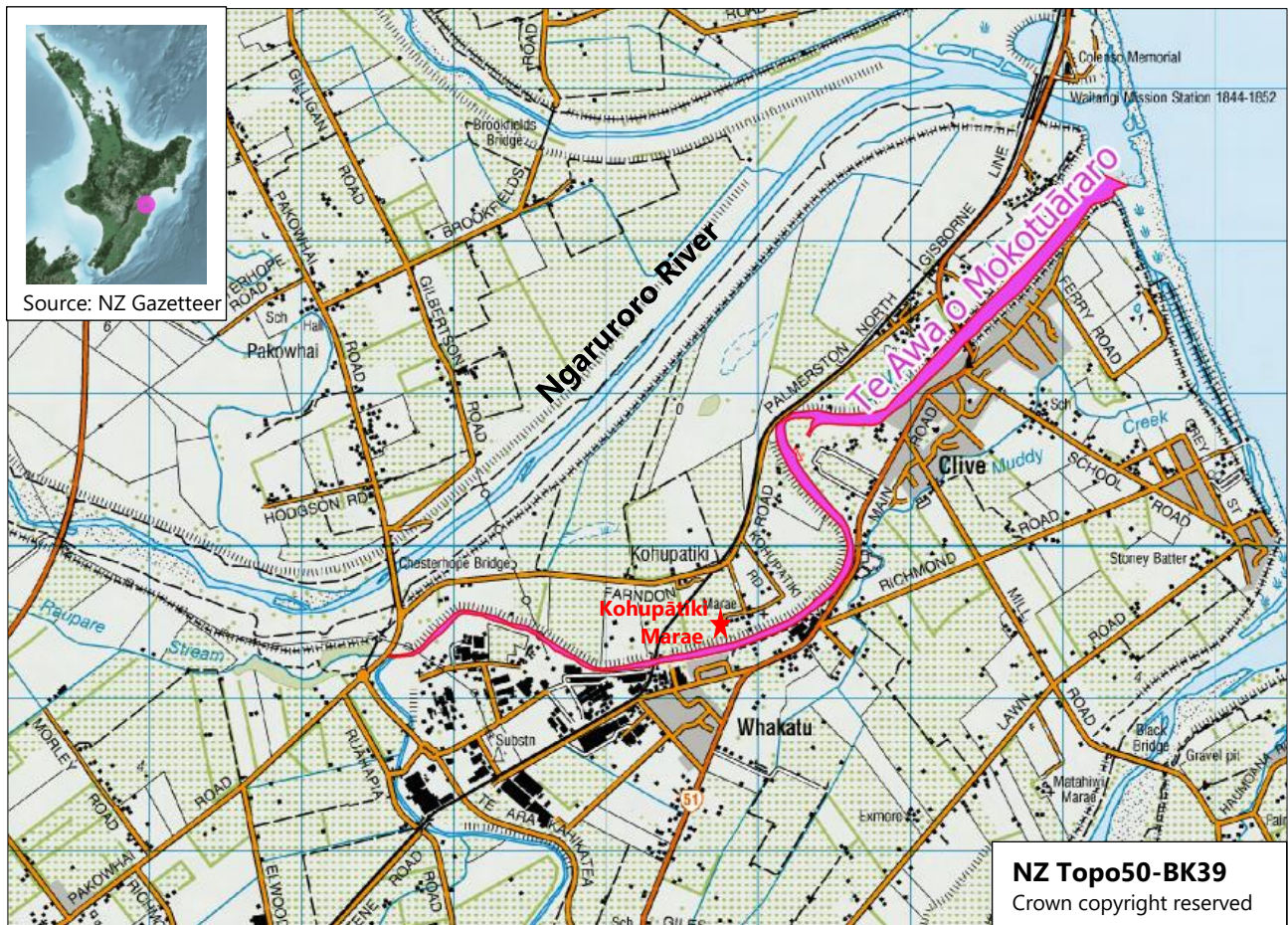


Proposal considered by the Board on 2 December 2022 for Te Awa o Mokotūāraro

[altered from Clive River]



Summary

Operation Pātiki Charitable Trust ki Kohupātiki Marae was disappointed at the decision the Board made at its 26 July 2022 hui to decline their proposal to alter Clive River to Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira. However, they did understand the Board's reasons and were grateful for the way in which the news was delivered and the opportunity to make another proposal with a different name.

In this new proposal they are seeking to alter Clive River (official place name) to Te Awa o Mokotūāraro, a name with mana that reflects their cultural, historical and spiritual beliefs. The proposers' vision is to restore the mauri of the awa by restoring a shortened version of the name gifted by Ruawharo, a high priest aboard the Takitimu waka when it entered Hawke Bay. The proposers consider that the existing name is inappropriate as Major-General Robert Clive (1725-1774), after whom the associated town was named, had no association with the area.

Clive River flows for approximately 7km from the north-eastern outskirts of Hastings to join the mouth of Ngaruroro River (unofficial recorded), which flows into Hawke Bay. Clive River is the remnant of the original course of Ngaruroro River before flood control diversion works were completed in 1969. The diversion created a new catchment area for Clive River.

