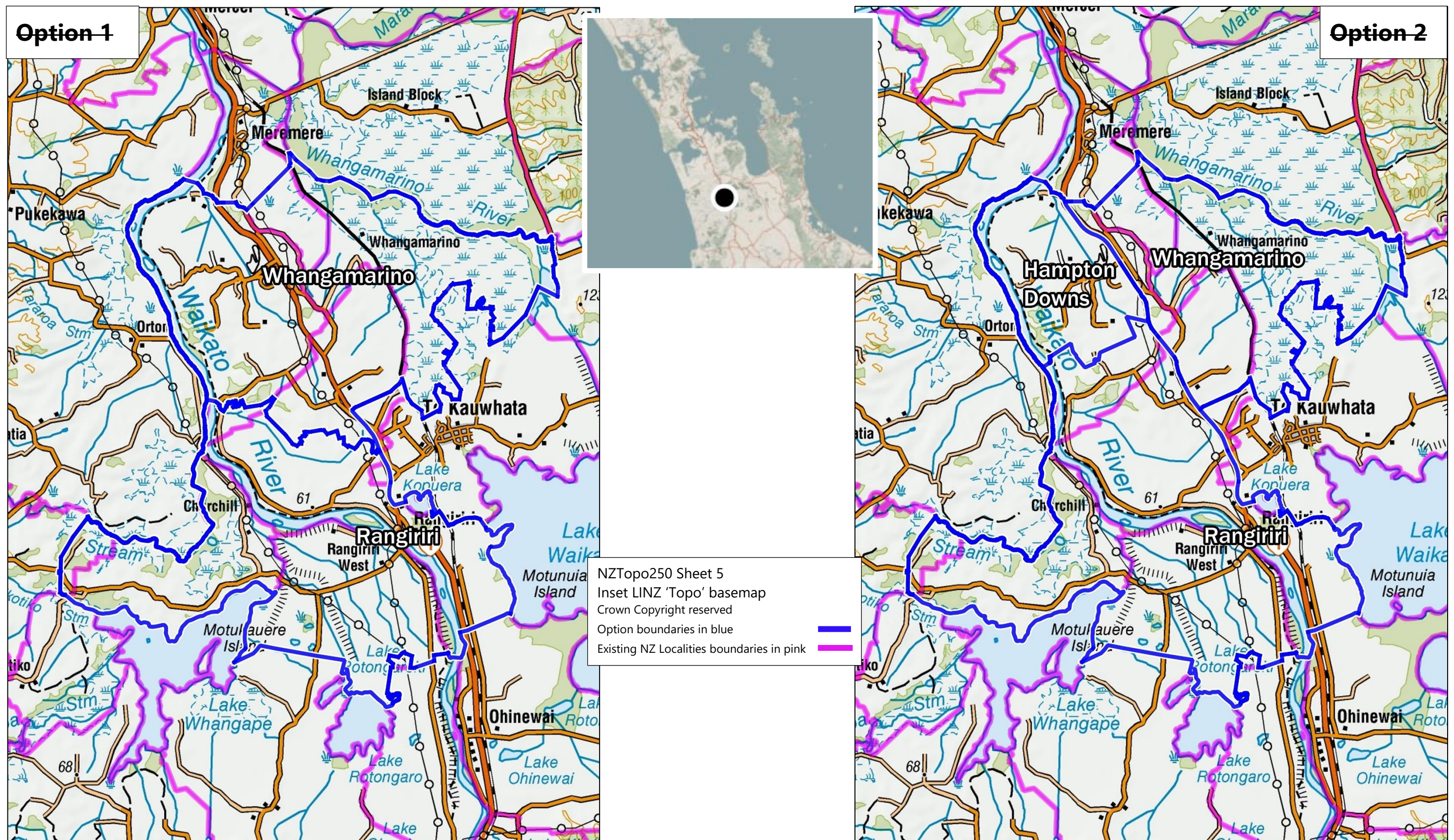


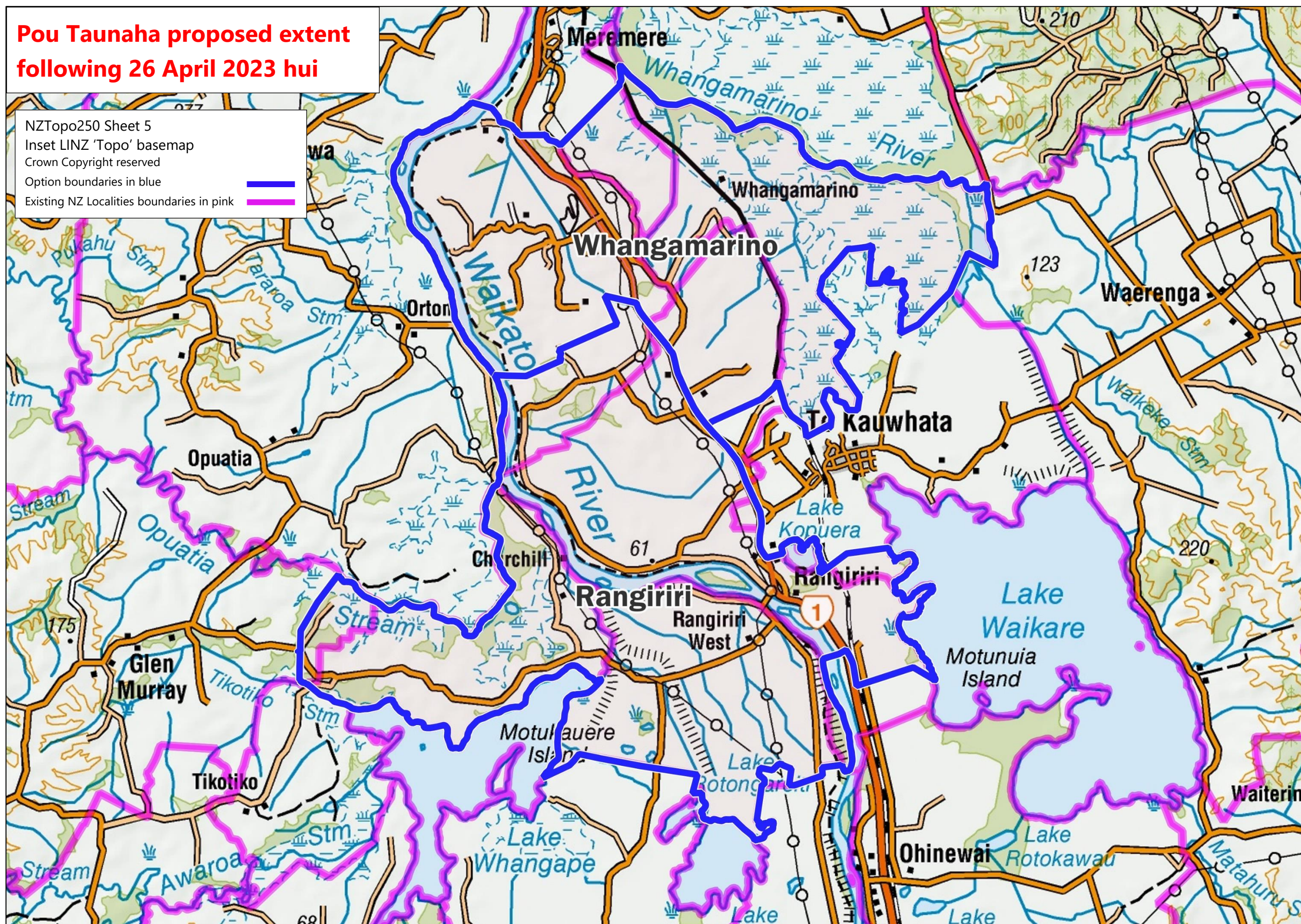
Proposals considered by Pou Taunaha on 26 April 2023 for:

Whangamarino (locality)	[alter/define extent]
Rangiriri (locality)	[alter Rangiriri, Rangiriri West and Churchill to one name with defined extent]

