzi ▼

Kia Ora Jessica

Further to my email earlier today, please find attached the response to the invitation to attend the hui on 5th June from the members of the waka whanau who are of Ngāti Tara descent.

Arawai, for its part, looks forward to meeting within the Working Group when this is convenient.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Ngā mihi

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03 June 2022

The Working Group

Te Tahuna Roa

Kia Ora

Thank you for your email on 27th May and the attached letter dated 12 May 2022.

Hui on 5th June 2022

I have discussed your email and the attached letter with members of the waka whanau who are of Ngāti Tara descent. They have indicated that they do not intend to take up the invitation to the hapū hui on the 5th June on the grounds that:

- (1) the demand that they will share their connection to Ngāti Tara is insulting and unnecessary as their word is sufficient to establish their status as mana whenua. They might well choose to identify their whānau in a hui but do not accept this as an expectation/precondition of the meeting;
- (2) they have no desire to revisit the long and, at times, fraught history of interactions between Sir Hekenukumai and other members of the waka whanau on Okokori B with a small number of the shareholders on Okokori A. These include, but are not limited to, objections to the establishment of the Waka Wānanga Reserve which were appropriately dismissed by Judge Ambler, and persistent trespassing on Okokori B; and
- (3) Okokori B was bequeathed by Sir Hekenukumai to the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust who are the kaitiaki of the land. Just as Arawai is the only organisation that can speak to the development of the Waka Centre, only the Trust, not individual members of Ngāti Tara, has the legal authority to discuss the management of Okokori B.

Contact with Kānoa

On behalf of Arawai I would like to thank you for the offer to contact Kānoa but that will not be necessary. They are kept fully apprised of our communications with the Working Group and the position you have articulated. They are also fully aware of the efforts Arawai made to consult on the application through Nina and myself and the outcomes. They remain very supportive.

Arawai meeting with the Working Group

Notwithstanding the decision by the members of the waka whanau of Ngati Tara descent not to attend the hui on 5th June, Arawai looks forward to meeting with the Working Group to advance working relations with a view to establishing a mutually acceptable process and timetable for the CIA.



Nga mihi

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

to Te, balle.deliah

Mon, 1 Aug 2022, 09:15



Kia Ora Deliah

Just a quick email to follow up to see if it is possible to arrange a meeting to finalise the brief for the Cultural Impact Assessment. Arawai has not heard from Te Tāhuna Roa since the proposed meeting on 5th May did not proceed for the reasons set out in the attachment to my email of 03 June 2022.

Notwithstanding the unwillingness of the members of the waka whanau to respond to the demand that they attend a meeting at the marae as a precursor to further discussions with Arawai, the Board of Arawai remains keen to progress the Cultural Impact Assessment and to identify any specific issues which the hapū might identify which would need to be addressed in planning the completion of the development of the Sir Hek Busby Kupe Waka Centre.

I look forward to hearing from you

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Ngāti Tara >



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Wed, 7 Dec 2022, 20:54



to Sarah, Stan, Charlie, John, David, David, Sarah, Stan, Charlie, John ▼

Kia Ora

Just had a call from **Chappy** Harrison who has heard some rumblings and is keen to broker a meeting between Arawai and the hapu, specifically naming Deliah and Kristen. I said we have always been open to a meeting but there was a roadblock of requiring Ngati Tara among the waka whanau (like Alex, Greg, Stan) to meet with them before they talked to Arawai which was unreasonable.

I agree to meet if he could broker a meeting so he is going to come back to me

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Meeting >



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Thu, 8 Dec 2022, 10:38



to Deliah, Deliah, Chappy, bcc: Stan, bcc: Charlie, bcc: David, bcc: John, bcc: Sarah ▼

Tēnā Koe Deliah

I have just got off the phone with Chappie and I confirmed to him that Arawai would be delighted to meet at your earliest convenience.

I will be travelling up to Aurere today and staying through till Monday. I would make time for a preliminary meeting tomorrow or Sunday if that would be helpful in sorting logistics and agendas.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

to Te, balle.deliah

Mon, 1 Feb 2023, 14:22



Kia Ora Deliah

Following up on my email of 8th December about the possible meeting between Chappy Harrison. I think it would be useful if Chappy is involved given his previous role with the hapū and his knowledge of Kaupapa Waka.

