

BEFORE THE EXPERT PANEL

FTAA 2511 1150

UNDER THE

FAST TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024 (FTAA or Act)

IN THE MATTER OF

a substantive application by McCallum Bros Limited for the Te Ākau Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project located at Paepae Atua, Northland

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF PARI WALKER ON BEHALF OF TE POUWHENUA
O TIAKIRIRI KUKUPA TRUST (TE PARAWHAU KI TAI)**

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Tēnā koe

E mihi kau ana ki a koutou i raro i te maru o ngā manaakitanga o te Runga Rawa. Ko au tēnei ko Pari Walker, he kaumātua nō Te Parawhau, e tuku atu ana i taku taunakitanga.

He honore nui ki ahau

1 For many years, I have served my hapū and wider community as a kaumātua in the role of Kaiarahi of many Kaupapa affecting Te Parawhau Hapū, such as cultural advisor, advocating for our tikanga and the protection of our taonga tuku iho. My mahi has included leading tuwhera, karakia, and significant cultural ceremonies across Te Tai Tokerau alongside advocating for the rangatiratanga of our hapū, Te Parawhau in Whangārei. These responsibilities have strengthened my ability to uphold kawa, tikanga to provide cultural assurance, and support organisations such as Hapū, Iwi, Government agencies, Community and Business groups to engage confidently and respectfully with Māori communities. My experience aligns closely with the expectations of this kaupapa. As a kaumātua of Te Parawhau ki Tai, I have contributed to environmental and resource management kaupapa, including supporting the development of the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreement with the Northland Regional Council. This mahi reflects my commitment to tino rangatiratanga, mana motuhake, and ensuring Māori voices are embedded in decision-making at every level. I am deeply committed to the Articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the principles of partnership. I bring a generational understanding of He Whakaputanga o Ngā Rangatira and the unique historical context of Te Taitokerau.

2 I currently hold the appointment of the Chairperson for Te Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Kūkupa Trust (**the Trust**) and now would partake in providing matters related to this Kaupapa. I am authorised to provide this evidence on behalf of the Trust.

Whakapapa Connection

3. I submit my Genealogy line as follows:

Kūkupa moe i a Whitiao - Begat Ipuwhakatara

Ipu ka moe i a Papa - Begat Tito

Tito ka moe i a Makareta - Begat Te Ihi Wati

Te Ihi Wati ka moe i a Kiritahanga - Begat Wairoro

Wairoro ka moe i a Ripa - Begat Hohipere

Hohipere ka moe i a Rauna - Begat Pari ko te kai korero ahau

4. I submit this genealogy as being important to show our connection to PaePae Atua from our Tupuna Kūkupa to myself.

5. The relationship that Te Parawhau ki Tai has with Paepae Atua is embedded in whakapapa, atua, and kōrero tuku iho. This connection is carried each day by the rising of Te Hōkio, whose flight traces the whakapapa of the Hapū across the rohe, west to east from Tangihua to Taranga, from Mano Hiwa Ariki in the south to Parikiore in the north including all the whenua, moana, motu and awa in between affirming the mana of Te Parawhau ki Tai and its unbroken association with Paepae Atua and surrounding Outstanding Natural Landscapes including its rite of passage to Moana nui ā Kiwa. Te Parawhau ki Tai asserts that it holds, under tikanga, the strongest relationship with the MBL extraction site, as part of our ancestral lands, waters, sites and taonga as handed down from our paramount Rangatira, Kūkupa and his sons, Tirarau and Tiakiriri.

6. I also submit that other hapū also indicate that they connect in some way to the same place and use other names to identify the area, however with my limited knowledge of the areas they refer to, Te Ākau is not in the extraction area we submit as Paepae Atua.

7. I would like to submit an incident where our Tupuna Kūkupa met Capt James Cook at Paepae Atua in the year 1769 confirming our connection to the area by means other than tribal korero.

