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To ; KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Submission Subject:** This submission is made with respect to the proposed KCDC policy change named "**Proposed Plan Change 3( Kārewarewa Urupā ) to the District Plan**" ( the **proposal** ).

I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

**The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:**

Amending the District Plan maps to show the Kārewarewa urupā around Barrett Drive, Te Ropata Place, Marewa Place, and Tamati Place at Waikanae Beach; and  
Adding Kārewarewa urupā into Schedule 9 of the Operative Kapiti Coast District Plan 2021 (Sites and Areas of significance to Māori), with the undeveloped land within this area classified as "Wāhanga Tahi".

**My submission is as follows:**

I reside on Barrett Drive, at the top of Tamati Place, looking directly up to the Kārewarewa urupā . I am not Tangata Whenua.

My submission, as it relates to the specific provisions I have identified above, is made in support of the proposal.

Simply put, the proposal restores and corrects the Kārewarewa urupā to its historic status. I am advised the previous KCDC change was disallowed by the High Court, with the current proposal in further follow up.

The history before and after the Battle of Kuititanga, 1839, is outlined in the portion of Waitangi Tribunal 2200 entitled " The Kārewarewa Urupā Report", to which reference is made. Further reference is made to the submissions of Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangatira (20/8/2024), Ātiawa Ki Whakaronotai ( 19/8/2024), and Ngā Hpū O Ōtaki ( 20/8/2024). The Report, and those 3 submissions, and those of others, recite the injustices and errors through the years, including the removal of cemetery/urupā designation in 1969. The materials emphasize the sanctity of the Kārewarewa urupā, the need to honour its important cultural heritage and protect it into the future generations. The adoption of the proposal will put back in place the rights and protections running to the respective Iwi and Tangata Whenua. Such action enobles the importance of the urupā, bringing its status back into the arms and spirit of The Treaty itself, signed in Waikanae on May 16, 1840, to whom many of those Tangata Whenua who whakapa to those original local signers, remain affected by the subsequent history.

Without point by point rebuttals, many of those submissions opposing the proposal contain errors of fact, including burial methods at the time of huge loss of life in the 1839 battle, the existence of koiwi/bones that have been and will be dug up if the proposal fails, and the deep relationship to their tūpuna, fallen back then.

Having said all the above I am not opposed to development in general, but submit because there are circumstances when development must give way, as with this matter, to sacred histories. If the proposal goes forward, and the Waikanae Land Company seeks once again to litigate the matter, it is hoped that such would create an opportunity for the parties, Iwi and including Tangata Whenua, WLC, KCDC and residents and ratepayers of the area and Kapiti Coast affected, to negotiate and reach a final settlement, satisfactory to all, with a Court judgment avoiding time and expense that litigation would entail.

Respectfully submitted.

Simon

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