



NGĀTI WHĀTUA ŌRĀKEI

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Chair and Trustees

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board

Ōrākei

Auckland

Tena koe e te Heamana, otira ki a koutou ngā kaiwhakahaere o te Poari,

At a meeting of the Taumata Kaumatua on the 27th March it was unanimously supported that a urupa be designated on the whenua rangatira directly in front of the Ōrākei Marae. The denomination of this urupa we would graciously recommend to the Reserves Board is *haahi Māori* in line with our Māori cultural beliefs and protocols

This urupa is a high priority for the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei people because of the risks associated with the flooding of the existing urupa at Okahu Bay.

This has taken years to progress and we implore the Reserves Board to move swiftly to develop a resting place for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and whānau.

The Taumata Kaumatua are and will offer all support required to initiative and move this project to its fruition.

I runga ano i te rangimarie,

Te Puna (Danny) Tumahai

Chair – Taumata Kaumatua