Has the meeting eventuated or is one still in prospect?

I look forward to hearing from you

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

to Te, balle.deliah

Thu, 1 Jul 2023, 10:38



Kia Ora Deliah

I was hoping that the intervention of Chappy Harrison might have provided a new way forward for the consultation on the Cultural Impact Assessment but that has come to nought.

Notwithstanding that, the Board of Arawai remains keen to meet Te Tāhuna Roa at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you as time marches on and we have obligations to Kānoa to complete.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Mon, 9 Oct 2023, 16:50



to Deliah ▾

Kia Ora **Deliah**

I sent a Zoom meeting invite for today on the off-chance that you would be available the same time as last week but to no avail

I am really keen to follow up on our conversation last week and sort out a date for when I can make that update presentation and when we can look at progressing the CIA/CVA.

On the topic of CVA, I would be most interested to read the CVA on the Taipa plant. Over the years I have been involved in the planning of sewerage in various locations including Auckland and Wellington.

I have had a look at the discussion of options. 30 years ago in the Auckland Area Sewerage Study we looked at land disposal in the Woodhill Forest but recreation took precedence and the financial costs were against it (there being no surrogate for pricing cultural or environmental effects at the time).

Ngā mihi

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Wed, 11 Oct 2023, 11:49



to Deliah, bcc: Steve, bcc: Charlie, bcc: Sarah, bcc: John, bcc: Stan, bcc: David ▾

Kia Ora **Deliah**

Just following up again on our meeting on Monday 2nd October. Have you been able to progress scheduling a meeting so I can share with you the current state of the development project at the Waka Centre and get conversations underway about the CIA/CVA, as we discussed?

I appreciated the explanation you gave at the meeting that it was internal processes which caused the withdrawal of the invitation to meeting with the hapu on 29th March 2021. I had thought that those internal matters had been resolved when Carol Hudson explained that the hapu needed to have its own internal meeting so would not be attending a meeting we had proposed for 15th March 2021 and issued the invitation to the meeting on the 29th March. It was just unfortunate that no subsequent meeting could be arranged.

We look forward to meeting with the Working Group or a wider group of hapu members and remain happy to meet virtually (given that some people do not live in the rohe), at the marae, at the Waka Centre or some other venue. We remain committed to ensuring that the hapū has adequate information on our proposals for the Waka Centre and that the hapū is given every opportunity to state their views.

In practice, much of this has already been shared when we supplied the *Development Plan* at the time of the Hearing. The economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes articulated in the Plan remain the same even if there have been some changes in the detailed implementation of some of the development projects.

Some of the proposed benefits are already being delivered. For example, 87% of the development costs to date have been spent in Te Taitokerau-Northland (85% of which has been spent in the Far North District). We have also employed a significant number of local contractors including some of Ngāti Tara descent.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Tue, 21 Nov 2023, 11:03



to Deliah ▾

Kia Ora **Deliah**

Just wondering how you are getting on with a date for a meeting. We remain keen to meet either kanohi ki kanohi or virtually

Nga mihi

Peter

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Deliah Balle <balle.deliah@gmail.com>

Tue, 21 Nov 2023, 11:42



to me ▾

Kia ora Peter

Arohamai have been flat tack. Will touch base with Marae to check their next board hui availability.

Aku mihi

Deliah



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Tue, 21 Nov 2023, 16:28



to Deliah ▾

Kia Ora. **Deliah**

Thanks, much appreciated



Steven Sanson <steve@sansons.co.nz>

to me ▼

Wed, 6 Dec 2023, 09:39



Morning Peter

This document suggests that this party have interests in the site (see image in Page 4) for the area and they have a contact who can write a CIA within (last page) - Tina Latimer.

Something to discuss further.

Steve



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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>
to Deliah, Tina, bcc: John, bcc: Sarah, bcc: David, bcc: Charlie, bcc: Stan ▾

Wed, 31 Jan, 15:44

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Kia Ora **Deliah** raua ko Tina

Thanks, **Deliah**, for responding to Tina who has now completed her cultural effects assessment.