In 1975 the Board assigned Clive River as the official name to the remnant of the original course of Ngaruroro River because of its association with the adjacent town, Clive.

Mokotūāraro forms part of the original Māori name, Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira, which applies to the full length of the whole original river course, ie, Ngaruroro River and Clive River, so the historic connection would be restored.

Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust, Napier City Council and Hastings District Council support this new proposal.

Secretariat recommendation

At its 2 December 2022 hui the Board resolved this recommendation.

Accept the proposal to **alter** the existing official place name from Clive River to the official place name **Te Awa o Mokotūāraro** based on:

- the Board's functions to investigate and determine the priority of the discovery of a geographic feature, and to collect and encourage the use of original Māori names on official charts and maps,
- the name restoring the historic connection between Clive River and Ngaruroro River, which has the original Māori name, Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira, for the full length of the whole original river course,
- the Māori generic term 'Awa' appropriately describing the feature, and
- Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust, Napier City Council and Hastings District Council supporting the proposal,

and

Notify as a proposal to alter for one month~~three months~~.

Noting that the views of Ahuriri Hapū have not been provided to date. However, they will have an opportunity to make a submission on the proposal during the public notification period.

Secretariat assessment and advice

Background At its hui on 26 July 2022 the Board declined a proposal from Operation Pātiki Charitable Trust ki Kohupātiki Marae to alter the official place name Clive River to Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira, based on:

- the original Māori name applying to the whole length of Ngaruroro River and not just the 7km portion that is now Clive River,
- the name likely being shortened colloquially to Ngaruroro River and therefore be confused with the existing Ngaruroro River (for any part of its considerable length),
- Clive River now being sourced from Karamu Stream and Raupare Stream, not from the waters of the original river, so it is a different feature from what it once was, and
- it being a Treaty name proposal from Ahuriri Hapū that the Board opposed in 2014 for the same reasons.

The Board agreed to collect Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira in the Gazetteer as an original Māori place name for the full length of the whole original river course, ie, Ngaruroro River and Clive River.

On 28 July 2022 Board members, Shane Te Ruki and Bonita Bigham, and the Secretariat held an online hui with the proposers to discuss the Board's reasons for declining the proposal. The proposers were encouraged to make a new proposal that wouldn't have the same issues, particularly around concerns for emergency services because of duplication with the existing Ngaruroro River.

The proposal Although understanding of the Board's reasons, Operation Pātiki Charitable Trust ki Kohupātiki Marae was disappointed at the Board's decision. In this new proposal they are seeking to alter Clive River (official place name) to Te Awa o Mokotūāraro.

The proposers advise that they held public meetings and hui and Mokotūāraro was chosen as a name that still holds power and mana and reflects their cultural, historical and spiritual beliefs. Although initially proposed as just Mokotūāraro, the proposers have confirmed that Te Awa o Mokotūāraro is appropriate so that the feature can be identified.

The proposers advise that in the 1960s the course of the lower 7km section of Ngaruroro River was diverted 1km to the north to reduce flooding in urban areas. The shift meant that their marae no longer overlooks Ngaruroro River, but Clive River. The remnant of the original course of Ngaruroro River was named Clive River after the nearby town's namesake, Major-General Robert Clive, the first British Governor of Bengal, who had died 200 years previously and never set foot in New Zealand¹.

Mokotūāraro was one of three sons of Ruawharo, a high priest aboard the Takitimu waka when it entered Hawke Bay. Mokotūāraro was placed at the mouth of Ngaruroro River and Tukituki River as mauri to extend the fishing grounds and protect the abundance of kaimoana. The proposers' vision is to restore the mauri of the awa by returning part of the name that Ruawharo gifted.

The proposers have provided a petition with ~50 signatures and 44 letters in support of the new proposal, including from Hastings District Council, Napier City Council and Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust².

Names shown on plans and maps Up until the river's course was altered in the 1960s to reduce flooding it was named Ngaruroro River. After changing course, the 7km stretch of the remaining river, now fed by other waterways, is named Clive River.

Map/plan	Date	Name
DP 97	1879	Ngaruroro River (prior to changing course)
Deed 406	1909	Ngaruroro River (prior to changing course)
NZMS 1, N134, eds. 1-5	1939-1964	Ngaruroro River (prior to changing course)
NZMS 1, N134, 6 th ed.	1974	Clive River (after changing course)
NZMS 260, V21	1999	Clive River (after changing course)
NZTopo50-BK39	2020	Clive River (after changing course)

¹ Secretariat note: the river was named because of its geographic association to the town, not specifically for the man.

