
Memo

20 July 2020

To:
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Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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From: Paul Beverley

Tēnā koe Chris, kōrua ko Nick

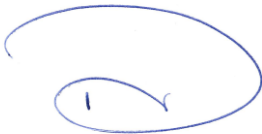
Whareroa Marae

1. Thank you for your instructions in relation to this matter and for providing us with relevant information including the very useful presentation on “*Whareroa Marae – Environmental issues affecting us (and you) everyday*”.
2. We understand that the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group has passed the following resolution:

“Recommend the urgent development of an Action Plan in collaboration with Whareroa marae hau kainga and as a first step: commission an independent, comprehensive report to investigate the potential for instigating a managed retreat of pollutant industries from the Totara Rd site south of Hewletts Road and report back to this committee when completed.”
3. You have asked us for brief view on how best to progress this matter.
4. Clearly this is a highly significant matter for the community of Whareroa marae and more broadly, and it is of course appropriate that an action plan be developed in collaboration with Whareroa marae hau kainga, as reflected in the resolution.
5. As indicated, our recommendation would be to commence the process by developing a scoping and issues report (**scoping report**), which could then be followed by a more comprehensive report.
6. The reasons for starting with a scoping report includes to ensure that (in collaboration with the Whareroa marae hau kainga):
 - (a) the aspirations and desired outcomes can be articulated up front and can form the foundation for the subsequent work;
 - (b) the scope of the issues can be identified early;

- (c) the potential responses, opportunities and impediments can be identified and tested early;
and
 - (d) there can be agreement around what the scope of the more detailed report will be, so that time and resources can be properly focused.
7. In our experience, we have found that spending that initial period scoping these matters out carefully provides a strong foundation for a more focussed and productive process.
 8. We recommend that this work is undertaken by a team reflecting both legal and planning experience. We would recommend working with Mitchell Daysh which is a leading New Zealand planning consultancy, including very experienced practitioners such as Stephen Daysh and Phil Mitchell (who have a strong understanding and experience in resource management planning and matters relating to Te Ao Māori). Critically, the team needs to be able to work collaboratively with the Whareroa marae hau kainga.
 9. We would be very happy to discuss this recommended approach with you in more detail if that would assist.

Ngā mihi



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