8. During this meeting Capt James Cook gifted our Tupuna a Black Cat. Marking our Te Parawhau Hapū first contact.

Decision to support the MBL fast-track proposal

9. The Trust, on behalf of Te Parawhau ki Tai, has assessed the potential effects of the proposed sand extraction activities¹ against Te Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Kūkupa Trust’s Pou Tarawaho: Mana Atua, Mana o te Wai, Mana Whenua, Mana Ao Tūroa, and Mana Tāngata. The assessment identifies potential adverse effects on the taiao, uara ahurea, and the wellbeing of Te Parawhau ki Tai, who retain mana i te whenua across Paepae Atua and the surrounding ancestral taiao.

10. A comprehensive suite of restorative actions and mahi whakaora (mitigation measures) are required to address these impacts, and these are outlined in our Cultural Impact Assessment, and Georgina Olsen’s evidence. These include environmental monitoring and restoration measures of the seabed; mutually beneficial economic arrangements, including employment, scholarships and training, Hapū enterprise establishment and support; investment in marae, housing and health initiatives; cultural induction; environmental funding; and partnership mechanisms.

11. These mahi whakaora are essential not only to mitigate adverse effects, but also to restore the mauri of Paepae Atua, uphold the mana of Te Parawhau ki Tai, and give effect to the articles and principles of partnership and active protection under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Our Cultural Impact Assessment affirms that MBL must uphold the principles of rangatiratanga, mauri ora, and whakawhanaungatanga, to ensure that Te Parawhau ki Tai can exercise its kaitiakitanga obligations and protect the interconnected wellbeing of ngā tāngata, whenua, wai, and taiao.

12. Te Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Kūkupa Trust, and Te Parawhau marae kaumātua (i.e., the signatories to our CIA), have confirmed our conditional support of the proposed sand extraction activity at Paepae Atua, subject to enforceable commitments to adopt and formalise the full suite of mahi whakaora outlined in the CIA and Georgina Olsen’s evidence. These mahi whakaora are not discretionary; they are essential to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, protect ngā uara ahurea o Te Parawhau ki

¹ Fast-track Application by McCallum Bros Ltd (MBL), FTAA 2511 1150.

Tai and the mauri of Paepae Atua, and ensure the wellbeing of Te Parawhau ki Tai.

Trust mandate past and present

13. In 2018 Te Parawhau Hapū was continuing to build its collective body to bring all Hapū matters under the one roof. This Kaupapa for want of a better word collapsed leaving our Hapū exposed and vulnerable on many fronts.

14. The then kaumātua directed that all matters related to areas that impacted on Te Parawhau Hapū would be dished out to persons whom were skilled in those matters i.e. Resource management, Cultural, Karakia, relationships, Te Tiriti o Waitangi etc.

15. The Trust was formed under the above conditions, with the Tautoko to cover all those areas needing attention. The Trust holds a Mana Whakahone ā Rohe agreement with Northland Regional Council (NRC). A copy of our agreement is **attached**.

16. I consider that the current Te Parawhau Hapū collective has reaffirmed the mandate by majority representation. I have **attached** a timeline of recent RMA and other engagements undertaken by our Trust.

Coming of the FTAA

17. I would like to put some perspective in relation to the coming of the above legislation from our Hapū Te Parawhau and the trust role as the protector as such to matters that will impact on the Hapū. The Trust foresaw the dangers that could befall our Taiao and Rangatiratanga.

18. Serious discussion took place amongst our Kaumātua to find ways to enable us to counter or at least have some voice in the RMA, and more recently (since 2024), the FTAA process that could be meaningful.

19. The answer found was to have a Mana Whakahono ā Rohe with NRC, due to the Hapū not having a stable organisation it was agreed by Kaumātua that Te Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Trust would hold the Tohu for Te Parawhau ki Tai Hapū and be an advocate for the Hapū. On the day of signing it was agreed by all persons in attendance at Kaka Porowini that all would sign the document giving it legitimacy.

