

Your written comments on a project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Project name	Waipiro Bay Marina Infrastructure Project
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2. Please provide your comments on this application
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Ko te awa o nga Rangatira
Taumarere herehere i te riri
Te puna i keteriki
Keteriki, kete tana riki
Ko Ngati Hine pukepukerau
Ti-hei wa mauri ora!!

These comments are provided by Nga Tirairaka o Ngati Hine on behalf of Te Runanga o Ngati Hine who are both parties to the Mana Whakahono Agreement between Ngati Hine and Northland Regional Council signed in December 2024.

We firstly offer these comments in support of our whanaunga Ngati Kuta and Patukeha hapu who vehemently oppose the building of the Waipiro Marina proposed by Azuma Property Limited and Hopper Developments Limited Partnership.

We express disappointment that under this piece of legislation that we submitted against it before it ascended into law that our whanaunga of Ngati Kuta and Patukeha who are in close proximity to Ngati Hine are having to endure such undue pressure. To defend their pataka kai, their taonga that they have been kaitiaki of for generations. We are affected when our whanaunga are impacted and will rise to tautoko them. We cannot and will not stand idly watching the suffering of our whanaunga.

The Waitangi Tribunal Claim known as Wai 49 which was submitted by Sir James Henare in 1988 and talks to the sacredness of the waterways in the Bay of Islands and that the Crown be constrained from acting and granting consents in respect of the Taumarere River and Te Moana o Pikopiko i Whiti. Ngati Hine have long been opponents of Marina, beginning with Opua, their submission against the expansion of Marina in the Bay of Islands through the Draft Moorings and Maringa Strategy mooted by Northland Regional Council in 2014 and now Waipiro Bay. The Minister is directed to Nga Tikanga mo te Taiao o Ngati Hine in Chapter 2 where we talk extensively to the importance of all water bodies including Te Moana.

We do not agree that this proposal should be deemed as satisfying the requirements under the Fast Track Approvals Regime because of the following:

- The lack of consultation with Ngati Kuta and Patukeha and those who would be most impacted should this application be granted;

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- The burgeoning environmental impacts that Waipiro Bay and surrounding areas are already having to face today let alone the impending onslaught brought about by a Marina in the area; and
- The priority of economic gains over environmental degradation of the seabed and the foreshore. As well as the impact on tangata whenua.

We would further reiterate that we are united in the position of opposition, that the proposed Waipiro Bay Marina Infrastructure project does not meet the criteria for Fast-Track Approval because:

1. The application has not satisfied the Fast-Track Approval Act 2024, Section 7 relating to Treaty Settlements and recognised customary rights. The application is void of any evidence that Treaty settlements and recognised customary rights have been adequately considered.
2. Does not meet Section 22 Referral Criteria of the Act because it is not a development of significant regional or national benefit. It has presented misleading economic and research data, creating a perception that it is a development of significant regional benefit.
3. Does not meet the Section 22 (2) (v) requirement to support the Primary Industries including aquaculture, and
4. It is yet to appropriately satisfy Sections 8, 12 and 17 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

We therefore seek that you decline the application for Fast Track Approval and that the proposal proceed through the standard resource consenting process. However, should the Minister decide to progress the proposal to Stage 2 of the FTA process, we request to be able to participate in that stage also.

Mauri ora

Hohipere Williams

Nga Tirairaka o Ngati Hine

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Date