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- Q7. **I have selected email as my address for service, and I would also like my postal address withheld from being publicly available.** Yes
- Q8. **The specific provisions of the proposed plan change that my submission relates to are (give details):**
Proposed Plan Change 3 (PC3) regarding Kārewarewa urupā

Q9. My submission is (include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended; and reasons for your views):

Introduction Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust wishes to express our strong support for Proposed Plan Change 3 (PC3) regarding Kārewarewa urupā. This submission outlines the cultural, historical, and spiritual significance of this site to Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, reinforcing our commitment to protecting our heritage and ensuring that our stories and practices are preserved for future generations. Cultural and Historical Context In the early 1800s, Te Ātiawa assumed settlement of the wider Waikanae area from its original inhabitants, as part of the wider migrations of Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Toa Rangitira peoples in the Kapiti district. The settlement at the eastern confluence of the Waikanae and Waimeha has been referred to by three names: Te Kuititanga, Waimeha, and Te Kārewarewa. This suggests that either the same settlement was referred to by multiple names, or that three pā, kāinga, or other cultural features, such as mahinga kai and urupā, were contiguous to one another. The lifespans of the pā and mahinga kai sites in the area were influenced by warfare; sites where battles occurred were usually abandoned, particularly if there were many casualties. Following the Battle of Te Kuititanga in October 1839, which experts describe as a "war of national significance," the area became marked by loss. This battle is crucial in the history of Te Ātiawa, as it established the enduring tribal boundary between Ngāti Raukawa and Te Ātiawa at Kūkūtauākī. Carkeek states that Waimeha pā at Kuititanga bore the brunt of the attack, resulting in many deaths, which were buried where they fell. Consequently, the site was deemed unsuitable for habitation or food cultivation. From that time, Kārewarewa has been regarded as a wahi tapu. The site has been used as an urupā, with numerous significant tūpuna buried there. Several burials from the mid to late 19th century have been recorded, including prominent individuals such as chieftainess Metāpere Te Waipunahau and other ancestors of Te Ātiawa. Significance of the Proposed Plan Change 1. The inclusion of Kārewarewa urupā in the District Plan formally recognises the critical events that have shaped our history, particularly the Battle of Te Kuititanga, which is vital for honouring our tūpuna. 2. By adding Kārewarewa urupā to Schedule 9 of the District Plan, this proposed change affirms its status as a site of significance to Māori, protecting it from inappropriate development and ensuring respect for its cultural integrity. 3. Highlighting Kārewarewa urupā in the District Plan fosters greater awareness and respect for Māori heritage within the wider community, encouraging collaboration and understanding between Te Ātiawa and local residents. Conclusion In conclusion, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust fully supports Proposed Plan Change 3 for Kārewarewa urupā. This change is crucial for recognising and protecting the cultural and historical significance of the site, ensuring that the legacy of our tūpuna is honoured and preserved for future generations. Nāku, nā Rawiri Tawhai-Bodsworth Tumuaki - Chair of the Board Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust

Q10. I seek the following decision from the Kāpiti Coast District Council (give precise details):

Full support for Proposed Plan Change 3 (PC3) regarding Kārewarewa urupā

Q11. I wish to be heard in support of my submission. Yes

Q12. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing. Yes

Q13. I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission No

Q14. I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
a. adversely affects the environment, and
b. does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
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