

To Iwi/Māori with interests in the moana of the west coast of the Waikato region

North Western Mussels Limited Fast-track Substantive Application Update

The map shows the Whangaroa Harbour area. Three sampling sites are marked with black rectangles and labeled: Site A (top left), Site B (middle left), and Site C (bottom left). The map includes various geographical features such as Waikare Stream, Waikare River, Waikare Bay, and Waikare Harbour. Place names include Te Hara Pt, Te Kaha Point, Rangitiro Pt, Rangitiro Bay, and Rangitiro. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 0 to 10 km.

NWML recognises that the proposed mussel spat nursery is located within a wider cultural landscape and rohe moana in which Māori groups hold mana whenua, mana moana, customary fishing and other interests. NWML acknowledges Waikato-Tainui as the relevant iwi authority, the interests of other identified iwi, hapū, marae and Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 applicant groups, and the particular relationship of Ngā Uri o Tahinga with the project area.

¹ <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waikato-west-coast-mussel-spat-nursery>.

NWML recognise that coastal hapū with rohe moana in the vicinity of Site D have not elected to take up this offer and so have removed that site from the Fast-track Application. NWML remain open to engagement on any future applications and partnerships with regard to Site D.

We intend to share the full application with you at the time that we lodge.

We are happy to answer any questions in the meantime.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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