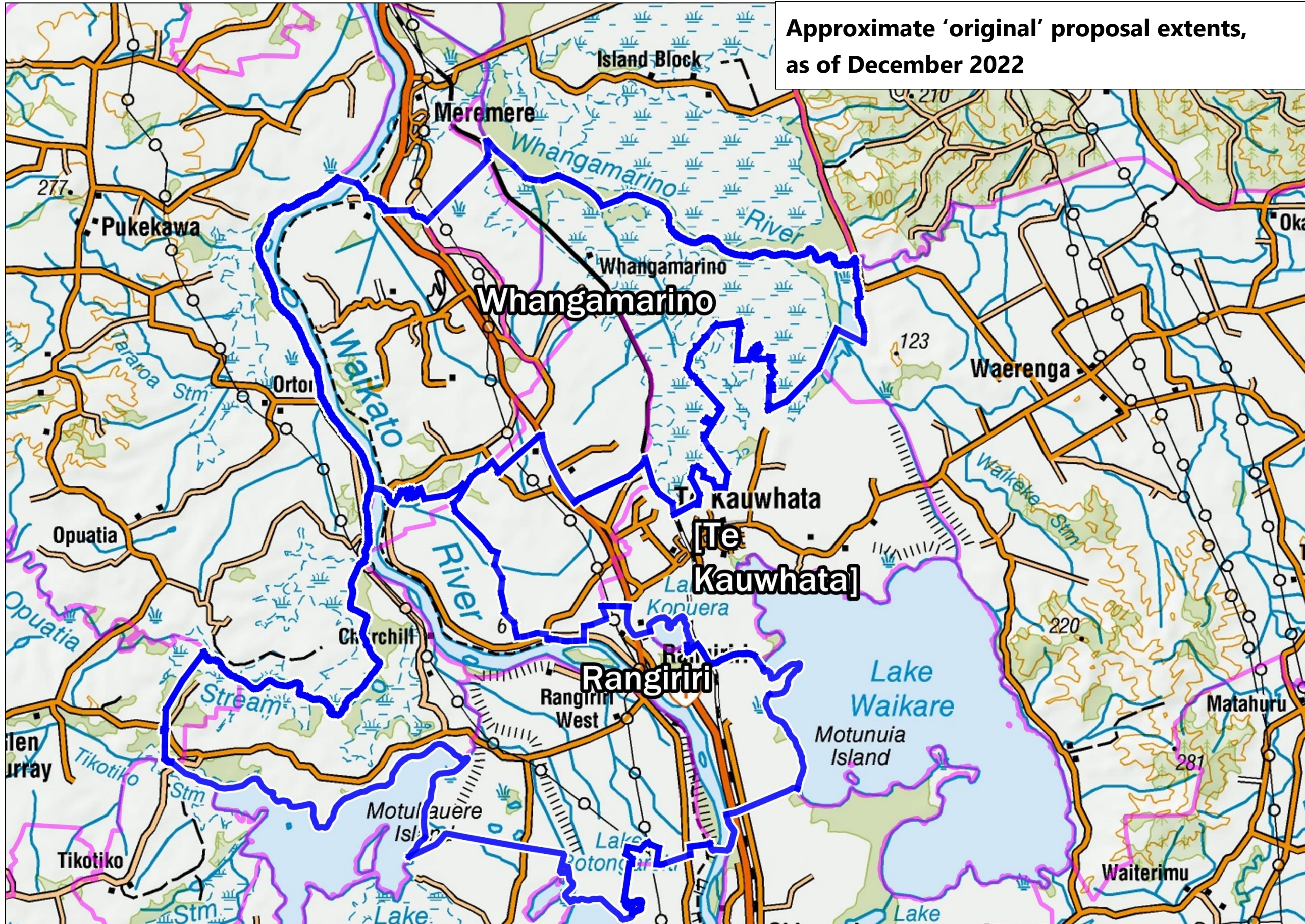


**Pou Taunaha proposed extent
following 26 April 2023 hui**

NZTopo250 Sheet 5
Inset LINZ 'Topo' basemap
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Option boundaries in blue
Existing NZ Localities boundaries in pink



Approximate 'original' proposal extents,
as of December 2022



Summary

A local librarian and historian, proposes to officially:

- define a boundary for the existing official locality name Whangamarino, and
- alter the existing recorded locality names Rangiriri, Rangiriri West, and Churchill to one official name, Rangiriri, with a newly defined boundary.

The proposer is concerned that:

- conflicting sources of unofficial boundary information are causing difficulties for mail, emergency response, real estate, and inaccurate news reporting,
- the unofficial boundaries do not align with local and historic use of the names, and threaten their cultural and heritage values,
- use of Hampton Downs as a populated place name¹ has no legitimacy and contributes to the above issues.