Arawai commissioned this work so that we had an assessment, by an experienced and well-qualified practitioner, of the cultural matters which we unfortunately did not address to the satisfaction of the Hearing Commissioner in our previous resort consent application.

The terms of reference for the work was very closely based on that used by Tina for her assessment of effects of the Carl Maria Quarry Works at Ōruru:

To undertake the research, investigations and consultation as required to prepare a cultural effects assessment of the latest stage of the development of the SHBKWC (where kaupapa waka-related activities have been an existing use since 1988) which will:

- (a) assess the effects of a proposed current developments on the site (with particular reference to the Whare Whetū) on tangata whenua cultural associations with the environment;
- (b) provide advice of methods to avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects on cultural values and associations;
- (c) recommend what conditions of consent could be applied if the consent is granted;
- (d) provide hapū and iwi with comprehensive information and improved understanding of the development activity with a view to avoiding objections on cultural grounds; and
- (e) assess the short and long-term cultural, social, economic, and environmental effects and benefits of the Waka Centre.

and then prepare a report including but not limited to:

- the project;
- the assessment process;
- the parties including Iwi tradition and occupation of Doubtless Bay;
- land sales with specific reference to the Okokori Block and in particular Okokori B
- Māori cultural landscapes;
- the ecological district;
- relevant legislation and policy; and
- recommendations

I have seen a lot of CIAs over many years of working on infrastructure projects and consider this to be one of the bestt allowing the investigator to tune the coverage of the work and outputs to the particular circumstances of the project.

As a Board, Arawai was particularly impressed with the inclusion of step (d). We are hopeful that the independent assessment, by someone who is not only well-qualified and experienced but also well familiar with the locality and parties, will provide a basis for advancing the discussion with you, the Working Group, and the hapū.

We will need to make a new application for a resource consent (we decided that an appeal was not appropriate). But at least this time we will have some confidence that the Hearing Commissioner previously accepted evidence on all matters except the cultural effects.

In terms of environmental effects, and specifically in relation to the Awapoko River, we have progressed under a ten-part Resource Consent issued by the Northland Regional Council. This covers a range of issues including consent to: disturb and remove of vegetation within a significant wetland, discharge of primary treated wastewater to land; and discharge stormwater to water within 100 metres of a natural wetland. Permission to proceed with the access road from the FNDC has also been regulated under these consents.

I have been discussing next steps with Tina in terms of a meeting to discuss her report and look forward to whatever is decided.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Ngāti Tara

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

to Tina ▾

Tue, 13 Feb, 11:10



Kia Ora Tina

Just wondering if you have been able to make any progress on a meeting with Ngāti Tara to discuss your report??

I would also be really grateful if you could send me a copy of Slocombe

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Tina Latimer <tplatimer295@gmail.com>

to me ▾

Tue, 13 Feb, 12:34



Kia ora Peter

I will follow up again with Deliah this afternoon, but I have not received a response from her yet.

Attached is the archaeology report.

Nga mihi

Tina

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Tina Latimer <tplatimer295@gmail.com>

to me ▾

Mon, 18 Mar, 11:32 ☆ ↩ ⋮

Kia ora Peter

The process was agreeable to with Deliah is below, are you agreeable to this process?

- (a) Undertake a site visit with Ngati Tara of the Sir Hek Kupe Waka Centre.
- (b) Arrange a meeting to meet with Directors of Arawai Ltd.
- (c) Review the CEA with Callie Corrigan for input on behalf of Ngati Tara.

Tina



Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

to Tina, bcc: Sarah, bcc: John, bcc: Charlie, bcc: David, bcc: Stan ▾

Mon, 18 Mar, 11:52 ☆ ↩ ⋮

Kia Ora Tina

The content of the proposed programme is fine with some minor tweaking on sequencing

- (a) Tina to review the CEA with Callie Corrigan for input on behalf of Ngāti Tara by 14 April 2024.
- (b) Site visit by Ngāti Tara to the Sir Hek Kupe Waka Centre - 28th April 2024.
- (c) Ngāti Tara Meeting with Directors of Arawai Ltd at SHBKWC - 28th April 2024.

This way will get the remaining task of the SFA briefing Ngati Tara completed, and everyone will be on the same page in terms of the CEA when Ngāti Tara visit the site on 28th April.

