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**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 July 2024 8:05 pm  
**To:** Liz Searle  
**Cc:** Deliah Balle; Indianna Ross; Kristin Ross; Stevie-Ray Ross; Jessica Hita  
**Subject:** Re: Resource consent application lodged by Arawai Ltd - RC2240463-RMALUC, 4554 State Highway 10, Karikari Peninsula

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Kia ora anō Liz,

We were able to have a zoom hui on Monday 29 July with most members of Te Tāhuna Roa in attendance.

Three main points came out of the meeting which the group wanted me to communicate to Council.

1. The position of our group, Te Tāhuna Roa has not changed and we are still opposed to the granting of the resource consent. The primary reason for this is that Arawai Ltd has not had any formal engagement with Ngāti Tara. This was requested by the Commissioner when the previous resource consent was declined. The Commissioner at that time asked that any engagement be led by Ngāti Tara. A new CIA has been completed by Tina Latimer who is clearly not a member of Ngāti Tara (her whānau is linked to Te Paatu - a different hapū close to Kaitaia). In addition she has not engaged / contacted or spoken with any member of the hapū acting in any capacity as representing the hapū. Te Tahuna Roa is the mandated group asked by the hapū to provide advice and guidance on this matter.

2. We have a member of Te Tahuna Roa who lives right next to the development and they have seen a number of things happening there that are clearly works that have happened in retrospect without a resource consent eg the digging up of a midden without any supervision or oversight by council. This clearly shows that Arawai Ltd are prepared to act without the proper consents. This is a real cause of concern for Ngāti Tara.

3. Large numbers of the hapū / whānau of Ngāti Tara are still unaware of the details in the new resource consent. We are assuming only a small number of hapū members would have been copied in to your communication regarding the new consent. You cannot assume that this document will have been circulated widely.

In addition to the above points, I still find Arawai's use of paid consultants and planners who continue to denigrate and cast aspersions on members of our group and the hapū as more of the same type of old school colonialist attitude that should have petered out decades ago. For their consultant to say that we only act in order to delay and slow down processes is patently untrue. Arawai Ltd were given an invite to the marae and their own action in declining to attend only a few days before shows their own wish to make sure they control any agenda or action with regard to their resource consent. My opinion is that Arawai were unable to accept that they were not in control of the hui on the marae and that the hapū had control of the agenda and the tikanga associated with it.

Arawai Ltd will always be at an advantage in any resource consent process. This is because they have the financial backing (of the PGF), access to planning professionals, ability to use regulated timelines to their advantage and the ability to only speak for themselves.

The hapū is a diverse and disparate group of individuals who struggle to make themselves available when pressured by statutory deadlines, members are unpaid but motivated by the need to protect the small area we have some semblance of control over. In order for us to get a coherent and united response, it takes time and a huge amount of goodwill.

I know that there is now a sense of urgency from Arawai Ltd to get the resource consent granted. This was made clear by Peter Philips when he visited the marae in June. This sense of urgency has come about because Arawai Ltd are in danger of losing their funding if the resource consent is not granted. This was the impression given to hapū members by Peter.

Arawai Ltd always have and continue to have an antagonistic approach to our hapū. There was an opportunity for them to make a significant change when the previous consent was declined. Unfortunately this opportunity has passed and the support of the hapū for this new resource consent may be lacking as we move forward.

For these reasons, I still think it is important for the resource consent to be fully notified in order to honour the intent of the previous planning Commissioner who declined the previous resource consent.

Another member of our group (Deliah Balle) will contact you regarding the next hui-a-hapu which currently is due to happen on 10 August but may be deferred as Arawai Ltd and others are unable to attend.

Thanks and regards

Milton Ross  
For Te Tāhuna Roa

On Thu, Jul 25, 2024 at 8:55 AM Liz Searle <[Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Milton,

Council has extended the timeframe for processing the consent however much of this time has already passed so to take your final comments into consideration we will need them as soon as possible please. If you could please provide your response by the end of next week as indicated below.

Thank you for seeking an invite for me to attend your pending hui. Unfortunately, I won't be available to attend.

Nga mihi



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Kia ora anō Liz,

We are trying to organise a zoom hui. We have two members of our group overseas at the moment and we need to sort the best time to meet.

I'm hoping we can have a response from Te Tahuna Roa by end of next week. There is a scheduled hui a hapū on 10th August at the marae to address Arawai's continued development at Aurere. Out of that hui I'm hoping we have a United hapū response, particularly in respect of the new resource consent.

