

Kia ora koutou

Before we commence, the new trustees of Paenoa Te Akau would like to make a statement that we are not against progress and we are not against building our community with TDC of today, or with the other land blocks of Rangatira.

What we would like to state also is that as trustees, we have obligations to represent all beneficial owners that whakapapa to Paenoa Te Akau.

Our main obligation is transparency and moving forward together making informed decisions together prioritizing our wahi tapu which connects us tangata whenua to Rangatira in the setting of our marae.

In the past, to assist us with this, provisions were made in 1975 by the Royal Commission under the 1975 Maori Purposes Act.

Ironically, this has left our people in Paenoa Te Akau in a stalemate for nearly 50 years developing and administering our whenua because of incompetence applied by the Rotorua Valuation department, Land and surveys and the TDC of the past mistranslating these provisions set out in 1975.

In the mid 1990's the TDC imposed a provision from the past RMA that heavily impacted tangata whenua and their occupation in Paenoa Te Akau with exorbitant debt and eviction notices.

In 1991, a Maori reservation was implemented with council that was only to procure the Queenschain. We say this as evidence has recently been provided in court showing the correct placement of altar mentioned from initial minutes provided to the court of the past. [See the following IP of David Grey in booklet provided.](#)

This is alarming as wahi tapu not identified accordingly is highly likely to be damaged. Like the koiwi of our great matua Te Pahi whose koiwi was disintegrated and desecrated by earth moving machines in the development of Hiruharama Ponui which has been incorrectly named Parawera.

Between 2009-2014 application A20130010382 (Trustees of PTA v TDC) had a reserved judgement made which has not been finalized by our courts. The hearing was to determine definition of roads. This decision was based on section [64] in 108 Waiariki MB 276 [see booklet](#)

As of recent it has been indicative that the 1975 MPA **included** road area. This is a matter our honorable judge would have decided differently. This shows that sections (24)+(31)[see](#) of the 1975 MPA has been breached by the Rotorua Valuation Department and the Land+surveys at time of implementing these provisions with the area adjustment, values (pg25 TPO MIN 55) and 2077A plan.[see booklet](#)

With all the above noted we would like to talk about zoning and the mistranslation of this in regards to the 1975 MPA section (23) ss [2][see booklet](#)

This provision has been ignored as:

- The TDC has defined PTA as 'rural'.
- PTA has been subject for public purpose(queens chain)
- PTA has been subject to public works(roads)

The 1975 MPA provisions was applied to all lands under schedule 4 which are:

-Paenoa Te Akau

-Hiruharama Ponui

-Rangatira Pt

-8A14A now known as PTA B which is currently in a court case waiting on decision.

If Rangatira E represent these lands, they have failed to represent the owners under provision 3(b)(xix) in the Rangatira E trust order by not resolving these issues, especially when it is in regards to protecting our wahi tapu.

There is also a failure of other orders that can be resolved in the required setting of the marae and/or courts.

If the owners were approached by Rangatira E for TDC endeavors 3years ago, it would have been at a time when our people were at there most vulnerable during covid. To add to this, a majority of our owners are not always tech savvy as a lot are elders who would have only been contacted by email for approval as the correct setting of the marae was shut.

The last AGM held by Rangatira E was June 2019. 4years ago.

To be contacted Wednesday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> August by Rangatira E to be acquainted with details. Does not suffice, and only compromises our obligations as trustees for Paenoa Te Akau by not having an open forum of consent with our whanau following the required protocol.

PTA has an important decision to be determined by our honorable judge in the MLC which gives PTA a direction to our next steps, let alone progressing any transparent direction at this time.

What we propose to the council today is definitive reassurance that us tangata whenua have patience from the panel today, so we can prioritize the protection of our wahi tapu.

Patience for a directive/ decision to be made from our honorable judge in the MLC.

Patience to allow our trust to provide information and transparency to our whanau and hapu.

Together with this panel today, we will not just be revolutionizing relationships in the Taupo community, but would also setting a precedent in Aotearoa avoiding a pr nightmare that will only be fuel to the current toxic political rhetoric. We have an opportunity to heal what has been done the right way together empowering the whole community.

On behalf of the PTA trust and its tangata whenua which are a majority of owners in Rangatira E, we would like to give our gratitude to this panel allowing us to table our concerns. We also would like to extend that gratitude to owners that are here present and in the past that support this korero shared today.

Nga mihi.