The proposer has provided evidence of 'incorrect' news reporting, and anecdotal examples of misdirection of ambulances and people looking at real estate. The proposer considers that turnoffs on State Highway 1 are easily missed, and if misled by unofficial information it could prove fatal in an emergency. For example, the Rangiriri village and the historic pā are southwest of Te Kauwhata township but named northwest of Te Kauwhata in Google Maps™. This is probably due the name label being approximately at the centre point of the 'Rangiriri' in the FENZ² NZ Localities dataset which extends much further to the north.

The proposer advises that the local Chief Fire Officer and Ambulance Officer support resolving the ambiguities. They have also provided evidence of support from the kaumatua of two local marae. However, detailed boundaries have been only recently produced by the Secretariat and it is not known whether they would support either option presented to Pou Taunaha.

The proposer contacted addressing staff at Waikato District Council (WDC) in 2020/21, but at the time WDC advised that it had never defined any suburb and locality boundaries and was unsure what was required. WDC has since appointed new staff in property addressing and considered the proposals. The Secretariat held a virtual hui with WDC on 29 November 2022 to discuss the proposals including initial views of the Pou Taunaha Chairperson. WDC discussed the proposal internally in early 2023 and has now provided its views. In summary:

- WDC agrees that there is a need for officially defined boundaries,
- the boundaries between Whangamarino, Te Kauwhata, and Rangiriri in the FENZ Localities dataset don't align with use 'on the ground', causing some issues for addressing, estimating travel times, etc,
- the initial boundaries, following suggestions from the Surveyor-General/Pou Taunaha Chairperson were mostly suitable, except that Lake Kopuera should be within Rangiriri and Whangamarino should only be east of State Highway 1,
- Hampton Downs has become well established and removing it would affect emergency services, its ratings processes, etc. Also, that the FENZ 'Hampton Downs' should also be amended to put its southern enclave in Rangiriri and areas east of State Highway 1 in Whangamarino,

¹ Noting Hampton Downs is not recorded or official

² **FENZ** – Fire and Emergency New Zealand

- there is some support for the view that the use of Hampton Downs is eroding the correct/original use of Whangamarino.

A table of WDC views is included as an Appendix in Supporting information.

Two options are provided for Pou Taunaha's consideration, one mostly aligns with the original proposal, the other aligns with WDC feedback. Both options decline the extents originally proposed which were difficult to interpret. The proposer initially left a gap between Whangamarino and Rangiriri, considering the area between Hall Road and Plantation Road to be part of Te Kauwhata. The Pou Taunaha Chairperson and WDC expressed concern over this extent, and Option 1 reflects amendments to close the gap. The proposer later clarified that Whangamarino and Rangiriri should meet at Churchill East Road, noting they expected '*a more practicable version*' of their original proposal to come out of consultation, so they may still support Option 1 notwithstanding their views on Plantation Road.

Neither the proposer nor WDC have provided detailed information for what the exact boundaries should be. To progress the proposal the Secretariat has defined boundaries based on the original proposal, further correspondence with the proposer and WDC's feedback. Some of the existing FENZ boundaries were adopted and they otherwise follow property parcels, natural features, and road centrelines, to accommodate road access and addresses.

No matter the option, submissions would be invited to provide feedback particularly on the boundaries, noting the existing *names* are not being altered (but Hampton Downs, Churchill and Rangiriri West could be subsumed).

If extents become official, FENZ (or Toitū Te Whenua LINZ – see below) would be required to amend its information. The amended information would flow through to Toitū Te Whenua LINZ property addressing and eventually, third party products and services, such as CoreLogic and Google Maps™.

Should Option 2 be accepted, a new proposal to officially assign Hampton Downs will be required. It would be ambiguous and undesirable to only add an official extent to Whangamarino and ignore the area named 'Hampton Downs' in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset. Proceeding with Option 2 would be closer to a rationalisation of the existing FENZ boundaries noting some outcomes are opposite to those sought by the proposer. Mana whenua likely do not support Option 2, given they specifically supported the original proposal to officially have Whangamarino cover the whole area.

Pou Taunaha may also have further concerns about other aspects of the proposal, eg replacing Churchill, to be subsumed into a bigger official Rangiriri locality. Should Pou Taunaha proceed with either option (or make any other proposal) the Secretariat recommends an extra month prior to notification to seek feedback from the proposer and mana whenua, and particularly from WDC on a property-by-property basis.

While this proposal has been underway, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ has been slowly taking over the FENZ NZ Localities dataset. A pilot was released in September 2022, and LINZ intends to go live by the end of April 2023. Discussions with the Secretariat around compliance and Pou Taunaha's statutory role are ongoing at this late stage.

