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This is a submission on Plan Change 54: Papakāinga

The specific provisions of the plan change that my submission relates to are:

Papakāinga Rua (MPZ-PREC2)

My submission is:

I would like land associated to Marae and Marae premises to be considered for Papakāinga Rua (MPZ-PREC2) status. This is because many of our people were once homed close to the Marae, which served as a communal place to welcome visitors and to run functions for the people. Housing clusters, or papakainga, weren't just homes or houses built next to each other, they were a group of families who were more than neighbours, they were a huge family of elderly to newborns. Homes were shared, the children often "slept over" at the different homes. And together, they all supported the Marae to look after the people. Nobody "sold" their residence. People did move out. And people either moved in, or families were allowed to take over the residence because of their expanding families. It was a community, close knit, with all the pros and cons of a nuclear family.

Comparative to high density housing in town, houses are bought, sold, strangers live next to strangers. and in many high density housing areas, even in the best quality high socio economic areas and housing developments, many people don't even know their neighbours.

Kai-a-te-mata Marae is already connected to Council Services and Utilities, Water, Sewerage, Power, etc. The surrounding whenua has the same capability for connectivity, as does the Marae. Even our neighbours at 13 Kereone Rd, even though it is under general land, are related to the Marae, and their land is governed under a Trust, just like our Marae.

Kai-a-te-mata Marae currently serves a large Māori community for traditional functions. From baptisms and blessings, to weddings, to funerals and many functions in between. It is used for corporate functions, private functions and community events. It has an "ahi-kaa", people of the Marae that look after the facilities and functions of the Marae on behalf of the people. That includes Trustees of the Marae who are the legal owners, and a Marae Committee who administer the running of the Marae. We have had early childhood to religious facilities to a health clinic. Although the buildings have been retired, the Marae is working towards the reinvestment of such services to again serve the people.

I submit that we be able to invest in the people to administer, run and service these facilities, enabling us to build Papakainga homes to house the return of our people to their Marae and lands. The services we provide are because our own people want and need those services. However, all our services have been available to all of the community, and our Marae has been well used by many Community groups, Commercial entities, Corporate bodies, Government entities and Charitable groups.

Other services we run include Waananga and educational workshops. We have had Te Reo Waananga, taught Tukutuku workshops, had kowhaiwhai painting workshops. All these things can be seen on the Marae, as a beacon of our commitment to our culture, and to give our people a pride of place in the community, a safe haven to return to and somewhere they can share the wealth of culture and history that has

I seek the following decision from Council:

Accept the plan change with the following amendments

Suggested amendments:

Add Marae and whenua connected to the Marae to be included in the increased density of Papakāinga Rua (MPZ-PREC2) of one residential dwelling per 500 square meters of land.

I wish to be present at the council planning hearing:

Yes

I would be prepared to present a joint case at the hearing with others making a similar submission:

Yes

I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

No

Please complete the following:

I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of this submission that—

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

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