

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust

Memorial Park Alliance Resource Consent Application

- Chisholm Quarry
 - Ohinemama Farm Quarry
 - Construction Yard
 - Waitangi Wharf
 - Grazing area
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Karakia mo te Rangi

E Io Matua

Tiakina mai mātou

Mai i te rangi ki te whenua

Mai i te whenua ki te rangi e

Haumi e, hui e, Tāiki e

(To the supreme spirit

Keeping us safe

From the earth to heavens

From the heavens to the earth

Let it be so) approx translation only

Submission – September 2015

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

Benefit Provision

To advance the social and cultural development of Ngāti 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 Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

Memorial Park Alliance

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (NMOW) Trust Board supports the proposal in principal and acknowledges the value and necessity of the project for the wellbeing of both the uri (descendants) o Ngāti Mutunga and the wider community of Wharekauri.

While NMOW acknowledges the deadline for these submissions and the expectation that Cultural Health Indexing reports have been requested for the Resource Consent process unfortunately the current workload has not allowed that to happen. However we have contracted this work and it is our expectation that all work for these reports will be completed by September 30th 2015.

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (NMOW) acknowledges its Kaitiakitanga (guardianship) obligations that have been hand down from Tūpuna (ancestors). NMOW also acknowledges that there may be other cultural interest on Wharekauri with taiao (environmental) Kaitiaki obligations.

NMOW has reviewed the material provided by the Memorial Park Trust and has raised some concerns and factors for consideration. The cultural aspect of these reports will be more fully covered in the Cultural Impact assessments.

NMOW would like the following conditions be given consideration and effect to in any Resource consent granted to the developer.

Listed below are factors NMOW Iwi Trust would like to take in to consideration for the initial application of the Resource Consent;

Chisholm Quarry and Ohinemama Farm Quarry

- Establish water quality, presence, and quantity of taonga species prior to project commencement of project.
- Recommend an ongoing monitoring regime to ensure the quarry is not affecting the water quality and taonga species in the nearby streams and run off to the sea.
- Having an iwi monitor on site for all excavation and dredging
- This would include identifying any species that may use this area as part of a spawning cycle
- Acknowledgement of Kaitiakitanga of Ngāti Mutunga for the area.
- The use of iwi monitors when the initial excavation and earthworks is undertaken
- Ensure Ngāti Mutunga tikanga is included in the construction and development process for site
- Acknowledge korero tawhito and pūrākau for the area
- Assurance that any accidental discoveries will follow legislative process.

Acknowledgement of Iwi

- Iwi monitor on site for entail excavation and earth works
- On-going monitoring of waimāori (fresh water) quality
- On-going monitoring of Moana quality and bio mass
- Establish base line information on taonga species
- Tighter conditions on traffic flows and speed limit
- Question estimated time of project

Waitangi Wharf

- Establish baseline information taonga species, water quality
- Ensure ongoing monitoring of all water qualities and taonga species
- Ensure ongoing monitoring of any current shift and the effect it has on the distribution of the benthic environment and the coastal area
- Have a quick response plan if erosion begins to occur particularly if the currents effect wāhi tapu
- Ensure correct Ngāti Mutunga tikanga is followed during all stages of construction process
- Ensure wāhi tapu are protected
- Suggest that a process for the repatriation of kōiwi needs to be established with Iwi, Imi, Contractors and Council
- Establish baseline information on Taiao and whenua and ensure ongoing monitoring
- Possible removal and then repatriation of taonga species on the reef system in front of the hotel for the duration of the project and on completion.
- Iwi monitors on site during all initial dredging and earthworks

Grazing

- Assurance that any accidental discoveries will follow legislative process.
- Acknowledgement of Iwi and Imi