Secretariat recommendations

At its 26 April 2022 hui Pou Taunaha considered further feedback from Waikato District Council (refer Addendum/update report) and resolved an amended Option 1. It resolved that any comment from WDC, the proposer, and mana whenua on these boundaries needed to be received within one month (not two) for consideration prior to notification, and that public consultation would be for two months (not three).

The map of the extents proposed by Pou Taunaha is inserted on page 2.

Option 1

Decline the original proposal to **alter** the existing unofficial recorded locality names Rangiriri, Rangiriri West, and Churchill to one official name, **Rangiriri**, and **define** an extent, based on insufficient detail and concerns from WDC and the Pou Taunaha Chairperson around the area from Hall Road to Plantation Road which the proposer considered should be part of Te Kauwhata,

and

Accept a new proposal to **alter** the existing unofficial recorded locality names Rangiriri, Rangiriri West, and Churchill to one official name, **Rangiriri**, and **define** the extent, based on:

- evidence from the proposer that there are issues and some confusion for travellers, emergency services, media reporting, etc, due to the use of unofficial boundary information which does not align with 'on the ground use'. Particularly, the FENZ NZ Localities dataset which is used for property addressing and is reused in third-party products,
- support from WDC to officially define boundaries, including confirmation that the existing FENZ NZ Locality names do not align with 'on the ground use', which has some impact on Council services,
- views from WDC that the proposed boundaries were broadly suitable, and accounting for feedback that Lake Kopuera should be included in Rangiriri, but notwithstanding **its views that Hampton Downs should be officially assigned with an extent inclusive of Hall Road and Stewart Road,**
- ~~the views that all areas up to Hall Road and Stewart Road should be in Rangiriri,~~
- concerns from Pou Taunaha that including Stewart Road in Whangamarino as originally proposed may be confusing due to the complex and non-contiguous road access to the rest of the proposed Whangamarino, and therefore it should be included in Rangiriri for a more practical extent,
- letters of support from mana whenua (Horahora Marae, Maurea Marae) for making Rangiriri and its extent official, noting this is not necessarily support for the exact boundaries in this option,
- support from local emergency services (Chief Fire Officer, Ambulance Officer) for making the name and an extent official, noting this is not necessarily support for the exact boundaries,
- it being a principal function of Pou Taunaha to define official extents (s.10(1)(e)) and to give effect to its strategic goal in Te Rautaki | Strategy 2020-2025 to define suburbs and localities,

Noting the Secretariat has drawn up the boundaries based on its interpretation of correspondence with the proposer and WDC, due to difficulty in obtaining sufficiently detailed information about what the boundaries should be,

and

Noting there may still be concerns about:

- the proposed extent for Rangiriri crossing a significant natural boundary (Waikato River),
- replacing the three existing locality names, particularly as Rangiriri West and Churchill might not be regarded as equivalent to Rangiriri, ie, they possibly should be considered separate 'smaller' places within a wider Rangiriri locality,

and

Decline the original proposal to **alter** the existing official name **Whangamarino** to **define** an extent, based on insufficient detail and concerns from WDC and the Pou Taunaha Chairperson around the area from Hall Road to Plantation Road which the proposer considered should be part of Te Kauwhata,

and

Accept a new proposal to **alter** the existing official name **Whangamarino** to **define** its extent, based on:

- evidence from the proposer that there are issues and some confusion for travellers, emergency services, media reporting, etc, due to the use of unofficial boundary information which does not align with 'on the ground use'. Particularly, the FENZ NZ Localities dataset which is used for property addressing and is reused in third-party products,
- the need to ensure the cultural and heritage values and identity of the place name Whangamarino are preserved, by confirming the name officially applies to an area from the Whangamarino Wetland to Waikato River in line with historic and long-term use,
- support from WDC to officially define boundaries, including confirmation from WDC that the existing FENZ NZ Locality names do not align with 'on the ground use' which has some impact on council services,
- WDC views that the proposed boundaries were broadly suitable to resolve the question of where Whangamarino, Te Kauwhata, and Rangiriri intersect, notwithstanding their views that Hampton Downs should be officially recognised due to being embedded in local use, and that Whangamarino should only be east of State Highway 1, letters of support from mana whenua (Horahora Marae, Maurea Marae) for making an extent official and confirming the name Whangamarino over Hampton Downs, noting this is not necessarily support for the exact boundaries,
- support from local emergency services (Chief Fire Officer, Ambulance Officer) for making an extent official, noting this is not necessarily support for the exact boundaries,
- it being a principal function of Pou Taunaha to define official extents (s.10(1)(e)) and to give effect to its strategic goal in Te Rautaki | Strategy 2020-2025 to define suburbs and localities,

