

Your Comment on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project

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Attn: the Panel convener for FTA082. Amended Version.

Ref: Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project proposal by McCallum Brothers Limited.

I am one of the MACA applicants included in McCallum Brothers Limited list of MACA Applicants Consulted. Their list confirms their initial contact date of 24 February 2025 with follow up contact on 12 September 2025 to which I responded on that same day. My response follows; *Te Parawhau ki Tai acknowledges receipt and criticizes the new Fast Track Act as restrictive toward Maori people, contrasting it with the original intent of the RMA 1991. Correspondence are ongoing, refer to Attachment 5c.*

Through my maternal grandmother, I affiliate to Te Parawhau hapu of Te Pupurangi puta noa i te Wahapu o Whangārei Terenga Paraoa who come from the ancient lineage of Ngai Tahu. Through my maternal grandfather, I affiliate to Te Uri - o- Hau hapu ki Pouto, Kaipara, and also from the same ancient lineage of Ngai Tahu, the people of the waka Tūnui-a-rangi which landed in Whangarei Harbour.

Today's people can prove their long term occupation of their tribal lands through their urupa (burial grounds), and the kawa of their marae and wharehui. Today's people are interested in the re- development of Maori Medium Science; Putaiao - the integration of Mātauranga Māori, (knowing about things through continual observation), with Western Science, (the why and how things happen).

Te Parawhau history relates the story of their Hawaiiki ancestors who noticed that the kuaka (curlews) migrated every year in a southerly direction, and that they invariably flew towards and returned from the same point. From these observations the learned men of the tribes deduced the theory that there was land in the direction of the curlews flight. To settle this question, canoes were built and fitted out; and following the direction of the curlews flight they eventually discovered the land they named Aotearoa.

My comments:

The Hapu Well Being Fund: MBL agrees to contribute to whānau ora initiatives, including health, education, housing, etc (pp3, 6, 115, of the Te Parawhau CIA and power point presentation at hui). This 'thoughtful partnership' is under the heading 'mitigation measures.'

I am not an advocate of sand being mined from the ancient sea floor of any part of Bream Bay. This is our playground and it has been my playground for the past forty years of my nearly eighty six years. This is where we go fishing, boating, swimming, board riding or just standing on the beach, looking out to sea admiring the view.

We are the kaitiaki of Whangārei Terenga Paraoa - the guardians of whales, and seabirds:- Ngati Korora, Te Waiariki, Ngati Takapari, Ngati Kahu o Torongare, Ngati Tu, Ngati Hau, Uri o Pohe, and of course, Te Parawhau, Patuharakeke and our whanaunga at sea, Ngatiwai.

I refer the Panel to a photograph of a colony of crayfish at the site of the proposed Bream Bay fast-track sand mine. (p111 on the New Zealand Photographic Special Report May/June 2026)

Our collective whanau under application MAC -01-01-137; the Fletchers, the Kays, the Georges, the Smiths, the Panoho, the Heperi, the trustees of Toetoe Marae, Mere and Corinthia Kepa, Patrick Hilton and Nicki Wakefield, oppose the Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project proposal by McCallum Brothers Limited.

Always on my mind is the Fast Track Approvals Amendment Act 2025 together with the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) (Customary Marine Title) Amendment Act 2025. That scary word “title’ which so got Callum McCallum’s heckles up.

Ngā mihi,

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Te Parawhau ki Tai applicant. MAC-01-01-137

Thank you for your comments