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Meeting with Callie Corrigan

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

to Tina ▾

Fri, 19 Apr, 08:21



Kia Ora Tina

Have you been able to meet yet with Callie Corrigan? It is now getting urgent as we are proposing to meet with Ngāti Tara on Sunday 28th. I would really appreciate it if this could be closed off asap.

Thanks

Ngā mihi

Peter

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Tina Latimer

to me ▾

Fri, 19 Apr, 09:37



Kia ora Peter, no I have not but will follow up. I have been in discussions with Tina Lee Yates. As I understand, the consensus is for Te Arawai Ltd, to meet with hapu and whanau and at Parapara Marae. A date will be fixed at their AGM this weekend. Whanau still has contentious issues on how the land was acquired by Hector.

I have advised Tina Lee that I undertook the CIA for Arawai Ltd as my name was raised at their marae meeting this week. I think, at this stage it should be left until after the AGM, and the outcome from the hui.

Nga mihi

Ngāti Tara -Arawai proposed meeting

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Peter Phillips <peter@arawai.co.nz>

Tue, 9 Apr, 13:57



to indiannaross1, Deliah, Tina ▾

Tena Koe Indi

I am just following up on the conversation between Tina and Deliah and wondering if the proposed meeting date of 28th April 2024 at Aurere is suitable.

We could combine the meeting with the directors of Arawai with a site visit so that you can see what has been happening at the Waka Centre.

Ngā mihi

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Deliah Balle

Mon, 22 Apr, 10:55



to me, indiannaross1, Tina ▾

Kia ora Peter

At the AGM on Saturday the trustees confirmed a date to meet with Arawai unfortunately the 28th April does not suit. If the directors and others who may need to attend, could please make themselves available on Saturday 8th June to meet at Parapara Marae.

Look forward to your confirmation.

Ngā mihi

Deliah



Proposed meeting with Arawai Board at Parapara Marae

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1 May 2024, 17:55 (13 days ago)



to Deliah, indiannaross1, Tina, bcc: Sarah, bcc: Charlie, bcc: Stan, bcc: John, bcc: David, bcc: Rikki-Lee ▼

Kia Ora Deliah

Thank you for the invitation to the marae on Saturday 8th June.

The Board is pleased to accept and I will confirm the number in our party closer to the date.

We would be happy to receive an agenda of matters to be explored. For our part, our particular interest is to build on the strong individual relationships we already have with some hapū members with a view to extending these, through the Marae Trustees, to the hapū as a whole.

In terms of matters that might be canvassed it should be noted that Arawai was set up in 2000 to undertake commercial activities associated with Kaupapa Waka at Aurere. The specific role of the Board is to develop and operate the Waka Centre. It is doing this under a management agreement with the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust.

For clarity, Arawai has no responsibility for, or influence over, matters relating to land ownership or access over Okokori B which are the domain of the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust.

Ngā mihi

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Deliah Balle

to Indiana, Tina, me ▾

Wed, 1 May, 23:39 (13 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Kia ora Peter

Appreciate you clarifying those matters thank you.

We will forward an agenda in due course upon confirmation from the Trustees in the meantime we look forward to meeting the Board of Directors on Sunday the 8th of June and receiving the names of those who will be in attendance.

Aku mihi
Deliah Balle
For Te Tahuna Roa



ATTACHMENT



Commentary on email from Deliah Balle, Ngāti Tara to Minnie Fox, FNDC, Monday, 14 June 2021

No Consultation Undertaken or Sought with Tangata Whenua

The Applicant has not sought (nor the Council deemed necessary at this stage) engagement with Ngāti Tara hapū and whānau pre and post the lodging of the resource consent application. Ngāti Tara are mana whenua of the area and are also landowners of the neighbouring property.

The current application follows on from the previously issued consent for the Whare Wānanga (2130047-RMALUC). This development was approved by the Parapara Marae Committee representing the owners of Okokori A (letter signed by the then Marae Committee chair, Chappy Harrison, refer to page 133 of the Application). Mr Harrison has recently indicated that he intends to make a submission in support of the application

The cumulative effects of the current proposal are less than minor above those already considered for the Whare Wānanga. There is a small increased footprint in terms of buildings but otherwise no additional or novel effects. The increase in the site coverage for the new development is a nett 445 m² after the removal of the half-round barn. This is 2.1% of the area of the Reserve and 0.0% of the area of Okokori B.

