

PARAPARA MARAE

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Ngati Tara would like to focus on Tikanga Maori

Titi mai te Marama i te Po,

ko Tawera i te takiritanga,

ara mai ko Tama-nui- te- Ra,

**Whiti, whitirere, whiti whaka te runga, whiti whaka te ahuru whitiora e
Koriki mai ana Nga Manu i te pae,**

taku kaahu whakatopatopa,

kua tuku te hau, aio ana te rangi,

to ana te marino i Tokerau,

mau a tai ki Te Rapuhautaonga maruru ai,

mau a uta ki Tirepa Wahine,

mapuapua ana te taraire a Ngati Tara,

he Whare tangata, he Whare korero,

puta ki te whei Ao, ki te Ao Marama, Tihewa Mauri ora..

The moon shines in the night sky, the dawn brings Venus

The morning star, the sun rises shining above, warming below, bringing life

The birds are speaking, their voices soar like the hawk

The wind is still, the sky is calm, the ocean of Tokerau Bay is peaceful

Rapuhautaonga is plentiful

The taraire tree of Tirepa wahine shows the abundance of Ngati Tara

The house of stories, the house of life into the world of light.....

Ko Maunga Taniwha te Maunga
Titiro ki Tirepa Wahine
Ko Tokerau te Moana
Ko Mamaru te Waka
To Parata te Rangatira
Ko Kahutianui te Whaea Tupuna
Ko Ngati Kahu te Iwi
Ko Ngati Tara te Hapu me Te Paatu
Ko Parapara te Marae
Ko Te Wai o Parapara te Awa

Ko Hone Harihona Bassett toku ingoa

Ko Au te Kai korero me te mangai o toku Hapu a Ngati Tara

I'm here today supporting the submission of Mike Wilson (Kaitiaki at the time in 2010)

Mike put in a submission to FNDC in 2010 on behalf of Parapara Marae, however Mike has not been able to be contacted to date. Therefore I will be presenting on behalf of Parapara Marae, Te Hapu o Ngati Tara

No reira

Tena koutou tena koutou Tena koutou katoa

Kia Ora Tatou Katoa:

Maungataniwha is the sacred mountain for all our people in our Area. Ngati Kahu on the eastern side, NgaPuhi is on the western side, and Te Rarawa in between both.

The Mangamuka River flows in an easterly direction through Victoria Valley, Pamapurua and Takahue it eventually branches its way through Kaitaia and Awanui out to Rangunu Harbour on one side and on the other side it goes through from Victoria Valley to Peria, Parapara and out to Aurere. Our Iwi had settlements along all these water ways.

Our Hapu o Ngati Tara lived in settlements along Parapara River also known as Te Wai o Parapara. This is the area where my great grandparents and my grandparents settled and I still live here today. They lived off the river and the sea. They caught fish both freshwater and saltwater in and around the estuary as a food resource for whanau and Hapu. Our whanau had a swimming hole along here which is no longer safe to swim or gather food because of the pollutants. There are many sites of cultural significance along Te Wai o Parapara.

It has been well told in our history that we did not just provide for our own Hapu, but also our neighbouring Hapu from inland and other areas as well. These areas are no longer safe to gather food or fish and we have not gathered from this area for the last 20 years. The river is now polluted along with our shellfish and fishing areas from the river to the sea.

The wastewater overflow from Taipa Wastewater Plant has always been pumped over the hill from Taipa into a manmade pond and marsh which is filtered then goes to an unnamed estuary to Te Wai o Parapara. The whole of the Doubtless Bay Catchment Area is affected as Te Wai o Parapara is a tidal river.

We have had endless meetings with the council over the years we feel we have been tossed around, backwards and forward by the FNDC. We are disappointed that we have spent many years objecting to the overflow coming into our area when no one in Parapara is actually connected to the Taipa Waste Water Plant.

Summary

We the Hapu o Ngati Tara have always objected and will continue to object to the waste from Taipa Waste Water Plant being pumped over the hill into our river and sea. We believe that human waste should not be discharged to water and this has affected the Mauri of Te Wai o Parapara. Therefore we would like the mauri of our awa and moana returned to its natural state.

The state of our water ways has affected Ngati Tara in a way that we can no longer practise our tikanga of gathering kai from our mahinga kai and we can no longer practise our Kaitiakitanga over this area. We feel it has been taken away from us. We would like to see our area thriving again, with all our waterways planted and protected. We would like to see our natural resources we had when we were children returned to that state. We would like to be able to go to the river and swim, we want to be able to go to the sea and catch fish again and gather seafood to sustain our Iwi Hapu and whanau. We want to be able to leave those same resources in abundance to our mokopuna and their mokopuna.

(Refer Part 2 Sec 6 (e) (g), Sec 8, RMA, Sec 4, Conservation Act, Te Tiriti o Waitangi)

Ngati Tara support The Mission Statement as presented by Te Mana o Te Wai Hapu Integration Roopu (HIR) in its entirety.

Ngati Tara support any other groups with the same kaupapa

Ngati Tara supports the following submissions being persons that we have worked with over the years concerning Taipa Waste Water Treatment:

Victor Holloway -Environmental Resource Manager TRIoNK

Rob Oxbourgh and Julie Rickit – Te Ahua Marae

Niki Tauhara & others – Kauhanga Marae

Trudy Allen – Taipa Marae

Peter & Helen Morris- Affected land owners

Andres Kurrman- Te Wai o Parapara Consultant

Doubtless Bay Water Catchment
