



NGAA MUKA DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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Environmental Protection Authority
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GREEN STEEL PROJECT – RESPONSE TO MINUTE 8

Teena koe

Engagement

Ngaa Muka has been engaged with Green Steel since 2023. The main concern at the time for Ngaa Muka was the proposed monofil site in the Whangamarino (note, this matter was resolved after consultation with Ngaa Muka). However, there was a palatable reaction to the proposed site at Hampton Downs for the mill.

Kooiwi – Accidental Discovery Protocols

In terms of kooiwi, the applicant was advised that kooiwi were discovered in the area that was raised during the consenting of the building of the prison (early 2000) and before the landfill. This is important to note, because the response at the time by Ngaa Muka was that years prior during the 70s, 80s and 90s recognised Senior Kaumaatua of the Iwi performed customary and traditional protocols and practices to culturally clear (whakawaatea) land and neutralize (whakanoa) any negative or residual metaphysical aspects over the land especially in the North Waikato region with the proliferation of kooiwi from the land wars from both Paakehaa and Maaori in order to –

- reinter kooiwi back to Taupiri (as was the case here)
- ensure families and communities were culturally and spiritually safe
- allow growth and development to continue in a culturally safe and appropriate manner.

Wisdom and Intent of Senior Kaumaatua

The kooiwi that Grant refers to are the same kooiwi that were dealt with by Waikato Tainui and Ngaa Muka during the consenting process for various projects such as but not limited to -

- State Highway 1 Realignment,
- Springhill Prison
- Hampton Downs Landfill
- Hampton Downs Racetrack, to name a few

Suffice to say, the wisdom and intent of our senior Iwi Kaumaatua above, Kaahui Kaumaatua, Ngaa Marae Toopu at the time was the guiding principle in dealing with matters of this nature.

Finally, the site where the kooiwi were discovered will not be affected by any construction, earthworks or landscaping by the applicant. In addition, the applicant has accepted the Accidental Discovery Protocols, Cultural Induction, Blessing Protocols and Cultural Management Plan to ensure a culturally and spiritually safe space and environment for both the dead and the living is provided for.

Ngaa mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Haydn Solomon', written in a cursive style.

Haydn Solomon
Chairman
Ngaa Muka Development Trust

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