

Submission to papakainga requisites

Matamata Piako District Council Planning Unit

1. Maori Land

The definition of papakainga refers to Maori Communal ownership of land sections or land blocks located in Te Aroha or other township within Matamata Piako District.

2. Maori land use

Only the Maori land owners shall determine how and what their particular lands shall be used for and planning instruments shall reflect this understanding.

.3. Tikanga Maori Supported by the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi

Article 2 of the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi :

Confirms and guarantees to the Chiefs and tribes of New Zealand

And to the respective families and individuals thereof

The full and undisturbed possession

Of their lands estates forests and fisheries and other properties

Which they may collectively or individually possess

So long as it is their desire and wish to retain the same...

Accordingly , we do not consent to any planning authority the right to usurp Maori rights by decree nor by manipulation of the whakapapa of land owners that has not been authorized by the said landowners either on application or by Gazette of the appropriate Maori Land Court Order.

Communal Maori living is not to be restricted to size of pakeha proportions but by traditional application to accommodating whanau numbers

I would remind the council that we Maori are traditionally one of the cleanest living people on the planet. Our lores of tapu is circular by nature, from a Rangi and Papa environment to food source to human consumption to the Rangi and Papa Environment Sadly, colonization has meddled with Maori practices.

Too many rules have merely placed restrictions on Maori land use. Why should we buy Council supplied water when our land has natural water resources traditionally used.

The cynic in me tells the story of pakeha domination of Maori ensured by pakeha civil servants in charge from birth to natural or other death. And that does not address the Racism of the thick skins mentality

Mapuna Turner.

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