The lack of additional adverse effects on the environment and no effects on Okokori A were factors in not consulting with Parapara Marae as representatives of Okokori A pre-lodgement. The Development Plan is entirely consistent with the existing permitted activity and reflects the history of use of the site over nearly four decades. As Judge Ambler noted in 2012 *"First, based on the evidence before the Court, the majority of those of Ngati Tara who have expressed a view support Mr Busby's proposal. Those in opposition are a minority. Second, Mr Busby gave uncontradicted evidence that Ngati Tara has not objected to the whare wananga he has held on the land for almost 30 years. This fact further suggests that the real concern of the objectors is not the whare wananga but ownership and control of the land."*¹

Following communications with FNDC, contact was made with Carol Hudson the secretary of the Parapara Marae Committee and Ms Balle. Arawai sought to engage in post-lodgement with a meeting on-site where the nature and extent of the proposed development could be seen in context.

¹ Judge DJ Ambler (2012), In The Māori Land Court Of New Zealand Taitokerau District, Under Section 338, Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, In the matter of Okokori B, Heard at Kaitaia, 8 May 2008, and 17 September 2012, Judgment: 26 October 2012, (50 TTK 9), 50 Taitokerau MB 9 A20070011627



	<p>In an email dated 4 May 2021 Ms Balle stated: <i>"Thank you for the invitation to share the project plan. I have cc'd in Carol, Secretary and trustee of our Marae in Parapara who will get in touch with you regarding your hui on the 15th.</i></p> <p>Subsequently Ms Hudson wrote on 12 May 2021:</p> <p><i>Our Trustees have arranged a Hapu hui at Parapara Marae on Saturday: 29 March 2021 at 10am to discuss your proposal, we feel that it is imperative that we give our Hapu and whanau the opportunity to listen to and discuss your proposal first, for this reason we felt that it was premature to attend your hui on 15 May 2021.</i></p> <p><i>You and your directors are welcome to be present at our hui where we are willing to engage with you afterwards.</i></p> <p>Arawai's response on 12 May was:</p> <p><i>Thanks for this and we appreciate that you have your own processes to follow. Clearly we would be delighted to take up your offer to come to the marae on the 29th March.</i></p> <p><i>Our intent in inviting the Marae Committee to the site was to provide an opportunity to stand on the whenua and see what is planned in context, rather than in the abstract on a plan or in a report.</i></p> <p><i>With that in mind the Board has decided that it will still be onsite on Saturday and be happy to discuss the proposal on an informal basis with you or anyone from the marae who may wish to visit.</i></p> <p><i>In the interim, however, I would like to extend the invitation to you and anyone else from the marae who may wish to come to the Waka Centre on Saturday 15th, any time from 11am onwards. In the same vein, we have always had a good relationship with Taipa School so if there are any of your colleagues who may wish to visit then they would be most welcome."</i></p> <p>The drop-in meeting was held at the Waka Centre on 15th May with Council and community attendees, but no one from the marae.</p> <p>This was followed up by an email sent on 26 May to Ms Hudson:</p> <p><i>Just to confirm that one of my directors and I will come to the marae on Saturday to discuss the proposed further development of the Sir Hek Busby Kupe Waka Centre.</i></p> <p><i>I would be grateful if you could tell me at what time it would be appropriate to arrive and the format for the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>I look forward to meeting you then.</i></p>
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	<p>This was followed by an email from Ms Hudson which stated:</p> <p><i>Just letting you know that Marae Trustees have decided that the Hapu a Hui this Saturday will be solely for ourselves, we will contact you when we might meet following our hui.</i></p> <p>A phone call was made to Ms Hudson on the afternoon of Tuesday 1st June when no contact was made by Ms Hudson after the Marae meeting. No opportunities for engagement were offered by Ms Hudson.</p> <p>It is entirely the prerogative of Parapara Marae not to engage with Arawai in the post-lodgement period even if in my experience of over 30 years on consultation projects withdrawing an invitation to a meeting is absolutely unprecedented. This has meant, however, that the Marae Committee has frustrated attempts to satisfy the principles of consultation articulated in <i>Land Air Water Association & Others v Waikato Regional Council, Environment Court, A110/01, 23/10/2001</i>. This relates in particular to the information the Committee had available to them in preparing their objection on matters relating to sustainable management.</p> <p>This record of contacts, however, demonstrates that the assertion may by Ms Balle that <i>“The Applicant has not sought (nor the Council deemed necessary at this stage) engagement with Ngāti Tara hapū and whānau pre and post the lodging of the resource consent”</i> is factually incorrect in terms of post-lodgement.</p>
<i>I am only one of many landowners on Ōkokori B</i>	<p>Ms Balle is definitely not an owner of Ōkokori B (although this Freudian slip may be highly revealing given the past assertions by members of Ngāti Tara about the ownership of the block – the agenda does not appear to have changed). Sir Hekenukumai bequeathed the vast majority of Ōkokori B to the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust with small parcels to whānau members making up the balance.</p>

