





NGĀ HAPŪ O ŌTAKI  
HE WAKA EKE NOA

20 Ākuhata 2024

**Re: Plan Change 3 – Kārewarewa Urupā**

Kia ora

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki extends our full support to the letter submitted by Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust regarding Plan Change 3. We echo their sentiment and emphasize the critical importance of this proposal for the preservation and recognition of Kārewarewa Urupā as a wāhi tapu within the Kapiti Coast District Plan.

Kārewarewa Urupā, located at Waikanae Beach, is not only of immense cultural and historical significance to Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai but also holds deep value for the wider iwi and hapū of the region, including Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki. The designation of this site as a wāhi tapu under Schedule 9 is a necessary step in ensuring that its sanctity is upheld and that development activities in the area are appropriately managed to protect this taonga for future generations.

We believe that Plan Change 3 is a vital measure to honour our shared cultural heritage and to formalize the protection of Kārewarewa Urupā. The legal framework proposed through this plan change will strengthen the partnership between the Kapiti Coast District Council and mana whenua, ensuring that the cultural landscape of our rohe is respected and preserved.

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki stands in solidarity with Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and urges the Kapiti Coast District Council to approve Plan Change 3. We trust that the Council will recognize the significance of this proposal and act in favour of safeguarding our heritage.

*Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua*

Nāku iti nei, nā

Denise Hapeta  
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# TE RŪNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA

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Tēnā koe Jason,

### **Kapiti Coast District Plan Change 3 – Kārewarewa Urupā**

Thank you for your engagement with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira (Te Rūnanga) regarding the preparation of a change to the Kapiti Coast District Plan to incorporate Kārewarewa Urupā into the District Plan as a Site of Significance to Māori.

Te Rūnanga understands that the purpose of the plan change is to incorporate Kārewarewa urupā into the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori Schedule in the District Plan as a wāhi tapu. Te Rūnanga acknowledges that Kapiti Coast District Council have previously tried to incorporate Kārewarewa urupā into the District Plan through Plan Change 2, however the High Court decided that this would require a separate plan change.

Kārewarewa urupā is the burial place of tūpuna of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Te Rūnanga acknowledges the history of Kārewarewa urupā and the multiple injustices that have occurred through alienation, removal of the cemetery designation, desecration, dumping of dredged materials, inappropriate development of streets and houses, disturbance of the whenua, exposure of kōiwi, lack of protection, lack of appropriate consultation and the continued efforts being made to further develop on the urupā.

Te Rūnanga acknowledge the grievances that these injustices have caused for Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai who have held ahi kā and the mamae that they have endured over such a long period of time through the disturbance and disrespect of tapu, tino rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga and tikanga. With part of the urupā already being developed and ongoing efforts being made for further development, Kārewarewa needs urgent protection from further damage to the whenua and tapu.

In conclusion, Te Rūnanga support Proposed Plan Change 3 to the Kapiti Coast District Plan and the immediate legal effect for the incorporation of Kārewarewa urupā into the Sites and Areas of Significance Schedule, as well as the values and significance of the urupā for Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai.

Ngā mihi

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