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**From:** Swetha Maharaj  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 December 2025 11:12 am  
**To:** 'Kaio Hooper'  
**Cc:** Craig Wells; Nick Williamson  
**Subject:** RE: 2260100-RMASUB, 52 Rotokawau Road, Waipapakauri  
**Attachments:** 3.0 Attachment 2\_Waipapakauri\_Archaeological\_Assessment.pdf

Kia ora Kaio,

Further to our earlier correspondences Council has now completed its review of the applicant's Section 92 response, including an archaeological assessment prepared by Geometria Limited (dated 4 December 2025), which is attached for your information.

The archaeological assessment involved a site walkover and desktop review of historic records and survey plans.

- The report concludes that no archaeological sites or features were identified on the subject property, and that no archaeological authority is required under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act.
- The assessment also notes that historic survey information places the Henare whānau occupation referenced in the CIA on Section 21, rather than the subject land (Section 25).
- While the report acknowledges oral history associated with the name Pukengātu, it explains that certain cultural practices may not leave physical archaeological evidence and therefore cannot be confirmed through archaeological investigation alone.

Based on this assessment, Council's current view is that there is no physical or archaeological evidence to support the presence of a pā or other archaeological features on the site that would warrant planning controls under the District Plan.

Council acknowledges the cultural narratives and values outlined in the CIA. However, for the purposes of processing this resource consent, Council must assess effects based on the information available to it.

At this stage, and having regard to the archaeological evidence provided, Council's position is that there is insufficient evidential basis to justify a planning intervention in relation to cultural effects arising from the proposed subdivision, which involves no new earthworks or physical disturbance.

That said, Council wishes to ensure that Ngāi Takoto / Moana Whenua Trust have a final opportunity to review the archaeological assessment and provide any further evidence you consider relevant to Council's consideration of cultural effects. If you wish to provide evidence you would like Council to consider in relation to cultural effects, please provide this by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

If no further information is received by that date, Council will proceed on the basis of the information currently before it when determining the next steps for the application.



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**From:** Kaio Hooper <consult@moanawhenua.com>

**Sent:** Friday, 5 December 2025 1:42 pm

**To:** Swetha Maharaj <Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz>

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Kia ora Swetha,

Yes, I can confirm that the applicant, through their representative, initiated communication with us, stating that their purpose was to 'find a solution that respects the cultural significance of the site'. However, after we clarified our concerns and the outcomes we are seeking (based on the CIA information already provided), we have since received no response or further contact.

While the recognition of Pukengātu Pā is acknowledged, the lack of communication (with the last contact being on 24th October 2025) and now the s92 response indicate that none of our concerns or recommended outcomes have been considered. Instead, we appear to have been overlooked or sidelined once again.

Given the above, we consider that the application remains incomplete under section 92 of the RMA until these matters are substantially addressed. We request a comprehensive response that demonstrates how the applicant intends to avoid, remedy, or mitigate the identified cultural effects with full disclosure regarding their s92 response.

We remain open and available to work toward adequate solutions for all parties; however, we will continue to uphold our rights as mana whenua and kaitiaki within this area. We look forward to receiving a response.

Ngā mihi



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On Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 9:24 AM Swetha Maharaj <[Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Kaio,

The applicant has provided a s92 response noting they've engaged constructively with Ngāi Takoto.

Can you please advise if all your concerns have been addressed.



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**From:** Swetha Maharaj  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 November 2025 2:48 pm  
**To:** Kaio Hooper <[consult@moanawhenua.com](mailto:consult@moanawhenua.com)>  
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Kia ora Kaio,

The applicants are in process of addressing traffic, cultural and heritage concerns. Have they been in touch with you?



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**From:** Kaio Hooper <[consult@moanawhenua.com](mailto:consult@moanawhenua.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 November 2025 11:02 am  
**To:** Swetha Maharaj <[Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz)>  
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Kia ora Swetha,

Are there any updates regarding 2260100-RMASUB resource consent?

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On Mon, Sep 22, 2025 at 3:58 PM Swetha Maharaj <[Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Thank you Moana. I acknowledge receipt of you emails today.

Please note, your comments will be considered when doing an assessment for this application.



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**From:** Kaio Hooper <[consult@moanawhenua.com](mailto:consult@moanawhenua.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, 22 September 2025 1:16 pm

**To:** Swetha Maharaj <[Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz)>

Cc: Craig Wells <[craig.wells@ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz](mailto:craig.wells@ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz)>

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Please also use reference to this attached Cultural Impact Assessment that was produced in response to Leahs request for iwi comment in March 2025.

 Cultural Impact Assessment for Pukengātu Pā 24.4.25.pdf

Thank you



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On Mon, Sep 22, 2025 at 1:12 PM Kaio Hooper <[consult@moanawhenua.com](mailto:consult@moanawhenua.com)> wrote:

Kia ora Swetha, please see attached submission. Do I need to re-attach the CIA?

Kindest regards

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On Mon, Sep 22, 2025 at 1:10 PM Kaio Hooper <[consult@moanawhenua.com](mailto:consult@moanawhenua.com)> wrote:

Kia ora, aim sorry I am resending it now I see the file plus the CIA made the email too large and it sat in drafts but I sent it on Friday.

I will send the submission and CIA separately to keep order now.

Thank you for letting me know as I thought it had sent.



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On Mon, 22 Sept 2025, 1:08 pm Swetha Maharaj, <[Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Swetha.Maharaj@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Kaio,

I have not received any comments from you or Moana Whenua Trust Limited.



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Kia ora Swetha, as I am tidying up the last parts to our submission which will be submitted shortly.



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On Wed, 17 Sept 2025, 1:15 pm Kaio Hooper, <[consult@moanawhenua.com](mailto:consult@moanawhenua.com)> wrote:

Kia ora Swetha, thank you for your response and allowing extra time to complete our submission by 4pm this Friday 19th September 2025.

Please see the CIA that was prepared in response to Leah Frielings request to Craig Wells (CEO, Te Rūnanga o Ngāitakoto) for comment by manawhenua in March 2025, earlier this year in preparation for this resource consent application.

 Cultural Impact Assessment for Pukengātu Pā 24.4.25.pdf

Please let me know if you require anything further.

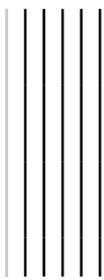
Kind regards



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