Inadequate Cultural Assessment Undertaken

<i>cultural values can only be determined by mana whenua. Therefore only Ngāti Tara can determine and define cultural effects.</i>	<p>It is a truism that <i>“cultural values can only be determined by mana whenua”</i> although there are sometimes issues of who speaks for mana whenua and multiple parties expressing different viewpoints. The notion that <i>“only Ngāti Tara can determine and define cultural effects”</i>, however, is open to question.</p> <p>The Regional Plan includes in Section D.1.5 a comprehensive definition of a <i>“place of significance to tangata whenua”</i> as the basis for considering effects. In terms of this definition it is considered that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposal will not have an adverse effect on values related to soil conservation; quality and quantity of water; or aquatic ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity in the coastal marine area, or in a water body.
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	<p>Indeed the development includes a programme of environmental restoration guided by a local ecological expert;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okokori B is not identified as a historic heritage resource or a site which is a single resource or set of resources identified, described and contained in a mapped location; • the Māori landowners, who are tāngata whenua, have not identified Okokori B as a place of significance to tāngata whenua. <p>The District Plan identifies a range of matters of significance to tangata whenua which again can be used to consider effects. These include waahi tapu, tauranga waka, mahinga kai, mahinga mataitai, mahinga waimoana and taonga raranga. Considering the potential effects of the application on these factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wāhi tapu: there is one registered midden on the whole of Okokori B some distance from the Reserve; an independent archaeological assessment of the site was prepared for the application, and an accidental discovery protocol will be put in place; • tauranga waka: the occasional mooring of waka hourua in the river is a feature of the use of the site by Tārai Waka Inc. The three metre bank along the river next to the Waka Centre is unsuitable for mooring waka tangata and waka taua which are typically taken out of the water, and there are a large number of other better potential mooring places; • mahinga kai: there are no known traditional gardens on Okokori B. Rather, gardens will be formed in the development to engage the local community and to teach aspects of Maramataka and organic gardening; • mahinga mataitai: nothing in the development restricts access via the river for fishing or collecting kaimoana; • taonga raranga: the Centre will engage with local weavers and, as it develops, employ a weaver on the site as well as hosting weaving workshops. There is no public access to harakeke on the site as it is private property but muka from the site will be made available to weavers who engage with the Centre. <p>The decision on the Resource Consent Application for the Whare Wānanga considered the issue of cultural impact. In discussing the Whare Wānanga it concluded that <i>"Given that the main purpose of the building is described in the application as the celebration of the integral value to Maori culture of its ancestral and on-going tie to te moana, it is considered that adverse effects of the proposed building and activity, on cultural and spiritual values will be nil."</i> This is on record as the considered opinion of the Council in granting the Consent for the Whare Wānanga based on a professional objective opinion.</p>
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Thoroughfare from Ōkokori B through Ōkokori A