Those signatories included prominent Te Parawhau Kaumātua and Rangatira, including Te Parawhau Ariki, Te Ihi Tito.

20. Since that time, until the present day, the Trust has continued to represent the interests of Te Parawhau ki Tai including for the MBL proposal. I have attached a timeline of our engagement with our hapū on various *take* since 2020 to present day. I also tautoko the timeline provided by Mira Norris in her evidence, which sets out the actions taken over the past 30 years or so on behalf of Te Parawhau ki Tai.

Conditional Support to MBL Proposal

21. As I have stated, our exercise of te tino rangatiratanga in our rohe is founded on our tupuna, Kūkupa. This is a solemn duty owed both to our tupuna and our future generations, as recorded in He Whakaputanga o Ngā Rangatira 1835 and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840. Te Tirarau (the son of Kūkupa and brother to Tiakiriri) and paramount Chief in 1840 was a signatory to both these documents.

22. Our decision to support MBL has not been taken lightly, and has required a number of hui under our tikanga, to reach a position of support. The Trustees believe that the MBL proposal will result in benefits to our uri over the next 35 years and longer through a partnership approach. Te Parawhau ki Tai is a pre-settlement hapū. We don't have a solid economic foundation, despite the multiple and documented breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by the Crown, and including the Public Works Act, Local Government and RMA processes that have alienated our ancestral lands, waters, wāhi tapu, wāhi tupuna and taonga over generations. Our relationships, values, and tikanga need to be recognised and provided for by this MBL proposal.

23. Our tikanga based approach is set out in our Cultural Impact Assessment (and the Addendum to this Assessment) and I adopt this assessment, especially of our values as ahi kā and haukāinga, without repeating it. However, I do wish to reiterate that Te Parawhau ki Tai has the strongest relationship with the sand extraction site where MBL's operations will be based. It is part of our rohe, and forms part of our ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu and taonga. We have carefully

considered the western science and detailed expert assessments provided by MBL in coming to this position of support.

24. The Trust has been engaged with the applicant MBL for well over a year in that time we had struggled to get subject matter reports to start our Cultural Impact assessments however due to their increased level of work we finally received the many reports.

25. The reports enabled us to go to our Hapū knowing we could now confidently call Hapū wide hui which we did, 5 in total, as well as reviewing each hui.

26. During the review stages we discovered that it was necessary for our people to ensure they understood the reports passed to them, most understood and debate was welcomed.

27. We asked the applicant to come and present again at hui 5 which they did. This proved to be a confirmation by some to support the project, particularly around a benefits model and these were taken into account in our suite of mahi whakaora in the CIA. It is also reflected in our Te Hononga Relationship Agreement dated 14 September 2025. While this Agreement has not been provided, the terms are referred to in our Joint Memorandum dated 28 January 2026, which was filed by MBL with the EPA as part of this application as Attachment 22.

28. The perspective of the Trust stance to engage and be a part of the fast-track process is fourfold.

a. FTAA is a Govt mechanism designed to facilitate applications, so we decided to engage with MBL in order to secure the best possible outcome for Te Parawhau ki Tai, so we could be at the table to enable us to have accountability over the project life span of 35 years or recurring.

b. To ensure the ongoing protection of our ancestral whenua, waters, wāhi tapu, Taonga Tuku Iho under our tikanga and by way of our CIA suite of mahi whakaora.

c. Enhance our relationship with the applicant MBL thereby giving economic and social benefits to our Te Parawhau Hapū into the future.

d. Protecting our rights of Rangatiratanga over the moana in relation to other legislation, which gives us a voice in the processes of colonial law.

29. Te Parawhau ki Tai has the strongest connection under tikanga with the MBL site as it sits within our rohe, ancestral lands, waters, wāhi tapu and taonga. It forms part of Poupouwhenua, as explained by Riripeti (Mira) Norris in her evidence also being filed for the Trust. We see our support for the MBL proposal as an exercise in our rangatiratanga, as we are entitled to do.