Noting

-
- the Secretariat has drawn up the boundaries based on its interpretation of correspondence with the proposer, due to difficulty in obtaining sufficiently detailed information about what the boundaries should be,
 - WDC concerns that officially removing 'Hampton Downs' as an addressable locality will be confusing and impact council services,
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and

Subject to two months' time for feedback from the proposer, WDC and mana whenua, with any changes to be confirmed by the Pou Taunaha Chairperson,

Notify as a proposal to alter for three months.

OR

Option 2

Decline the original proposal to ~~alter~~ the existing unofficial recorded locality names Rangiriri, Rangiriri West, and Churchill to one official name, **Rangiriri**, and **define** an extent, based on insufficient detail and concerns from WDC around the inclusion of parts of Hall Road and Stewart Road and Summertime Lane in Whangamarino,

and

Accept a new proposal to ~~alter~~ the existing unofficial recorded locality names Rangiriri, Rangiriri West, and Churchill to one official name, **Rangiriri**, and **define** the extent, based on:

- evidence from the proposer that there are issues and some confusion for travellers, emergency services, media reporting, etc, due to the use of unofficial boundary information which does not align with 'on the ground use'. Particularly, the FENZ NZ Localities dataset which is used for property addressing and is reused in third party products,
- support from WDC to officially define boundaries, including confirmation that the existing FENZ NZ Locality names do not align with 'on the ground use', which has some impact on Council services,
- views from WDC that all areas west of State Highway 1 up to Stewart Road and Hall Road should be included in Rangiriri, and Whangamarino should only be east of State Highway 1,
- letters of support from mana whenua (Horahora Marae, Maurea Marae) for making Rangiriri and its extent official, noting this is not necessarily support for the boundaries in this option,
- support from local emergency services (Chief Fire Officer, Ambulance Officer) for making the name and an extent official, noting this is not necessarily support for these exact boundaries,
- it being a principal function of Pou Taunaha to define official extents (s.10(1)(e)) and to give effect to its strategic goal in Te Rautaki | Strategy 2020-2025 to define suburbs and localities,

Noting the Secretariat has drawn up the boundaries based on its interpretation of correspondence with the proposer and WDC, due to difficulty in obtaining sufficiently detailed information about what the boundaries should be,

and

Noting there may still be concerns about:

- the proposed extent for Rangiriri crossing a significant natural boundary (Waikato River),
- replacing the three existing locality names, particularly as Rangiriri West and Churchill might not be regarded as equivalent to Rangiriri, ie, they should be considered separate 'smaller' places within a wider Rangiriri locality

and

Decline the original proposal to ~~alter~~ the existing official name **Whangamarino** to **define** a boundary extending to Waikato River and inclusive of Hall Road, Stewart Road, and Summertime Lane to the south, based on:

- WDC advice that the name 'Hampton Downs' as used in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset and property addressing has become embedded in local use, and that removing it will cause confusion,

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- insufficient detail in the original proposal and concerns from WDC about areas any areas west of State Highway 1 in Whangamarino,

and

Accept a new proposal to **assign Hampton Downs** as an official place name and **define** its extent,

and

Accept a new proposal to **alter** the existing official name **Whangamarino** to **define** its extent minus 'Hampton Downs', based on:

