

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust

*Rangiauria (Pitt Island) Wharf Upgrade
Resource Consent Application*

Submission – August 2013

Introduction

The Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (“the Trust”) represents the collective interests of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (NMOW), and is a mandated iwi authority for the purposes of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Māori Fisheries Act 2004. Although the Trust speaks for NMOW on a number of matters, the mana and decision-making powers remain with NMOW, according to NMOW tikanga/kawa. This then forms the basis for this submission from the Trust to the Chatham Islands Council (CIC).

Our Purpose

- To be the repository of the collective Tino Rangatiratanga of Ngati Mutunga O Wharekauri
- To represent the collective interest of Ngati Mutunga O Wharekauri and be the legal representative of Ngati Mutunga O Wharekauri in relation to the collective interest
- To make and pursue the settlement of claims on behalf and for the benefit of Ngati Mutunga O Wharekauri under the provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
- To be the mandated iwi organisation for Ngati Mutunga O Wharekauri

Benefit Provision

To advance the social and cultural development of Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri beneficiaries and distribute benefits directly or indirectly to beneficiaries, irrespective of where they may reside, when and where the Trust may decide.

Tikanga

To promote and preserve, protect and maintain the identity, mana, Tino Rangatiratanga, culture, history, traditions, arts and crafts, tikanga, reo, and taonga tuku iho of Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Overview of Submission

We have chosen to construct our response according to what matters most to us. The process of consultation is one of the ‘absolutes’ in terms of our Maori worldview. Accordingly, we start at section 8 and move back through the application (as we respond).

Consent Renewal Features

This submission is the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri response to an application for a Resource Consent to upgrade the wharf at Rangiauria (Pitt Island). The permit is for the purpose of:

- Occupying the coastal marine area with wharf facilities and to establishing a sand trap structure and wave break structure
- Discharge contaminants (stock effluent) to land in a manner that may result in that contaminant entering coastal water

The consent application is for 35 years.

In addition 3 year consents to:

- (under coastal permits) construct a wharf and associated works
- (land use permits) upgrade earthworks associated with the wharf upgrade.

The proposed location is Flower Pot Bay, Rangiauria

Iwi Trust Response

Site Control Measures (section 8.1)

We note with some concern the wording that has been struck out at bullet point 4 and that new (and appropriate) wording shall be inserted by Susan Forbes of Hokotehi Moriori Trust. We remind MWH that Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri are tangata whēnua (as with Moriori) on Rangiauria and Wharekauri.

We are also concerned that the wording as put into the draft puts us on a collision course with our Moriori relations. We have an excellent working relationship with our Moriori relations and know that would not be their intent. We urge caution in the way you draft in relation to matters Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga.

Accordingly, and in relation to the obligations spelt out in the RMA under section 6e, 7a and 8, we ask that you ensure any wording added in by Hokotehi Moriori Trust is first put through the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust. We add that the Iwi Trust acts as a conduit to those of our Iwi who are experts in matters kōiwi and other archaeological matters. We will ensure that the appropriate responses are provided.

Consultation Undertaken (section 7)

Whilst we appreciate receiving the application, we remain committed to 'kanohi-ki-te-kanohi' consultation. Good consultation requires that it be early, it is conducted in good faith, it is meaningful, it is ongoing, and that those seeking to consult with Maori are prepared to change their mind on the basis of sound reasoning provided by Iwi.

We have a strong preference not to be consulted through the distribution of draft resource consent applications. Rather, and consistent with our Iwi values, we require good face to face discussions.

Rangiauria Whānau Consultation (section 7)

We are pleased to note the extensive consultation that was undertaken with the whānau of Rangiauria. Our whānau who are most impacted by projects must of course be given first opportunity to respond.

As an Iwi Organisation we are determined to support our whānau in terms of their economic, social, and cultural aspirations. Accordingly, our submission must not be seen in any way to run contrary to the collective aspirations of the people of Rangiauria.

