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Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

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Me ngā mema o te Kaunihera, tēnā koutou

The Muaūpoko Tribal Authority (MTA) has submitted that the district plan needs to incorporate references to Muaūpoko as an iwi with a continuing tangata whenua relationship with Te Whanganui a Tara, in addition to the two iwi so far recognised in statute by Treaty settlements. The MTA is mandated to negotiate a Treaty settlement of Muaupoko claims, but a settlement is yet to be concluded.¹

The MTA is scheduled to appear and present its submission on Friday 24 February 2023. The Panel has requested that expert evidence is filed in advance.

The points which the MTA makes are primarily matters of tikanga which will be addressed on the day. However, there is a historical background of centuries of Muaūpoko connection with Te Whanganui a Tara that it would be useful the Panel to have before it when the submission is heard.

Recently, a compilation of that historical evidence was submitted to the expert panel which considered the Kaiwharawhara Ferry Terminal Redevelopment under the Covid Fast-Track Act consenting process.

¹ <https://www.govt.nz/browse/history-culture-and-heritage/treaty-settlements/find-a-treaty-settlement/muaupoko/>

We therefore wish to put before this panel the historical component of the submission to that Kaiwharawhara expert panel. If requested, we can have it's veracity attested by independent expert historians who have written and/or contributed to several of the reports referenced in the compilation.

As part of our presentation on the 24th, we intend to speak to this evidence, as well as the conclusions of the Expert Panel on it.

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Di Rump
CEO Muaūpoko Tribal Authority