
**KEI MUA I TE AROARO O TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA
I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

BEFORE THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 2200

IN THE MATTER OF

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

**The Porirua ki Manawatū District Inquiry
(Wai 2200)**

**BRIEF OF EVIDENCE OF DEAN DOUGLAS WHITING
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA**

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I, Dean Douglas Whiting, of Wellington, state:

Introduction

1. My full name is Dean Douglas Whiting.
2. I am Director Kaiwhakahaere Tautiaki tāonga me Kaupapa Māori at Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (**HNZPT**). I am authorised to give this evidence on behalf of Heritage NZ.
3. I have the following qualifications and experience relevant to the evidence I shall give:
 - 3.1 I hold a Bachelor of Applied Science in the Conservation of Cultural Materials from Canberra University;
 - 3.2 I have worked in the Maori Heritage team for HNZPT and former NZ Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga since 2001 and prior to that from 1990-1995;
 - 3.3 My current role involves over-sight for Maori built heritage, policy and Maori heritage listing.
4. I am a member of two relevant associations including:
 - 4.1 ICOMOS (International Council of Monuments and Sites) New Zealand; and
 - 4.2 New Zealand Conservators of Cultural Materials (full member).

Scope of evidence

5. My brief of evidence provides information about the process undertaken by HNZPT on receipt of an exploratory archaeological authority application, such as that received by HNZPT dated 23 September 2016 in relation to Archaeological Authority 2017/316, in terms of the assessment of such an application from an iwi consultation perspective. I then explain what I did to assess the authority application relating to the test pit at the Tamati Place site.

Iwi Consultation Assessment

6. On receipt of an authority application, certain internal administrative matters are attended to. I understand these things are discussed by Kathryn Hurren, Archaeologist, in her brief of evidence.
7. Once an authority application has been received, it is provided to the regional Māori Heritage Adviser, Pouarahi, to assess whether the iwi consultation component of the application is 'complete'. We look at the information provided by the applicant as to what iwi (or 'tangata whenua') consultation has been undertaken as well as other supporting factors such as engagement on site. If there are any issues that might risk an appeal then the decision is elevated to the Māori Heritage Council Archaeology Committee, or in higher risk cases the applications go to the full Council.
8. Once assessed, the Māori Heritage Adviser will provide a Māori values internal assessment and, together with the archaeologist who has undertaken the archaeological internal assessment, we decide whether to recommend or not recommend approval of the application.

Archaeological Authority 2017/316

9. In relation to the exploratory archaeological authority application relating to the test pit at Tamati Place, Waikanae, the evidence of iwi consultation was provided to me for processing after the application was accepted on the 6th of October 2016. At the time I was working in a covering role as the central pouarahi Māori for HNZPT.
10. I assessed the material and considered that the applicant had engaged with representatives of Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai (**TAKW**) on more than one occasion. The first was an onsite meeting with Les Mullens who was understood to be representing TAKW. He was also part of a briefing meeting on the initial results from the archaeologists' geophysical survey.
11. Evidence of support for the test pit Authority application was provided by Ben Ngaia in an email dated 9 August 2016. This message was responding to an email from Mary O' Keeffe who had outlined the need for the authority for the test pit work and the need for the support of TAKW (referred to as the Trust). It was my understanding that Ben Ngaia was organisationally part of TAKW at

the time and the question put to him was on the basis of an organisational response.

12. I was satisfied the cultural component of the authority application was complete and I advised Kathryn Hurren of this. The internal assessment (a copy of which I understand is appended to Kathryn Hurren's brief of evidence) was completed by Kathryn and I and we recommended approval of the application.

Signed: _____
Dean Douglas Whiting

Date: 8 July 2019