<i>Whānau have been observing and experiencing non tangata whenua using Ōkokori A as a thoroughfare from Ōkokori B to access the beach. The application does not address this particular issue however it is my view that the proposed development and associated activity will 'not discourage' passage through our whenua rather due to the proposed increase of activity i.e. cultural tourism, in addition to the waka school, the trespassing may increase. For the reasons stated in point 2 (cultural sites and sensitivity) this cannot continue</i>	<p>It is impossible to interpret the statement about unspecified “non-tangata whenua” crossing Okokori A without any details. Further, the matter is not an issue of sustainable management <i>per se</i>, and would not be expected to necessarily be addressed in an application to a resource consent.</p> <p>Ms Balle’s statement referring to the “<i>increase of activity i.e. cultural tourism</i>” is factually incorrect. The consent for the Whare Wānanga clearly stated: “<i>This application is for the construction of a building to establish and operate a Wananga Waka (education/training centre and cultural tourism destination based around Kaupapa Waka) on a portion of the subject site at Aurere.</i>” The current application does not represent a change in activity beyond that previously consented.</p> <p>Ms Balle has also not sought any information about cultural tourism activities at the Waka Centre which might have allayed her concerns. In practice, the guiding principle of the development of the Waka Centre is the protection of the mana of the site which is a centre for Kaupapa Waka of international renown as the base for the revival of ocean voyaging, traditional wayfinding and waka building in Aotearoa~New Zealand . In terms of cultural tourism which means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the overall numbers of cultural tourists visiting the site in a year will be capped;• there will typically be only small groups visiting the site;• only one group will be on the site at any one time• these groups will be guided at all times,• visitors will exit the site via the access road when their tour is completed with the final stop at the Putanga giving direct access to the carpark; and• none of Arawai's visitors will be free to enter/cross Okokori A.
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Impact of the Proposed Development on the Mauri of our Wai, Moana and Whenua

Comment	Response
<i>The fundamental concept of Te Mana o Te Wai is articulated in the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020).</i>	The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, requires under Section 3.4 that <i>Every regional council must engage with communities and tangata whenua to determine how Te Mana o te Wai applies to water bodies and freshwater ecosystems in the region.</i> It is unclear what the point is here in



<p><i>This includes the exercise of the Mana Whakahaere principle of Te Mana o te Wai and the direction to actively involve tangata whenua in freshwater management and decision making.</i></p>	<p>terms of the specific application but this is a matter on which NRC and FNDC will be well aware of their respective responsibilities.</p>
<p><i>The misuse and mismanagement of our wai by local authorities has seen the decline of the mauri of our wai. This is so for our river Awapoko whereby the discharge of wastewater into our wai has prohibited tangata whenua from continuing our cultural and traditional practices. This includes the impact on taonga species, harvesting of taonga species and the ability for our tamariki to safely swim in its waters....As mana whenua and kaitiaki of Ōkokori, I want to see the mauri of our wai improve so that my children and mokopuna can continue our traditional practices. I therefore will not support any activity or use that continues to diminish the mauri of our awa</i></p>	<p>The discharge treated municipal wastewater from the Taipa Wastewater Treatment plant to an unnamed tributary of the Parapara Stream (at or about location coordinates 1640435E 6126160N) which feeds into the Awapoko River is a factor in the water quality of the river but one over which Arawai as the applicant has no influence.</p> <p>Concern for potential damage to the river underpinned the inclusion of a proviso in the approval of the Whare Wānanga by Parapara Marae Committee that the development should have of no effect on the Awapoko River “by way of pollution and discharge”.</p> <p>This was met by an approved wastewater treatment system designed by Eric Wagener, Certifying Registered Drainlayer 05877. Eric’s design included a range of design mitigation measures. He noted that <i>The splitting of the effluent discharge areas within the proposed soak trench structure provides low hydraulic loading rate over the existing potential absorption area and the separation distance of waste water distribution from potential groundwater aquifers which were not found at 2.2m minimises the opportunity for any contamination.</i>” Eric also stated that “<i>An in-depth study of the immediate areas of impact indicates that this proposal will have no more impact on the surrounding land users or occupiers than that currently existing. The fact that this system provides total containment means that the chance of accidental breakout is highly unlikely</i>”. Eric concluded that <i>The summary of factors taken into consideration "Appendix A" leads to the conclusion that there are no environmental effects which have not been taken into consideration with this design proposal.</i>”</p> <p>Eric has done the design for upgrading the system to cater for five new accessible toilets to provide convenient access around the site. NB the original system was designed on the basis of a capacity of 84 in the Whare Wānanga. The current proposal will very rarely have more than 30 people on the site at any one time (this being when there are school visits). Otherwise over nine months of the year the Centre will be open for cultural tourism it will typically cater for guided tours of up to 12 persons (with a peak of less</p>



	than two tours per day) and occasional wānanga and training courses. There will initially be five staff on site (one of whom already lives on the Block with a separate sewerage system at their dwelling).
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General

