# FUTURE GROWTH OPTIONS AND A RURAL URBAN BOUNDARY SOUTH

Joint response provided by Ngati Paoa and Ngati Whanaunga

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## INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared in partnership by Ngati Paoa and Ngati Whanaunga to provide a collaborative response to Rural Urban Boundary South proposal.

It is determined that the Rural Urban Boundary South will impact on Ngati Paoa/Ngati Whanaunga interests, i.e. both cultural and environmental.

From essentially a Kaitiaki perspective, Ngati Paoa hold Mana whenua status over particularly the Hunua Ranges. In light of this we are conscious of the wider catchment and the land use activities that play havoc on the receiving environments. Both Ngati Paoa and Ngati Whanaunga strongly oppose the piping of our waterways and the diminishing of mauri within the receiving environments. We support those Iwi that have interests across this rohe and stand collectively to enhance the mauri, protect, preserve and mitigate any adverse affects.

## METHODOLOGY

- The use and application of the CHI (cultural heritage inventory database) is not trusted by Iwi and needs considerable work before matauranga will be provided to Council to be lodged on this inventory
    - There are no Intellectual Property rights provisions or similar arrangements in place between Council and iwi
    - Registered sites in the Draft Unitary Plan number well short of actual known cultural sites. More stringent protection measures are required to encourage Iwi to list their sites of significance

## PROVIDING FOR THE RURAL URBAN BOUNDARY SOUTH

- The establishment of the RUB will undoubtedly provide for increased housing development areas
    - In order to be able to make an informed decision on the extent of the RUB, we request a mapped inventory of all those consents

that have been granted (within the last two years) that are yet to released onto the market

- We recommend that the timeframe for the lapsing of approved consents should be reduced to half the time of what it is currently
- We have insufficient knowledge base (research) at this point against which to set the RUB
- Mana whenua need to be resourced to undertake comprehensive research and to be able to clearly articulate the impacts on their cultural and environmental values
- It is necessary for Council to take a precautionary approach and provide for the RUB to its smallest extent and least impact. This does not mean that we support the revised plan (that now excludes Karaka North and Karaka West).
- Due to contrasting and sometimes conflicting histories amongst Iwi on particular areas, these need to be discussed between us so that a common Iwi response might be sought.

**TOOLS**

- The cultural heritage overview report produced by Council following initial iwi contact has been observed to not represent Mana Whenua
  - The report is missing key elements (such as page 2 IV the historical overview) and needs more work.
  - Outputs, page 2, VIII. We would like to state that all the waterways and where the RUB line meets inlets and harbour are 'no-go zones' and protection of these for both cultural and environmental integrity is paramount. I also refer to *Cultural Heritage in the Auckland Region: Priority areas for survey and investigation* Kim Tatton, 2001 whereby the report recommends further investigation along the coastal margins
  - A map has been provided giving a generic (incomplete) overview of our interests.

- A cultural and ecological buffer/line to be developed similar to the MUL and RUB with the inability to change informed through a full cultural and archaeological investigation undertaken and driven by Iwi

**SUMMARY:**

1. With limited time and resources this report should be viewed as an interim report. We request the opportunity to respond to this proposal in depth and therefore prior to 28th Aug 2013. I refer therefore to Council's Cultural Heritage overview report whereby it states "identify information gaps about cultural interests and values and traditional associations with sites which may require future assessment and research", which supports this point.
2. We recommend Council wait until Mana whenua have undergone critical assessment and evaluation of the impacts of the RUB to develop their cultural investigation reports before setting the RUB
3. We support the exclusion of Karaka West and Karaka North.
4. We oppose and therefore request the exclusion of Core D, that of which is to the west of the Great South Rd therefore looking to maintain the current MUL
5. Essentially we oppose anything that is within close proximity to the waterways, i.e. Bremner Rd Penninsula – Core K to the west of Karaka Rd and Whangapouri north. Unless we are confident of any protection measures
6. We oppose any adverse affects on the mauri and wairua on our ecological and cultural wellbeing

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