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Tuāukiuki te tū,  
Tuāukiuki te Rū,  
Tuāukiuki kia marino.

### “Waimarino”

On 2 May, 1926 following a request from the Waimarino County Council, without any formal consultation the Minister of Railways changed the name of the Station at Waimarino. Over time the Village slowly became also referred to as National Park and the original origins of the name Waimarino became lost.

Under the Standard for New Zealand place names NZGBS60002:

- 1.1 (a) Names that reflect New Zealand culture, society, exploration, events, tradition, and history. The NZGB encourages the restoration of original Māori place names,

Uenuku | Te Korowai o Wainuiārua are making this application to the Geographic Board to restore “Waimarino” to both, the name of the Village and its Railway Station.

The original name celebrates the deep and intrinsic links of our hapu/whānau to their lands and history. A simple definition celebrates the numerous tributaries that flowed down the flanks of the maungā tūpuna to pool on the vast plains below, “Wai” – water “Marino” – calm. It is written as one word. (Te Kura taiaha Turoa Wanikau, 2023).

In this application I have included a number of letters of support from key stakeholders along with the minutes from the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board hui. Their support for this application was received by unanimous decision.

Owing to the schedule of the Ruapehu District Council we have been unable to meet formally with Councilors however, we have strong intimated support ahead of their hui on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. As discussed with LINZ kaimahi, I will supply the Council minutes containing their decision to the Board as soon as possible following this date.

Over the last Century the Hapu/whānau of Uenuku | Te Korowai o Wainuiārua have not changed their kōrero regarding Waimarino name. During the decades of debate surrounding the Waimarino name not once has our opinion ever been sought, 97 years later we look forward to being able to finally join the conversation.



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