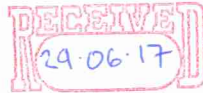


# Ruatoki Farms and Lands Trust

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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017



To Te Uru Taumatua, all Govt Agencies and Local Bodies

**Introduction:**

The Ruatoki Farms & Lands Trusts Group represent the best interests of the following collective which in area total approximately 19,500 hectares of land –

Owhakatoro Land Trust	Te Manawa o Tuhoe Lands Trust
Te Tawa Kaiti Lands Trust	Te Pae o Tuhoe Trust
Otaki Lands Trust	Waiohau Lands Trust
Tataiwhetu (Ngatirongo) Lands Trust	Ruatoki B71 & B78 Lands Trust

We raise our concerns regarding what is stated on page 11 of the TE KAWA O TE UREWERA, Item 1.2 **The Natural Features of Te Urewera** which states –

*“It is important to note, that for Tuhoe, the entire Tuhoe Homeland involves a much wider region also referred to as Te Urewera”.*

This statement seems to suggest that everything written in this document overarches everything within the Tuhoe Homeland.

On behalf of the RF & LT’s group I hereby clarify that Te Kawa o Te Urewera does not overarch any of our private lands and neither does any settlement agreement or agreement protocols that various Agencies may have with Te Uru Taumatua.

We therefore request that statement be removed from Te Kawa o Te Urewera !!!

Naku Noa

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandy Watene".

Sandy Watene [secretary Ruatoki Farm and Lands Trust]