

Your Comment on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project

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Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, Ngāti Takapari are a confederation of three hapū from Te Tai Tokerau. Our whakapapa derives from the two key marriages of the Te Waiariki chiefs Te Uhi o Te Rangi and Tūkaiteuru, to the Ngāi Tāhuhu women Kahuwhero and Te Huaki, by virtue of bestowal of the mana from Te Tuatahi of Ngāi Tāhuhu. These unions and their descendants took his territories over the mana of Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā me Ngāti Takapari.

The rohe of Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, Ngāti Takapari is vast, with our mana flowing across large stretches of moana along the Tai Tama wāhine. Our takutai moana is mapped across the coastlines of Taiharuru, to the mouth of the harbour at Parua Bay, Taurikura and Te Whara, through to the Whangarei Coast, all being continuations of our lands known as Waikare and of Whanui. We are hapū applicants in the Whangarei Harbour, stage 1(a) and Whangarei Coast, Stage 1(b) proceedings before the High Court under the *Marine and Coastal Area Act*

2011. He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi are furthermore solemn to us and inform all our engagements with the Kāwana.

Our takutai moana, across the Whangarei Coast rohe concerning this application, is home to natural features that are beneficially enjoyed by the whanau of Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, Ngāti Takapari, mainly as a food source and for navigation. Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, Ngāti Takapari access and control this takutai moana from our nearest pā kāinga at Taiharuru. Our right to enjoy this moana is in the virtue of our tikanga, whakapapa and take tūpuna.

By way of our mana, Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, Ngāti Takapari affirm our pou whenua and oppose the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project applied for by the McCallum Brothers Ltd under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. The McCallum Brothers Ltd have sought an expedited process to dredge approximately 150,000 m³/yr of sand for an initial period of three years and up to approximately 250,000 m³/yr thereafter over a total of 35 years, from a 17 km² area of seabed in Bream Bay, Northland. The application lacks empirical substance, and the material benefits of this project remain unclear to us as a hapū. This project (which directly disturbs the seabed) impacts a significant area of our moana, for a significant period of time. This will have serious implications for our taiao (particularly marine life and ecosystems) and future generations of our hapū whose wellbeing relies upon the wellbeing of our moana.

As hapū, we are particularly concerned about the environmental and hauora implications of the proposed, large-scale sand dredging on their pātaka kai and sustained access to kaimoana across the Whangarei coastline and neighbouring harbour; with flow on generational effects for their moana, whenua, and kainga across Tai Tama wāhine. Despite the significant concerns brought about by the applicant's proposal, there have been no requests for hui or meaningful consultation process initiated. It troubles us that our kōrero on the issue has been reduced to a comment by way of this form, to be considered as an administrative issue for the fast-track application process. That is an insult to our mana and our role as a paramount hapū partner under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

As information from the Department of Conservation has outlined, in their advice to the Environmental Protection Authority, there are clear legal issues with the risk to protected/taonga coral species under this proposed sand-dredging project and therefore compliance with the *Wildlife Act 1953*. It is likely that further moana ecologies, including those not protected under the *Wildlife Act 1953*, will be even more vulnerable to the environmental impacts of this project. That leaves us with concerns for the mauri of the moana at risk and its further implications for our access to the moana by way of our tikanga, the sustainability of our kaimoana, and the subsequent wellbeing of our whānau who rely upon our surrounding moana for kai and sustenance.

No economic benefit for the applicant, from the proposed sand-dredging project of our moana, outweighs our mana, our inherent relationship with te taiao, and our hapū rights and responsibilities as mana moana, mana whenua in defending and sustaining our taiao for the benefit of future generations.