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**TE AAKITAI WAIOHUA FORMAL RESPONSE RE: WESTERN SPRING ACCESSWAY  
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION BUN6037631**

**ADDRESS:** WESTERN SPRINGS STADIUM

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES PROPOSAL** - NEW ACCESS-WAY AT THE WESTERN SPRINGS STADIUM, WITHIN THE OUTER PLAYING FIELDS FOR THE CENTRAL INTERCEPTOR [CI] PROJECT.

**CONSENT STATUS** - OVERALL THE RESOURCE CONSENT IS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUP AS A **DISCRETIONARY** ACTIVITY

Dear Xenia,

Thank you for seeking direct feedback and input from Te Aakitai Waiohua.

Te Aakitai Waiohua have reviewed and assessed this RC application and provide our formal response accordingly.

**TE AAKITAI WAIOHUA CULTURAL VALUES STATEMENT** - The historical, cultural and spiritual association of Te Akitai Waiohua with Te Waitikiko and the wider cultural landscape is essential to the preservation and affirmation of its tribal identity. Te Waitikiko is inextricably linked with Te Akitai Waiohua whakapapa and occupation spanning over a thousand years.

The adaptable, fertile volcanic soils and springs water resource throughout Western Springs offered opportunities for settlement, and to cultivate food etc throughout this region thus providing sustenance for many generations of Waiohua Tupuna that flourished through to the end of Kiwi Tamaki's leadership at a time when the community was at its height in strength, unity and stability.

Cultural values are seen as a direct reflection of the traditional importance and association of Te Ākitai Waiohua with the land and sea. In relation to a particular region, these values are recognised in the sacred sites, places and landscapes that are a part of the area as well as the cultural and spiritual relationship Te Ākitai Waiohua has with them. Recognition of this connection to the land is fundamental, as it gives meaning to the identity of Te Ākitai Waiohua and provides context to the historical, existing and continued presence of Te Ākitai Waiohua in an area.

"Te Wai Titiko" (the mud snail waters, a.k.a Meola Creek) and was named so for the abundance of mud snails that were once an important food resource that our ancestors harvested. This important resource also formed part of their staple diet. There are also records of reported

burials within the area with tangible reminders of occupation spanning many generations very much still evident when you walk throughout the park and observe intact midden in areas where pathways have cut across and destroyed most of the taonga. Te Aakitai Waiohūa also acknowledge the multiple Iwi overlapping interests in this area.

**ASSESSMENT FINDINGS** - Te Ākitai Waiohūa are pleased to see the implementation of a low impact bioretention design solution that will provide water quality treatment prior the discharge of contaminants to the receiving environment of the taonga "Te Wai Titiko" to address potential adverse cultural and environmental effects associated with the disturbance and proposal.

Te Aakitai Waiohūa thank you Xenia for your ongoing proactive engagement as the project continues to develop and we reconfirm that we have no specific concerns regarding this application.

Te Aakitai Waiohūa also thank you Mark for raising the query in relation to inadequate evidence of consultation feedback from Iwi Groups..

**RELEVANT CONTEXT - GARRY MASKILL WATERCARE SERVICES LIMITED 12 AUGUST 2013 - PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT STATES:** The parties will seek to reinforce and strengthen a partnership through a relationship of friendship, trust, good faith, integrity, openness and collaboration to achieve mutually agreed environmental, economic, social and community outcomes which advance the interests of Te Ākitai Waiohūa and the community in general. One of the stated

**OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT IS TO:** Actively promote the sustainable management of the district's natural and physical resources and the taonga of Te Ākitai Waiohūa, including the restoration of the health and wellbeing of the Manukau Harbour for present and future generations, in a way that recognises and respects the cultural and spiritual relationship of Te Ākitai Waiohūa with the environment and the status of Te Ākitai Waiohūa as mana whenua. With regards to the Central Interceptor Project, both Te Ākitai Waiohūa and Watercare believe that we have come to better understand and respect one another's views, and as a consequence, are ready to commit to an on-going Partnership Agreement to the benefit of both parties and the wider community.

**CULTURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL INTERCEPTOR THAT WAS PREPARED AS A DIRECT REQUIREMENT OF THE CONSENT CONDITIONS.**

a) Te Aakitai Waiohūa have respectively chosen " *to retain the right to exercise Te Aakitai Waiohūa rangatiratanga to act both collectively and individually with respect to the Central Interceptor Project* )

b) Te Aakitai Waiohūa confirms respectfully the CI Cultural Management Plan ('CMP') at present is not endorsed by Te Aakitai Waiohūa .

**FORMAL RESPONSE** - Te Aakitai Waiohua confirms consultation has occurred including undertaking a site visit and being provided with the relevant information required in order to make this informed and effective decision. in relation to Te Aakitai Waiohua cultural heritage values of the waahi tapu and the effect of the proposed work on Te Aakitai Waiohua.

**TE AAKITAI WAIOHUA ALSO CONFIRMS**

1. There are no major issues with the final locations of the tunnel arrays .
2. Appropriate measures have been implemented to avoid impacts on the toanga

Therefore Te Aakitai Waiohua confirms the proposed activity will result in less THAN minor effects from a cultural perspective and confirms non opposition for the application being granted

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