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Submission on behalf of Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust to the Matamata Piako District Council's District Plan Change 54: Papakāinga

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Introduction

1. Please accept this submission on behalf of the Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust ('NHIT') which refers to the MPDC District Plan Change 54: Papakāinga
2. The Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust is the Post Settlement Governance Entity for Ngāti Hauā Iwi, established following the signing of our Deed of Settlement with the Crown in July 2013. The Trust has been ratified to receive, manage, administer and apply the Trust's Assets (derived through the Settlement) on behalf of and for the benefit of the present and future Members of Ngāti Hauā.
3. Our settlement recognises the interests of Ngāti Hauā in the Matamata Piako rohe and provides mechanisms to ensure and enhance our participation in decision-making that affects us.
4. A number of these mechanisms have resulted in the establishment of a valued and constructive working relationship between the Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust and the Matamata Piako District Council. It is our intent to maintain and develop this relationship in order to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Submission

Our submission addresses the following matters:

- Plan Change 54: Papakāinga

In regard to this plan change our areas of interest include:

- Māori Freehold Land
- General Freehold Land
- Owner Occupied Land
- Land adjacent to proposed Māori Purpose Zone Land

Our submission:

Our aspirations for Ngāti Hauā whenua reflect our whānau aspirations to become owner occupiers of their land. These aspirations require the support of a District Plan Change which highlights the challenges our whānau have been through in relation to loss of land exacerbated by current restrictions stipulating how remaining land can be used.

We acknowledge the Council's proposed change to introduce Māori Purpose Zones and note the following:

1. We request that Precinct 1 and 2 proposed in the Plan Change be adopted by Council.
2. We support the intent of Precinct 1 to enable an increase to housing density to allow ten (10) residential units per block.
3. We also support this provision and the enabling of small-scale community facilities, education facilities, healthcare facilities, urupa, relocatable buildings and accessory buildings.
4. These provisions if adopted will support Ngāti Hauā whānau to return home to their ancestral whenua and to regain or maintain a connection with their whānau, hapū and iwi which we know is beneficial and important to whānau well-being. Papakainga provides a safe environment for raising tamariki mokopuna and creates a setting that enables them to grow up exposed to the language and customs of their tūpuna. In short, these provisions will advance the cultural, social, educational and economic aspirations of our iwi members.
5. Ngāti Hauā is currently undertaking an initiative called the Peria Project which supports whānau to upskill, diversify businesses and sustainably generate wealth from their land blocks. Precinct 2 will support this focus and enable our people to live and work on the land of their tūpuna.
6. We respectfully request that the wording around a maximum of ten (10) homes be reconsidered. This limitation in some cases will not fairly represent blocks that have a greater land mass.

7. We propose that the wording here accurately reflect that the ten (10) home maximum provision is without resource consent only, and that specific wording is used to reflect that developments above ten (10) homes will require a resource consent.
8. We request that, all the enablers that will be allowed in the proposed Maori Purpose Zones, be equally applied to District wide provisions where ancestral connections and legal mechanisms for perpetuity of Maori ownership become mandatory.
9. The Resource Consent process challenges our aspirations in relation to Papakāinga. We respectfully request that Council takes action in the RM Reform ensuring that the resource consent process is changed so that allocations and provisions are reflective of the use of our wai tapu. These changes will allow headroom for iwi to access water in a way that supports commercial water uses for Māori adjacent to their Papakāinga.

Conclusion

10. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Council's District Plan Change 54: Papakāinga.
11. We have appreciated the collaborative approach that Council has taken to this plan change process and the opportunity to be part of the Iwi Working Group alongside other iwi. This is an effective way of working together on matters of shared interest that we encourage the Council to maintain in the future.
12. We acknowledge the mahi and efforts of all the Council staff and external specialist personnel that have been involved in this process.