30. The Trust is now entering into a lasting relationship agreement with MBL. While the contents of that agreement are confidential, we can confirm the Trust's support of the proposal, conditional only on the matters identified in our Cultural Impact Assessment and Georgina Olsen's evidence (relating to review of the updated management plans and consent conditions). This has been a lengthy journey.

31. I also produce, and adopt, my three affidavits provided to the High Court and relating to the MACA proceedings for Whangārei Harbour and Coast. While the MACA proceedings were carved up into discrete areas, that reflect the Crown's lines on plans, this does not reflect our tikanga. These affidavits set out further context.

Dated this 26th May 2026

Pari Walker (Trustee, Chairperson)

TIMELINE OF RMU ENGAGEMENT BY MEMBERS OF TRUST

NZTA 2018 - 2026

Loop Road Roundabout
Whangārei to Waipu Caves Road Safety Improvements
Proposed 4 Laning - Section 2B
Otaika Stream culvert
Tarewa Rd intersection
Wairoa Slip

WDC

Civic Centre - 2021
Te Ara Hikoi a Kauika - 2022
Ahuroa Awa - 2024
Quarry Gardens - 2018 & 2026
Placemaking Plans - 2021
Boat Ramps Wash Down - 2024
Maunu Cemetery - 2026
Morningside, Otangarei Sports Fields - 2025
Pohe Motu Discharges - 2025
Portland WWTP - 2025
Kioreroa Road WWTP - 2024
Lower Waiarohia - 2021
Mangapai Culvert - 2023
Port Road/Ha Ha - 2023
Raumanga Awa Shared Path - 2025
Ruakaka Interim Discharges - 2026
Stormwater Discharges - 2024
WDC - Whangarei City Centre - 2024

Kainga ora

Cairnfield, Churchill St, King St, Lovatt Cres, McKinnon Cres, Thomas St,
Steere Pl, Weaver St, Wilkinson Ave - 2023 - 2025

Kiwi Rail

Porowini Ave - 2024, Rauiri to Oakleigh - 2026

Others

Aquila - 2025
LMJ Limited - 2020
McBeth Road - 2024
Allied Concrete - 2024 & 2026
Balance Fertiliser - 2025
Busck Concrete - 2026
Brown - 2024
Butler - 2024
Cameron - 2023
Cancer Society - 2026
Cain - 2025

Carter Holt Harvey - 2026
Clements Quarry Loop Rd - 2025
CVC Holdings - 2025
DCT Onoke - 2022
Dickson Quarry - 2025
EB Developments - 2024
Elaman Properties - 2024
Elevation Holdings - 2023
Fromont - 2026
Habitat for Humanity - 2025
Hillcon Construction - 2023
Meridian - 2025
Homesure - 2026
Kamo Village Charitable Trust - 2022
Kauri 139 Ltd - 2025
Keith - 2025
Lloyd - 2024
LMJ - 2021
McFarland - 2023
Manawa Energy - 2024
Marsden Maritime Holdings - 2025
Meridian - 2025
Metlifecare Retirement Village - 2023
Maunu Gold Ltd - 2025
MBL - 2026
McKay - 2025
MOE - Tauraroa School - 2023
NZ Health Whangarei Hospital - 2025
Ngati Whatua - 2024
Northpower - 2024 - 2025
Oak River - 2024
Otaika Free Range Eggs - 2023
Pacific Power Resources - 2026
Phoenix Property - 2023
Port Nikau - 2022
Pye - 2025
Ruddell - 2023
Shepherd - 2024
Skyrme - 2025
Society of Mary - 2023
Soho Group - 2022
Springs - 2024
Strachan - 2024
Somerset Developments - 2021
Te Putahi - 2025
Thornton - 2024
Wilson Quarry - 2020