

Your Comment on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project

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Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project Expert Panel [FTAA-2511-1150]

The Convener and Panel

Tena koe, tena koutou katoa

Our sincere thanks to Northland MP Grant McCallum, and Minister Chris Bishop, for linking us to this Fast Track Panel process. We appreciate the opportunity to comment, to have input to the McCallum Brothers Ltd application for Sandmining in Bream Bay Te Akau, Whangarei Coastal Area.

Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau, Te Parawhau hapu, Ngapuhi iwi, are the descendants and representatives of the senior Rangatira of Te Parawhau hapu. We are direct descendants from Tawhiro (Ngati Ruangaio, senior Rangatira), and his son Te Tirarau I, eponymous ancestor of Te Parawhau hapu. Te Iwitahi is the grandson of Te Tirarau I. The new Whangarei Council Civic Centre is named 'Te Iwitahi' after this senior Rangatira of Whangarei Terenga Paraoa.

The primary issues we wish to raise and comment on are:

- 1) McCallum Brothers Ltd (MBL) have NOT meaningfully engaged with the rightful and evidenced Tangata Whenua Tangata Moana to the Application area, of Bream Bay Te Akau. We, Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau representatives, contacted Callum McCallum, Director MBL, to assist them in this matter. Emails, a lengthy phone conversation, a face to face meeting in Whangarei, and 'hard' evidence were supplied to MBL.
- 2) MBL initially indicated they wanted to engage with our group of whanau and hapu representatives, but then withdrew for what we view as spurious reasons.
 - attached emails explain the facts of this process.
- 3) Initial deliberate exclusion of ourselves and others was due to several factors.
 - Northland Regional Council (NRC), according to Callum McCallum, advised MBL to engage with Patuharakeke Trust Board, Te Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Kukupa Trust (PTKT), and Ngati Wai Trust Board. Callum said that subsequently Ngati Wai Trust Board withdrew.
Recently, representatives of Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau, and Tipene Hari whanau met with the NRC Chair and CEO. Two options were offered by NRC to resolve what could be perceived as biased or misleading information to MBL.
 - This deliberate exclusion was facilitated and supported by MBL's cultural advisor, Tame Terangi, of Ngati Whatua. You would need to ask him why? and who benefitted from his actions? We reject the reasons he gave us..
 - Tiakiriri Kukupa Trust (claiming to represent the whole of Te Parawhau hapu), and Patuharakeke Hapu Trust Board then 'controlled' the engagement, CIA etc with MBL. We note the Fast Track Panel's minute response to Tiakiriri Kukupa Trust questioning the 'Welcome to Land and Sea', Manuhiri tuarangi Powhiri process at Takahiwai Marae. Our view is that PTKT exclusion reflects Patuharakeke Hapu Trust's relationship with this party, which appears very strained partly because PTKT claim that Patuharakeke are a hapu of Te Parawhau and Takahiwai Marae is also their marae. Kahore. Although Patuharakeke Hapu Trust also excluded us and others from the powhiri, we agree with them that they are NOT a hapu of Te Parawhau. Our ancestor, Tawhiro, the Ngati Ruangaio senior Rangatira, at the time Ngapuhi invaded NgaiTahuhu, gifted or allocated the Takahiwai, Mata and other lands to Patuharakeke. They hold their own 'tino Rangatiratanga', sovereign authority. They also hold the mana and tapu of their lands and waterways, as they will rightfully tell you. He Tautoko..aku whanaunga
 - Capturing relationships, 'divide and rule', and other dynamics are at play, as with projects like NorthPort, and Channel Infrastructure. Some Maori groups are posturing rightly or wrongly, for business opportunity, and Treaty claims negotiations.
 - Who are the Rightful and Evidenced 'Tangata Whenua, Tangata Moana' as at 6th February 1840, needs to be 'honestly' resolved for the benefit of all.
- 4) He Patai nui
Therefore this is 'the' question - Who are the rightful and evidenced Tangata Whenua Tangata Moana, and their representatives, to Bream Bay Te Akau?

We acknowledge that Patuharakeke hapu, our whanaunga, have some rights and interests, in Bream Bay Te Akau, but evidence, including that of the Treaty claims in the Waitangi Tribunal, and in the Taku Taimoana MACA hearings in the High Court 2024, clearly demonstrate that Te Parawhau hapu, Ngati Kahu Torongare hapu, and Ngati Tu hapu are the senior or predominant Tangata Whenua Tangata Moana as at 1835 He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni, and 1840 Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the Treaty of Waitangi.

e.g.

(a) The Crown confiscated Marsden Pt Poupouwhenua lands off Te Parawhau hapu, it is in the Waitangi Tribunal hearings, findings. In the MACA hearings High Court 2024 Patuharakeke Trust Board lead witnesses were questioned about this Waitangi Tribunal finding. They stated that they were aware of this and that when questioned by the Judge, said they had NOT objected to this finding.

Te Manihera, senior Rangatira of te Parawhau hapu, and his 'lieutenant' or teina, Tirarau Kukupa of Tangiteroria (Northern Wairoa), contested the confiscation but the Crown refused. Te Pirihi of Patuharakeke lead the 'muru' at Matakana that lead to the Raupatu. Written and signed Crown documents, evidence this: 'Manihera, signed for the Tribe'.

(b) The Hen and Chicken Islands, Marotere and Taranga - it was clearly evidenced in the MACA hearings 2024 that Te Waiariki Korora hapu (of Taiharuru, Pataua, Ngunguru..) are the senior or predominant Tangata Whenua to these Islands.

NOT Ngati Wai, NOT Patuharakeke, NOT Ngati Manuhiri...

(c) attached is further evidence, which was supplied to MBL.

5) Why has MBL not now applied 'Due Diligence' and basic Business Practices in this crucial matter of meaningful Engagement with the rightful Tangata Whenua Tangata Moana to Bream Bay Te Akau ?

6) If this MBL Sand Extraction application was to be granted by the Fast Track Panel, who is MBL going to be required to work with for Cultural and Environmental monitoring ?

7) Evidence attached:

(A) Emails between MBL and Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau

-Collective group includes Tipene Hari reps , Ngati Kahu hapu.

Waimarie Kingi, Ngati Kahu Torongare hapu rep.

Arthur Mahanga, Ngati Korora hapu rep.

(B) Emails to Grant McCallum, Northland MP

(C) Email from Nicki Wakefield stating illegitimacy of Tiakiriri Kukupa Trust and Te Parawhau ki Tai, false claims to represent Te Parawhau hapu, and false claims to have 'mana' in the Bream Bay Te Akau lands and moana.

(D) Documents supplied to MBL, as examples of clear Evidence to the Application area.

We pray your deliberations and decision in this Sand Extraction Application matter, are in the best interests of all, especially 'te Taiao'.

Nga Manaaki o Te Atua

Peter and Eva Vaughan

Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau

Te Parawhau hapu, Ngapuhi iwi

Please note that there is some language in the emails that we would have preferred remain CONFIDENTIAL, however, after discussion with the Fast Track manager, we agreed that they be on file and available.

We apologise and withdraw any negative comments or intent that may be offensive to others.

Thank you for your comments