

4 September 2021

District Planning Team
Kapiti Coast District Council

Submission on Proposed Plan Change 2 – Support for Karewarewa Urupa

This submission addresses the establishment of a 20-acre Karewarewa Urupa at Waikanae Beach which is **supported in principle**.

It is made by the residents of 11 Barrett Drive, immediately adjacent to the entrance to Tamati Drive because it will not only recognise a historic wahi tapu site but could open the way for a valued community park-like asset.

Preliminary comments were previously provided on 10 March to the Planning Team which simply replied they were “noted” with “no changes made” and no responses given to the questions raised. That now means seeking straight answers.

The key issues:

- the landowner has clearly given up maintaining the land which has reverted to scrub and long grass, creating a worsening fire hazard in a high wind zone for the 50 surrounding neighbours
- the Waitangi Tribunal ruling has led to a long hiatus in any action for dealing with the deteriorating state of the land
- where will responsibility lie for maintaining what could become a valued cultural reserve and community asset open to the public
- if the landowner won't take responsibility, who will
- what steps will be taken to satisfy Fire & Emergency that a fire threat to 50 surrounding houses has been minimised
- is papakainga housing development to be allowed on any part of the 20-acre Karewarewa urupa
- it would be unreasonable to expect ratepayers to blindly approve this part of Plan Change 2 without providing answers and putting solutions in place

Changes Requested

That before any final Council decisions, clarification is necessary on:

- what will be done with the urupa site - left untended or managed
- whether the public will have continued access
- who will be responsible for effective upkeep of the site and fire prevention
- what steps will be taken to satisfy Fire & Emergency that a fire threat to 50 neighbouring houses has been eliminated
- what penalties will be in place for non-compliance with upkeep

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Please advise of hearing date - I wish to be heard.

Regards

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