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Waitara Rezoning Plan Change Presentation

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This area is significant to Manukorihi Hapū as it is part of the Pekapeka Block that was central to the land confiscations in 1848. Manukorihi Hapū as mana whenua are also Kaitiaki of the whenua therefore ensuring that all developments do not have adverse effects on the whenua, waahi tapu, waahi taonga, environment and waterbodies within the rohe.

Following the enactment of the Waitara Land Bill, Te Kowhatu Tu Moana was established to provide housing opportunities for the uri of Manukorihi Hapū, hence, it is not opposed to any development that may potentially provide housing opportunities for our whanau, tamariki and mokopuna. However, the Hapū will not compromise its integrity to achieve that outcome. Consequently, any changes to the use of land, Manukorihi Hapū will carefully ensure that their role of Kaitiakitanga is maintained by completing a Cultural Impact Assessment that defines our relationship with this whenua.

In regards to the specific Rezoning Plan Change to this whenua, the biggest concern for Manukorihi Hapū is the potential impact further down-stream as the awa winds its way down to the Waitara Estuary. Contaminants and silt from earthworks, use of impervious materials, use of any structures such as 'bunds' that restrict water flow will contribute to the reduction of the integrity of the water body and subsequently the health and water quality. Additional risks of increased water flow down-stream could also impact upon existing urban development and future development will be affected. Manukorihi Hapū aligns with the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai that acknowledges that water bodies have their own mana and mouri that protect the integrity of the awa.

Manukorihi Hapū is already experiencing a long lasting detrimental impact on its whenua, environment and awa by an earlier development on the other side of Waitara. This is attributed to lack of early, effective consultation and the developer's ability to make plan changes due to poor regulatory oversight and monitoring and poor regulatory retribution process. The down-stream impact is major, as it has affected the passage way between our schools, our Marae, Te Kohanga Reo, and urban passage towards the Waitara river. To try to

remediate the adverse effects, a number of people, many hui, continue trying to make it right, and the Developer is nowhere to be seen.

In summary, as kaitiaki of this area Manukorihi Hapū will continue to protect this significant area by ensuring that the whenua, waahi tapu, waahi taonga, environment and waterbodies are sustained. Therefore Manukorihi Hapū stands by its stance as outlined in the Cultural Impact Assessment presented today.

In summary Manukorihi Hapū support the Cultural Impact Assessment that is being presented to you today.

I hope financial gain is not the only investment into this whenua. We need to see the environment protected for our future generation. This is the most important investment of them all.

If the above is not sustained, the flow-on impacts upon the Health of the People and the Health of the Environment.