



27 April 2016

**Attention:** Karen Walby  
Auckland Council,  
Level 3, Takapuna Service Centre,  
1 The Strand, Takapuna

Tena koe, Karen,

**Reference:** Springs Road, proposed classification of section 1 SO 327676 pursuant to section 16 (2A) of the Reserves Act 1977, as a local purpose (community buildings) reserve.

Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust is the legal entity that manages the settlement assets, coordinates and facilitates the interests of Ngati Whatua o Kaipara, including Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship). A key priority is to retain and maintain our cultural and traditional practices of Ngati Whatua that are embodied in Kaitiakitanga roles and responsibilities.

Ngati Whatua o Kaipara refers to the uri (descendants) from ancestors of each of the five marae of South Kaipara; namely Reweti (Whiti te Ra) to the South and Haranui (Nga Tai i Turia ki te Maro Whara) to the North west, and Kakanui (Te Kia Ora) and Araparera (Te Aroha Pa) to the East and Puatahi (Te Manawanui) to the North.

Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and manaakitanga (care of) role and obligations are recognized, but are not limited to:

- Protection and maintenance of waahi tapu (sites of significance and sites of value) and other heritage sites;
- Protection of taonga (treasurers);
- Placing of rahui (temporary ritual prohibition) to allow replenishment of natural resources;
- Restoration of damaged ecosystems;
- Protection of sensitive environments;
- Directing development in ways which are in keeping with the environment;
- Ensuring the sustainable use of resources;

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- Upholding the tikanga (customs and cultural practices) associated with traditional activities, such as karakia (prayer);
- Providing for the needs of present and future generations.

Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust has reviewed all the relevant material and conducted a site visit on 15 March 2016 at the above property.

The site visit and the outcomes from the discussions clarified the following matters;

- The extent of the proposed community facility and its purposes;
- Ngati Whatua o Kaipara endorsement to community services which contribute to the wider South Head community outcomes, including Ngati Whatua o Kaipara outcomes;
- Opportunities for Haranui Marae to give expression to manaakitanga (care for) by enabling a cultural blessing, at the "turning of the soil." (at the commencement of earthworks or the development); and a blessing at the official opening of the building.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust is recognized as the legal entity that governs the operations and management of Ngati Whatua o Kaipara, and has responsibilities to uphold the cultural heritage and values of Ngati Whatua o Kaipara.
2. Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust endorses classification of section 1 SO 327676 pursuant to section 16 (2A) of the Reserves Act 1977, as a local purpose (community buildings) reserve.
3. Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust recognizes that the classification process provides a site for the Coast guard Kaipara community lease.
4. Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust acknowledges the Coast guard Kaipara contribution to South Head community outcomes.
5. Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust is to be provided the opportunity to participate at the predevelopment site to enable a cultural blessing by Haranui marae.
6. Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust is to be provided the opportunity to participate at the official opening of the facility to enable a cultural blessing by Haranui marae.

Finally, Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust appreciates the opportunity to provide a response to this application.

Naku noa,



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