I will check with my whānaunga and see if we could extend an invite to you or a representative from the council to come along to observe.

Nāku nā

Milton

On Tue, 23 Jul 2024 at 8:36 PM, Liz Searle <[Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Milton,

Appendices 1 and 2 as referred to in the correspondence were at the end of the information provided. I have attached these.

I appreciate your comment below regarding the commitments of members of Te Tahuna Roa. It would be helpful for me if you could please provide some indication of when you may be able to provide further comment.

Nga mihi

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**From:** Milton Ross <[miltross8@gmail.com](mailto:miltross8@gmail.com)>

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Kia ora Liz,

Thank you for your email.

The responder refers to a couple of appendices in his letter. Could I get a copy of them?

Clearly there are a number of statements (of his opinion) that I don't agree with and I'd like to consult with members of Te Tahuna Roa in order to prepare my own response.

Just to clarify, we are an unpaid group who live and work all around Aotearoa and struggle to return home at the same time.

Thanks

Milton

On Mon, 22 Jul 2024 at 9:52 AM, Liz Searle <[Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Milton,

Thank you for your comment below, which was circulated to the applicant. The applicant has provided feedback to your comment, as per the attached response.

At this stage, Council is still assessing the application and attached information.

Nga mihi



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Mōrena Liz,

Kia ora mō tāu imera mai nāku.

Thanks for your email. I am still very interested in any developments at Aurere on our land and would ask for you to consider and support my request for the new resource consent to be fully notified.

There are a number of reasons for this in my opinion.

The first being that following the decision to decline the previous consent the hapū of Ngāti Tara had a number of hui at the marae to consider our own engagement with Arawai Ltd. An invite was given to Arawai to come to the marae and meet members of the hapū kanohi ki te kanohi. This did not happen as Arawai eventually declined. There has been ongoing correspondence but no progress has been made until this week. Probably prompted by the process associated with the new consent.

I am a member of Te Tahuna roa, a small group of hapū members given a mandate by the hapū to advise them on matters associated with the development at Aurere. We have seen since the previous decision, work being carried out that I feel was beyond the scope of anything they were

allowed to do. So much so that the Council had to ask them to stop the works. This is indicative of Arawai Ltd's attitude, they carry on despite statutory blocks to their goals.

I see that the new consent has a CIA attached but unfortunately Arawai Ltd failed to involve Ngāti Tara so this in my opinion is another breach of their duty to consult with local hapū.

If they are unwilling to engage with representatives of the hapū then what level of engagement is actually happening at the whānau level at the very least?

In addition, there is a fear among some of us that the telling of kōrero Māori on our land should have significant input by the mana whenua and kaitiaki of that land ie Ngāti Tara. We'd like to know what is being planned in terms of sharing our stories and if our stories are not being shared, why not? on our land and in our space.

These are some of the reasons I feel that this resource consent needs to be notified in order for our hapū members to voice clearly their feelings and to truly reflect the cultural concerns which stopped the last consent from proceeding.

I also want to say that most members of the hapū I engage with are not opposed to development on our land but that any development needs a tuturu contribution from us in order for it to progress without rancour or mamae.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe

Nāku nā

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On Fri, 31 May 2024 at 12:01 PM, Liz Searle <[Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:Liz.Searle@fndc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora koutou

**RE: Resource Consent Application RC2240463-RMALUC**

The above application has been submitted following Council declining consent for a similar application on 7 March 2022, being RC2300463. The current application states "*RC2300463 considered a range of resource management matters but was ultimately declined due to cultural issues. This aspect has been acknowledged and this application now contains a Cultural Effects Assessment which has been prepared for the activity and this proposal*".

Staff are currently reviewing the proposal which seeks resource consent for Whare Whetū – a new building which will be used to host a virtual reality experience on navigation and waka sailing, as well as a classroom/meeting room. This application also seeks to regularise the built development/activities within RC2130047 which approved the establishment and operation of the Whare Wānanga. Please see the following link for a copy of the resource consent application received by Far North District Council - [2240463-RMALUC](#)

The application has been allocated to me to process and I can be contacted by the details below.

As a submitter to RC2300463 you may have an interest in the current proposal and wish to provide comment. Please note that under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council is obligated to decide, within 20 working days of receiving an application, whether the application should be notified. Input from interested parties is often vital in informing this decision. To ensure the application is processed within the required statutory timeframes, we respectfully request that you please provide any feedback within 5 working days or contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss an alternative timeframe. Where statutory timeframes allow, we will endeavour to provide additional time for commenting.

Nga mihi



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