- the understanding that officially defining the boundary between Whangamarino and Rangiriri (and de facto with Te Kauwhata) will address some (but not all) of the proposer's concerns around the correct historic use of the names,
- support from WDC to officially define boundaries, noting confirmation from WDC that the existing FENZ NZ Locality names do not align with 'on the ground use' which has some impact on Council services,
- views from WDC that Whangamarino should just be east of State Highway 1, ie that Hall Road, Stewart Road, and Summertime Lane should be included in Rangiriri,
- views from WDC that trying to remove Hampton Downs as an addressable locality would cause 'mass confusion' due to its embedded local use, and that these concerns would be addressed by making Hampton Downs official and defining its extent,
- that the boundaries of the existing FENZ NZ Localities 'Hampton Downs' should be amended, ie areas east of State Highway 1 should be Whangamarino, and the area of Stewart Road and Hall Road in Rangiriri,
- some provenance for the name Hampton Downs prior to the establishment of the motorsport park, ie since 1914 as 'Hampton Downs Estate', notwithstanding this appears to have been a marketing name, and it is unclear to what extent Hampton Downs is actually used as a populated place name to refer to any wider areas beyond the motorsport park,
- it being a principal function of Pou Taunaha to define official extents (s.10(1)(e)) and to give effect to its strategic goal in Te Rautaki | Strategy 2020-2025 to define suburbs and localities,

Noting

- the Secretariat has drawn up the boundaries based on its interpretation of correspondence with the proposer emails due to difficulty in obtaining sufficiently detailed information about what the boundaries should be,
- that needing to travel on/cross State Highway 1 complicates access across each of the Hampton Downs and Whangamarino boundary definitions, with contiguous road access being a typical consideration for defining the extents of suburbs and localities

and

Subject to two months' time for feedback from the proposer, WDC and mana whenua, with any changes to be confirmed by the Pou Taunaha Chairperson,

Notify as proposals to assign and alter for three months.

The proposal	The proposal from a librarian, local historian and resident is to officially define extents for the existing locality names Whangamarino (official) and Rangiriri (unofficial recorded). The extents proposed (as far as they have been described) are under the extent headings below.
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Initial contact with Pou Taunaha followed a fatal accident in the area on 6 February 2022 which NZ Police and news media described as being on 'Whangamarino Road, Rangiriri.' This description was likely due to the accident occurring in the area named 'Rangiriri' in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset. The proposer advised the name of that area is correctly Whangamarino, with Rangiriri being entirely further to the south.

- NZ Post and online search tools use a fictional number for their address, which has proven impossible to correct,
- There is confusion because there is no authoritative information. Instead, names and boundaries from the FENZ NZ Localities dataset are used by Toitū Te Whenua LINZ for addressing properties, and this filters into the property information provided by CoreLogic and third-party products such as Google Maps™. The boundaries from this dataset are incorrect and confusing, for example, the Rangiriri village and pā are southwest of Te Kauwhata township but are named northwest of Te Kauwhata in Google Maps™. This is likely due the name label being at the approximate central point of 'Rangiriri' locality in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset, which extends far to the north.



- Use of the name 'of a rural road', Hampton Downs Road as a locality name in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset, Hampton Downs, covering much of what is historically and locally known as Whangamarino,
- These incorrect place names and/or inappropriate extents threaten to supplant the correct names and their cultural and heritage values through their histories and connections in the area.

The proposer was encouraged to make a formal proposal for Whangamarino and Rangiriri, noting they could also approach FENZ directly. Issues around the property number were advised to Toitū Te Whenua LINZ addressing.

The proposer raised these issues locally and made their initial proposal in early 2022 and:

- advised that the Chief Fire Officer and local Ambulance Officer agree there are ambiguities to be resolved,
- provided evidence of consultation and support for their proposal from Ngā Muka Development Trust Horahora Marae and Maurea Marae, including support for the approximate boundaries at that time (noting they have since changed, and that the extents in the options differ further),
- consulted WDC addressing staff, although, at the time WDC advised that determining official extents would be 'new territory' as the council had no prior experience in doing so.

The boundaries proposed follow what the proposer considers to be historically accurate local use as confirmed through correspondence with long-term residents and comparison to documents such as the historic rolls for Rangiriri and Whangamarino Schools. The specifics are discussed further under the 'location and extent' heading below.

However, due to insufficiently detailed information and particularly the lack of WDC views, the Chairperson did not include the proposals for consideration at the 26 July 2022 and 2 December 2022 Pou Taunaha hui. Pou Taunaha did note a summary of the proposal at its 2 December 2022 hui and held some initial discussions.

The proposer has expressed increasing concern about the pace of their proposal, which has been underway for a year, given the potential 'life and death' consequences. In further correspondence with the Secretariat, the proposer has forwarded or cc'd in the WDC Chief Executive, the Mayor, and Andrew Bayly, MP for Port Waikato. Following local government elections in September 2022, the proposer advised they *'briefed our new Waerenga-Whitikahu Councillor Marlene Raumati'* on the proposals. Marlene Raumati's views are included in the WDC views discussed under the 'consultation' heading.

