



# Deferred proposal considered by the Board on 2 December 2022 for Te Kamo (suburb)

[altered from Kamo and extent defined]



 Boundary of the Localities dataset locality named Kamo  Extent suggested by the proposer

## Summary

At its 26 July 2022 hui the Board deferred making a decision on the proposal to alter Kamo to Te Kamo because it wanted more information on how prominent an ancestor Te Kamo was.

The proposer, who made the proposal on behalf of Ngāti Kahu-o-Torongare and several hapū from Terenga Paraoa (Whangārei), has advised [abridged]:

Discussions among the hapū confirm Te Kamo was a resident rangatira/tupuna in the Te Kamo region. He was not a rangatira of extrovert proportions, rather he was an introvert who worked behind the scenes guiding the hapū with other rangatira. It is understood he worked to ensure Te Kamo (village) and its people were safe and lived comfortably on land that provided for their wellbeing. The whole area was considered by the hapū, Ngāti Kahu O Torongare, to be a pātaka (*lit.* pantry) with the ngahere (*lit.* forest) (Pukenui), the repo (*lit.* swamp) (Hikurangi) and the large māra kai (*lit.* food garden) areas providing all the provisions required. Te Kamo ensured the land was productive and also traded with the coastal hapū. (Confirmed by Warahi Heteraka of Ngāti Wai and acknowledged as a tupuna). The historical narratives have been eroded by colonisation and it is only recently that wananga are beginning to reveal historical and traditional knowledge from the past.

Based on this further kōrero that Te Kamo was a notable leader in the area who cared for the welfare of the people and the reasons provided in the Board's 26 July 2022 report (attached), it is recommended that the Board accepts the proposal to alter Kamo to Te Kamo, noting that the current extent of Kamo that Whangarei District

Council uses in its GIS<sup>1</sup> matches the FENZ<sup>2</sup> Localities dataset<sup>3</sup> and is different to what is proposed.

Although it incorporates a rural component, the feature meets the definition of a suburb in [section 4 of the NZGB Act 2008](#)<sup>4</sup>.

## Secretariat recommendation

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

**Accept** the proposal to **alter** the unofficial recorded name Kamo to **Te Kamo** as the official name of a suburb in Whangārei generally bounded by either:

- Springs Flat to the north, Tikipunga to the east, Whau Valley to the south and Ruatangata West to the west (as provided by the proposer), or
- Whangarei District Council's current definition of Kamo.

Based on:

- the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, and to collect original Māori names for recording on official charts and maps,
- advice from mana whenua and evidence on the 1858 Deed of Sale of Te Kamo being an original Māori name,
- the general boundaries proposed being the best that can be determined before public consultation,
- recognising the traditional narrative and cultural values associated with the name and the area that it originally applied to, and
- giving effect to the Board's strategic goal to officially name and define all suburbs and localities,

**Subject to seeking further kōrero of the tupuna in terms of his whakapapa given he was a leader of the hapū of Ngāti Kahu-o-Torongare.**

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to alter for three months clearly inviting comment on the most appropriate extent for the proposal.

**Noting** that:

- Whangarei District Council's current definition of Kamo in its GIS, which is from the FENZ Localities dataset, covers only the southern and western part of the proposer's extent,
- Whangarei District Council doesn't have a defined boundary for the suburb itself and hasn't been prepared to commit to one,
- more than half of the western rural part of the extent provided by the proposer falls within other localities named in the FENZ Localities dataset as Ngararatunua, Matarau and Ruatangata West,
- extending the boundary north and as far west as Ruatangata West would incorporate a rural component including the unofficial recorded locality names in the Gazetteer, Three Mile Bush, Gumtown, Ngararatunua and Matarau, which are likely to be still used by those communities,

<sup>1</sup> Geographic Information System

<sup>2</sup> Fire and Emergency New Zealand

<sup>3</sup> Recently replaced by the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ NZ Suburbs and Localities (Pilot) dataset

<sup>4</sup> Suburb: an identifiable area within a local authority area usually urban in character with facilities such as those for education, transport and shopping

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- the proposer's extent would effectively extend the existing Kamo suburb currently defined in the FENZ Localities dataset and impact on the locality boundaries of Ngararatunua, Matarau and Ruatangata West,
  - to date Ngāpuhi and Ngātiwai have not provided their views to the Board; however, they will have an opportunity to do so if the Board accepts the proposal and it is publicly notified,
  - objections to the suburb's name being altered have already been received through a petition provided in part by the proposer, and
  - the proposer's advice that the associated feature, Kamo Springs, will be the subject of a separate proposal.
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### **Draft Board minutes 26 July 2022 [abridged]**

The Board noted that Kamo is more suburban than rural. The name has not historically applied to the rural hinterland, which appears to be included in the extent of the proposed name. The Board noted that public consultation could determine the extent to which the name has apparently been used rurally.

The Board noted that while Ngāti Wai has not provided its views to the Board, it has expressed support for the proposal on Facebook and in the *New Zealand Herald*. The Board noted that Te Kamo had been used on the 1858 Deed of Sale. The Board was not convinced that it had enough information on whether Te Kamo was a prominent ancestor and agreed to defer its decision to seek more information from the proposer about Te Kamo.

### **Supporting information**

1. Proposal for Te Kamo – 2021-08-29
2. Email from Whangarei District Council – not able to define extent – 2022-06-20
3. Board report for Te Kamo and Appendix of maps – 2022-07-26
4. Email from proposer – more information about Te Kamo – 2022-10-11