

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust

Submission to the Te Urewera Board on the Draft Te Kawa o Te Urewera

He Mihi

*Matariki te tipua, Matariki te tāwhito, Tau mai te Wairua , Mai ngā ira Atua, Ki te ira Tāngata
~ Tihei Mauriora!*

E Tūhoe, Ngā mihi ki a koutou i runga i ngā āhuatanga o te rā. Ki a rātou te hunga mate, me tangi ka tika. Ki a tātau katoa e whiwhi tahi ngā hua pai me ngā māramatanga o te wā o Matariki, kei te mihi.

Introduction

1. This submission is made on behalf of the trustees of Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust (**Tātau Tātau**) on the *Draft Te Kawa o Te Urewera* management plan (**Te Kawa**). Tātau Tātau was established by its trust deed dated 26 November 2016 as the post-settlement governance entity in relation to the Deed of Settlement of Historical Claims between Te Wairoa, Tātau Tātau and the Crown (the **DOS**).
2. Tātau Tātau beneficiaries are whānau, hapū and iwi who whakapapa to the ancestral waka of Tākitimu and Kurahaupō across Te Rohe o Te Wairoa. The Trustees make this submission on behalf of those whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa.

Submissions

3. Tātau Tātau supports a Te Kawa focus on the effective management of people for the benefit of Te Urewera. This is particularly so given the interests that whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa have in Te Urewera and Lake Waikaremoana.
4. The preference of Tātau Tātau is to kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi with the Te Urewera Board (the **Board**) on the development and implementation of Te Kawa. Our kōrero would take into account our whakapapa connections to Te Urewera and would be, at least in part, in recognition of the partnership agreement that the Board has committed to with Tātau Tātau through the DOS.
5. In advance of our kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi, Tātau Tātau make the following comments about Te Kawa:¹
 - (a) Te Kawa in its final form (if adopted) should expressly recognise and acknowledge the connection of whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Wairoa with Te Urewera.
 - (b) Who is a “manuhiri” in the context of Te Kawa is important. Tātau Tātau notes that Te Kawa refers to “tanata whenua” and “manuhiri”. For example, a key focus of Te Kawa is that “tanata whenua” and “manuhiri” are central to its implementation.

¹ These comments do not include all of our views as we would prefer to discuss these with the Board.

Whilst Tātau Tātau agrees with the approach that all New Zealanders should play an active role in the management of Te Urewera, it considers that there needs to be an acknowledgement that the interests of whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Wairoa in Te Urewera are distinct from, and therefore the role of those whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Wairoa must be different to, “manuhiri”.

- (c) Tātau Tātau supports the focus of Te Kawa on the effective management of people for the benefit of Te Urewera (in contrast to typical land management plans). This is a unique and innovative approach. Tātau Tātau supports the aim of Te Kawa at renewed collective responsibilities of people and their impact on the living system of Te Urewera. We recommend some further thought be given to how Te Kawa will be given effect to given its intentional move away from a management plan focused on the land.
- (d) Tātau Tātau considers that in conjunction with the Partnership Agreement (see paragraph 8), Te Kawa has the potential to enhance the relationship that Te Wairoa has with Tūhoe and Te Urewera, provide for Te Wairoa’s participation in Te Urewera and effectively manage the human impact on Te Urewera.
- (e) Tātau Tātau endorses the aim of Te Kawa to bring all New Zealanders into a closer relationship with Te Urewera.

Partnership Agreement between Tātau Tātau and the Board

- 6. Under the DOS, Tātau Tātau and the Board have an obligation to enter into a partnership agreement in respect of Te Urewera by no later than 24 months after the Settlement Date (the **Partnership Agreement**). The Partnership Agreement is a tool to give effect to the intended relationship between Tātau Tātau and the Board that supports the maintenance and enhancement of association of those whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa with Te Urewera.
- 7. Clause 5.6.2 of the DOS provides that the Partnership Agreement must provide for the Board to consider and provide appropriately for the relationship of Te Wairoa within specified areas of Te Urewera when making decisions, including decisions on matters set out in section 20(1)(a) to (h) of the Te Urewera Act 2014, which includes the approval of the Te Urewera management plan (i.e. Te Kawa).
- 8. Te Kawa has been drafted in advance of the Settlement Date and therefore Tātau Tātau has not had the opportunity to engage on Te Kawa with the Board. Tātau Tātau wishes to progress this engagement as soon as possible and in a manner that is outside of the submission process, given the relationship through whakapapa of the whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa with Tūhoe and Te Urewera, and the relationship that will ensue through the Partnership Agreement with the Board.

Conclusion

- 9. Te Kawa is an exciting opportunity for Tātau Tātau and the Board to work together in the development and implementation. Tātau Tātau considers that this is in the best interest of the relationship between Tātau Tātau and the Board, the whānau, hapū and iwi of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa and Tūhoe; and our collective relationship with Te Urewera.
- 10. Tātau Tātau would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this submission, and engage in further kōrero about Te Kawa, with the Board.

Kaore e kumea kia roatia te kōrero a pepa tuhituhi nei. Te tūmanaako, he kanohi kitea, he waha kē te mana whakahaere, Tā tēnā ka oti atu ai. Heoi, noho ora mai i roto i ngā manaakitanga a Te Mea Ngaro.



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