Comment	Response
It is my duty as mana whenua and kaitiaki	The kaitiaki of Okokori B are the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust. The Waka Centre is located on the Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve which has its own set of trustees (two of who are also on the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust). While Ngāti Tara have a general responsibility for care of the land in their rohe, they might well seek to exercise this first over Okokori A where the bach development is in clear contradiction of S6 in Part 2 of the RMA and is in an area with identified archaeological sites in among the baches and an area defined as outstanding landscape. The area could furthermore be seriously affected by a tsunami and parts are forecast to be in the coastal flood hazard zone identified by NRC.
it is with urgency that I wish to inform you, if you haven't already been advised, that whanau visited Okokori on the weekend gone and noticed that earth moving and excavation work had begun on Okokori B.	<p>The works undertaken on the Reserve have focussed on cleaning up accumulated debris and the removal of noxious weeds. The amount of material which was required to be removed meant that a small, low-lying area where there has previously be some standing water at times could be formed into a pond. This will be planted with advice from Kevin Matthews of Bushlands Trust who has extensive experience in restoration and who undertook an ecological assessment of the site in 2020. The clean-up will therefore generate a net benefit in environmental terms. A silt trap was formed at the downstream end to prevent any sediment flow into the river.</p> <p>It is slightly ironic that Ms Balle should complain about unspecified persons she refers to as "<i>non tangata whenua</i>" trespassing on Okokori A when the "whānau" who visited Okokori B were on private land uninvited and therefore not entitled to be there, irrespective of ethnicity.</p>

Recommendations

Comment	Response
<i>That the FNDC at this stage decline the resource consent application based on the issues raised</i>	The perceived “issues” arise in the main from a lack of information about the proposal and from an agenda, that includes issues of ownership which are outside the ambit of sustainable management.
<i>Should the FNDC continue with reviewing the resource consent application that it require the Applicant to consult with all mana whenua and landowners of Ōkokori B</i>	<p>Arawai has sought to undertake post-lodgement consultation with the Parapara Marae Committee as representatives of Ngāti Tara and of the owners of Okokori A. The Committee declined an invitation to a meeting at the Waka Centre, withdrew an invitation to a meeting at the Marae; and has not engaged in any follow-up to their meeting on the 29th May 2021. Arawai has sought to engage in meaningful discussions on the application to no avail.</p> <p>The recommendation to consult with all landowners of Okokori B is a nullity. Arawai includes two members of the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust on its Board of Directors; has a management agreement with the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust for the development and operation of the Waka Centre; and has a lease of the Reserve with the Te Awapoko Waka Wānanga Reserve Trust. Arawai conducted a formal consultation with its shareholders on the Development Plan once the Provincial Growth Fund grant was confirmed, and partners continuously with the landowners of Okokori B through its monthly Board meetings and weekly Operations Committee meetings. Under the management agreement the Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust effectively has a veto on all development proposals (which to date it has not exercised).</p>
<i>Request that a Cultural Impact Assessment be undertaken to consider the impacts of the proposed development on the cultural overlay of Ōkokori as a whole i.e. Ōkokori A & B and that this be undertaken by mana whenua i.e. Ngāti Tara, nominated also by Parapara Marae Trustees</i>	<p>Ngāti Tara are at liberty at any stage to undertake, at their own expense, a cultural assessment of development on Okokori A with particular consideration of the impact of at least 14 (and maybe more) unconsented dwellings on an area designated as a reserve which includes the registered archaeological sites 04/932 (b), 04/932 (c) and 04/39.</p> <p>The cultural impacts of developments on Okokori B were considered during the application for the Whare Wānanga and there is no material difference in impacts from the current application. The Hekenukumai Ngā Iwi Trust has no development proposals for the balance of the block where an income is currently derived from honey. A Cultural Impact Assessment for Okokori B is therefore unnecessary</p>