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Re: Listing Nomination the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero - Te Puna o Korotangi – Aotea

Teena koe Makere,

Following the information provided by Diane Bradshaw (on behalf of Ngaati Te Wehi), it is our understanding that whaanau have expressed desires to have Te Puna o Korotangi recognised as a Waahi Tapu Area on the New Zealand Heritage List / Raarangi Koorero.

We wish to support this notion and want to reiterate the position set out in the Pouhere Taonga Memorandum of Understanding between The New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga ("The Board") and Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Incorporated, in its capacity as trustee of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust ("Waikato-Tainui").

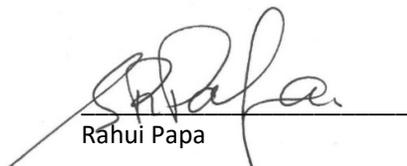
The Board acknowledges that to Waikato-Tainui, waahi tapu means those sites of significance that are highly prized. They are areas (lands, waters and space) which exhibit the following:

- a) cultural importance such as areas for cultural and spiritual purification, cleansing and/or ceremonial purposes, activities, natural places, fisheries and food gathering sites;
- b) historical importance such as areas where significant battles occurred, significant tribal and/or Kiingitanga events;
- c) tribal importance such as existing and historical marae, papakainga (communities), urupa (burial grounds), tuahu (monuments) and areas of celebration;
- d) archaeological importance including areas where taonga tuku iho are discovered.

As such the listing of Te Puna o Korotangi, will ensure that Ngaati Te Wehi are acknowledged as mana moana, mana whenua, mana tangata of these sites. Recognising that the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui and Ngaati Te Wehi are not undermined as their role as Kaitiaki.

Ultimately, we will do everything we can to exercise and maintain our mana whenua and rangatiratanga over our tribal rohe. It is my hope that we can work-together and support each other in enabling our people to realise their aspirations and achieve mana Motuhake.

Amohia ake te ora o te iwi, ka puta ki te wheiao


Rāhui Papa