² A Post Settlement Governance Entity representing 43 hapū and marae

Location and extent of the feature, generic term and geographic feature type	<p>Clive River flows generally north-eastwards for approximately 7km from Pakowhai Road Bridge northeast of Hastings, through Whakatu and Clive and joins the mouth of Ngaruroro River which flows into Hawke Bay.</p> <p>The proposed name includes the Māori generic term 'awa', which the Board considers to be widely understood as describing a river feature.</p>
New Zealand Gazetteer , associated place names and duplication	<p>Clive River is an official place name. It is adjacent to, and associated with, Clive (town), which is an unofficial recorded name. Clive Grange Recreation Reserve, an official Crown protected area name, is ~3.5km south of the river. Mount Clive Stream in Wairarapa is a partial duplication.</p> <p>Mokotūāraro is partially duplicated in Mokotua (locality) and Mokotua Stream near Invercargill. They are too far distant for there to be any confusion because of duplication.</p>
Research, history and references to the feature	<p>Clive River is the remnant of the original course of Ngaruroro River before flood control diversion works were completed in 1969. It is fed by a large catchment area across the Heretaunga Plains, including draining rainwater from all of Hastings and Havelock North.³</p> <p>Clive River was gazetted as an official place name in July 1975. The Board's October 1974 minutes record that following the completion of major river works in Hawke's Bay (sic), on the recommendation of Hawke's Bay Catchment Board it approved Clive River for the length of the watercourse that was formerly part of Ngaruroro River. It was named in association with Clive (town) through which it now flows. Reed records that Clive was probably named in honour of Robert Clive, hero of the defence of Arcot in India.⁴</p> <p>In July 2014 the Board opposed a Treaty name proposal from Ahuriri Hapū to alter Clive River to Ngaruroro Mokotuararo ki Rangatira. The Board was concerned about the authenticity of the name, and that there would be confusion because the adjacent river is named Ngaruroro River.</p>
Consultation with iwi and others	<p>Napier City Council, Hastings District Council and Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust support the new proposal. To date, Ahuriri Hapū and Hawke's Bay Regional Council haven't provided their views.</p>
Advice on orthography ⁵	<p>A Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator has confirmed that Te Awa o Mokotūāraro is orthographically correct.</p>
Relevant sections from the NZGB Act 2008 and the	<p>Section 3(e) of the Act provides for appropriate recognition to be accorded to cultural and heritage values associated with geographic features. The Board's functions include investigating and determining the priority of the discovery of</p>

³ Hawke's Bay Regional Council, n.d. [Public Access to Rivers](#). Accessed 22 June 2022.

⁴ Reed, A.W. & Dowling, P. (ed.) (2010). *Place names of New Zealand*. North Shore: Penguin Group.

⁵ The conventions and rules of how to write a language

geographic features and collecting and encouraging the use of original Māori names on official charts and maps (sections 11(1)(c)(d)(e) refer).

1.1 Acceptable names

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

(c) Names that recognise the priority of discovery of significant places, including those of Māori pre-European contact.

The proposers, who are mana whenua, seek to restore part of an original Māori name in order to return the river's mana and mauri and its spiritual and cultural connections to the people. Mokotūāraro forms part of the original Māori name for the full length of the whole original river course, ie, Ngaruroro River and Clive River, so the historic connection would be restored.

1.4 Generic terms

(c) A Māori generic term should generally be commonly known in the area.

The Māori generic term 'awa' is commonly understood as identifying a river feature.

1.6 Altered names

A name may be altered when:

- it is culturally inappropriate
- it corrects a significant wrong or grievance

The proposal would resolve a long-standing grievance of the proposers who consider the existing official name to be inappropriate.

1.7 Dual names

Dual names, where both names are used together as one name, recognise the equal and specific significance of both names.

A dual name may be considered. However, Major-General Robert Clive (1725-1774), after whom the associated town was named, had no association with the area. Therefore, the name Clive River is not considered to have equal significance.

Concerns or
issues for
emergency
services and
navigation

*Admiralty Sailing Directions*⁶ records 'small boats can enter Tutaekuri River, Ngaruroro River and Clive River through a common, narrow entrance, which is liable to change and requires local knowledge'. No useful marks or aids for navigation are shown on or near the river on chart NZ 561.

Clive River is used recreationally, particularly for waters sports and an adjoining walkway is popular with walkers and cyclists.⁷ In October 2020 emergency services responded to a waka capsized near the entrance of Clive River.⁸

Media

There has been media interest prior to the Board considering the proposal – see:

- [Campaign aims to remove colonial name from Hawke's Bay river](#)
- [Hawke's Bay whānau desperate for awa name change near Clive](#) (also reported in the *Gisborne Herald* and *Hawke's Bay Weekend*)
- [Environment Court report recommending Water Conservation Order for entire Ngaruroro River welcomed by Forest & Bird](#)

As the river is well known in the area there is likely to be ongoing media coverage.

⁶ *Admiralty Sailing Directions, New Zealand Pilot*, 2015, 19th edition. United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, Taunton, United Kingdom.

⁷ Hawkesbaynz.com, [Clive River](#). Accessed 10 November 2022.

⁸ Hawkes Bay Today, 20 October 2020. [Five aboard waka that overturned in Napier](#). Accessed 10 November 2022.

Supporting information

1. Board report – Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira – 2022-07-26
2. Letter to proposers – Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira declined – 2022-07-29
3. Proposal for Te Awa o Mokotūāraro – 2022-10-19
4. Email with orthographic advice – 2022-10-20
5. Email confirming that Te Awa o Mokotūāraro is appropriate – 2022-11-04