



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA

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Tēnā koe John,

**HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA – LETTER TO BE TABLED FOR THE HEARING FOR THE NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO DESIGNATE LAND FOR THE ŌMOKOROA ACTIVE RESERVE.**

**To:** Hearings Panel for Notice of Requirement to Designate Land for the Ōmokoroa Active Reserve as part of the Western Bay of Plenty Council District Plan.

**Name of submitter:** Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historic heritage.
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) lodged a submission on the Notice of Requirement to Designate Land for the Ōmokoroa Active Reserve (NOR) as part of the Western Bay of Plenty Council District Plan. While HNZPT did not wish to be heard, through its submission HNZPT sought that the conditions of the NOR advised of the need for a HNZPT Archaeological Authority for this project.
3. HNZPT has reviewed the s42A report that clearly discusses the need for the HNZPT archaeological authority for this project, given the rich archaeological landscape of the Ōmokoroa Peninsula, (paras 8.31-8.35), and at paras 13.6 the s42A states "*As previously noted in this report the discovery of unrecorded archaeology is best managed through the authority process under Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.*"
4. However, on review of the Draft Designation Conditions contained in Attachment 4 to the S42A report, HNZPT has concerns relating to draft condition 4:
  - "4. *The outline plan shall demonstrate how earthworks within site will be undertaken in accordance with the 'good earthworks practice' Ōmokoroa Earthworks Procedures within the District Plan. This includes, but is not limited to:*
    - a. *Undertaking meaningful consultation with Pirirakau prior to the outline plan application.*

*b. Procedures for informing Pirirakau of earthwork start dates and opportunities for site blessings and monitoring of earthworks activities.*

*c. Discovery protocols for archaeology, koiwi; other artefacts; habitation sites or middens.*

*d. Any discussions or agreement for input into place names and signage.”*

5. HNZPT has advised of the need for an archaeological authority for this project which will address the matter of undiscovered archaeology. HNZPT is concerned that the intent of the proposed condition is unclear, as it does not advise if the condition is applicable in the context of there also being an archaeological authority in place. Therefore, to maintain the integrity of any archaeological authority that may be granted for the site, HNZPT seeks that “c” is amended as follows (Additions underline):

c) Discovery protocols for archaeology koiwi; other artefacts; habitation sites or middens that will be applicable if an HNZPT archaeological authority is not in place.

6. This approach has been accepted by other District Councils as part of the NOR conditions suites.

### **Conclusion**

7. HNZPT seeks that the amendments proposed as part of the letter are included into the recommended conditions of the NOR, to better maintain the integrity of the HNZPT Archaeological Authority that will be required for this important project.

8. Should the Hearings Panel require clarification or wish to discuss the above matters further, please contact HNZPT via the address for service below.

Kā mihi



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