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Submission on Puwhakamua Reintegration Facility-Puaiti Road, Waikite Valley

INTRODUCTION

1. Please accept this submission on behalf of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust (the Runanga) which refers to the resource consent application by the Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust.
2. When Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust refers to "iwi" in this submission it means the people of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa
3. The Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust is the mandated iwi authority for the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa people
4. From Te Waiheke o Huka (Huka Falls) to the south, we extend east to our pouwhenua at Ngapuketerua beyond the Rangitaiki River, then northward across the plains of Kaingaroa to Wairapukao and further on to Pekepeke. From here we extend to our northern pouwhenua at Maunga Kakaramaea, turning west to the Paeroa Range and on to Orakei Korako on the banks of the Waikato River, the birthplace and principal papakainga of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa. From Orakei Korako we extend further west to Pohaturoa, an ancient pa site. These are the pouwhenua, the geographical marker points that describe the rohe in which Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is recognised as an iwi with mana whenua
5. Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is an affiliate to Te Arawa River Iwi Trust which is a Post-Settlement Governance Entity formed in relation to the Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa and Te Arawa River Iwi Act 2010.
6. Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is also an affiliate to Te Pumautanga Trust which is another Post-Settlement Governance Entity formed in relation to the Affiliate Te Arawa Iwi and Hapu Claims Settlement Act 2008.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THIS SUBMISSION

The Runanga notes that a letter of support was provided by Leo Rika, as a kaumatua representing the Ngati Whaoa Runanga. The Runanga wishes to clarify that although Mr Rika is a Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa kaumatua, he does not represent the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust in any way.

Ka ora te iwi – Ka ora te tangata

Furthermore, the Ngati Whaoa Runanga is not an iwi authority and is not mandated to represent the iwi. Therefore, Mr Rika's letter of support for the resource consent application is provided on a personal basis only and must not be taken as a representation of the Ngati Whaoa Runanga's stance in this matter.

From a cultural perspective, the Runanga has concerns with this application based on our values of manakitanga and whakawhanaungatanga for and with our wider community, which includes those in the Waikite Valley. At this stage the Runanga is aware that there is considerable opposition to the application by the Waikite Valley community and the social impact assessment that has been undertaken does not address these concerns in a way in which the community will find acceptable.

Because of these cultural concerns, the Runanga opposes the resource consent application until such time as support for the application is provided by the Waikite Valley community, including those directly affected within a 3km radius of the application site.

Naku noa, na



Michelle Phillips
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