

## Vance Hodgson

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Tena Koe Vance

Following an onsite to 362 Jones Road Hunua to view and discuss an application for a managed fill operation  
Ngati Tamaoho make the following comments/ recommendations

The Hunua Awa runs south from the Hunua Ranges Kohukohunui, within an area containing a wide range of sites from defensive pā to mahinga kai, urupa to marae, and awa to tuahu. The variety of the uses of the places in Te Hunua/Kohukohunui indicate the importance of the entire area as an interconnected whole to Ngāti Tamaoho.

Each of the individual places are important in their own right but their real significance can only be understood when considering the area as a whole. This is an area that has provided Ngāti Tamaoho with so much more than can be described in any historical narrative. It is part of the mauri of this people and is an absolutely fundamental part of their cultural identity.

As a place of food gathering the Hunua Awa was of almost unparalleled importance, with abundant eels and inanga.

Though Ngāti Tamaoho were an iwi who travelled greatly, the Hunua Ranges were an ancient defensive stockade which had protected our tūpuna for centuries. There were many defensive pā in the surrounding foothills including, Paparata, Te Maketu, Pihanga and Ngā Urukehu. The interior was a place of great tapu, although there were several sites of refuge that were only known to Ngāti Tamaoho and the other hapū of the area.

Te Hunua/Kohukohunui was also a place of immense spiritual importance for Ngāti Tamaoho.

During the site visit a number of small streams and wetlands were visible

The applicant has assured Ngati Tamaoho that the proposed fill is not to be placed anywhere where it can enter these areas, that rock riprap will be provided , fencing and planting.

There is a road culvert off Jones Road that discharges into a paddock and enters a waterway that starts partway down the hill via a spring/puna

Some of this area is already fenced from stock, but there is more that can be done

On the other side of the access is another two areas for proposed fill

Both of these areas also have waterways and wetland areas contained within them

Again, the applicant has assured us that these areas are to be avoided, with the fill being placed above with proper silt fencing.

Ngati Tamaoho is not opposed to this application for managed fill provided the following are provided for, as per the applicants verbal assurances onsite

1. That all waterways and wetland areas on both sides of the existing access are fenced for stock exclusion [this can be a 3 wire hotwire if cattle are to be grazed] and riparian planted with appropriate native plants
2. That rock riprap is placed down the paddock for the road runoff to pass over prior to entering the waterway/wetland
3. That super silt fencing is provided to prevent any silt from entering any of the waterways onsite
4. If any flocculation is to be used that is to be organic

Naku noa na  
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