The proposer also advised that they discussed the proposal with Pou Taunaha member Jenni Vernon in late 2022. Jenni Vernon was unable to attend the 2 December 2022 hui and may be able to provide Pou Taunaha with additional context.

In the ongoing correspondence the proposer has forwarded additional supporting information such as further incorrect use of place names in real estate advertisements and further media reporting on emergency responses.

Names shown on plans and maps

Rangiriri (for the pā/settlement) and Whangamarino (for the river) are named on historic maps as early as 1863.³

NZMS 13 cadastral maps named Rangiriri (locality) and Rangiriri Railway Station separately but only name Whangamarino Station. On the later NZMS 1 topographic series Whangamarino is depicted as a locality name at the position of the railway station.

The two locality names, including the cartographic positions of the text, are consistently shown on official topographic maps in the 20th century through to the current NZTopo50 series.

There are many associated names:

Lake Rangiriri	Named Karaka Lake on NZMS 13 SAK31 (1925 and 1951). Named Lake Rangiriri on NZMS 1 N52 (1961). Altered to Lake Kopuera in 1974. Lake Kopuera shown on NZMS 260 S13 (1981).
Rangiriri (hill)	First named on NZMS 1 N52 (1942).
Rangiriri Pa	First named on NZMS 260 S13 (1981).
Rangiriri Upper Railway Station	Named on NZMS 13 SAK31 (1925 and 1951). Shown as Rangiriri Station on NZMS 1 N52 (1967). Unnamed and symbology removed on NZMS 260 S13 (1981)
Rangiriri Stream	Named on NZMS 13 SAK31 (1952). Omitted from NZMS 1 N52. Named again on NZMS 260 S13 (1981).
Rangiriri West	First named on NZMS 1 N52 (1961).
Whangamarino River	First named on NZMS 13 SAK14 (1923)
Whangamarino Station	First named on NZMS 13 SAK14 (1923). Shown as a locality name at the same position on NZMS 1 N52 (1942). Unnamed and symbology removed on NZMS 260 S13 (1981).

Hampton Downs is not named as a locality on official government maps.

Hampton Downs Motorsport Park is named on the current NZTopo50 map BC33, but it not a feature in the jurisdiction of Pou Taunaha.

Churchill (locality) is consistently named on cadastral and topographic maps.

Geographic feature type, generic term, location

Whangamarino and Rangiriri are largely rural in character and appropriately described as localities, noting Rangiriri has a 'village' on the right bank of Waikato River, south of Lake Kopuera. Both are between Pōkeno to the north and Huntly to the south. The proposed extents are entirely in Waikato District.

³ Plan of the Lower Waikato District : https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3521594 – last accessed 7 November 2022

Extent of the feature - Whangamarino	Pou Taunaha gazetted Whangamarino in 2020⁴ as part of a project to confirm or standardise the orthography of 'significant' Māori place names.⁵ No boundary was gazetted. The approved reference point reflected long-term use of the place name at that location on official topographic maps, which would relate to the position of the former railway station. The proposer does not regard that position as accurately reflecting use of the name for the wider area. The proposer has generally described their extent for Whangamarino as: <i>'Waikato River to the west, the railway line to the east, to Springhill Road in the north, and south as far as to include Hall Road and Paddy Road.'</i> In correspondence, the proposer clarified that the extent should include some of the wetlands and also meet the boundary with Rangiriri at Churchill East Road, which initially was excluded and considered to be part of Te Kauwhata. The proposer stated <i>'All of Plantation Road, the land between it, including Rodda Road, up to Hall Road, I would suggest are better identified as Te Kauwhata.'</i> The proposer considers that this extent would align with historic use of the name, confirmed by the school roll of Whangamarino School (which no longer exists). The Secretariat has refined this description to follow the outer extent of property parcels, however the options presented are to decline this for either Option 1, which includes Plantation Road in Rangiriri and Hall Road in Whangamarino, or Option 2, which differs considerably in line with WDC feedback.
Extent of the feature - Rangiriri	The proposer has generally described their extent for Rangiriri as: <i>'as commonly known, [Rangiriri] might extend from Te Wharepu Road to Te Onetea Road, and roads between, all east of the Expressway. West of the Expressway: Te Ohaki Road, is variously listed as Rangiriri and Huntly, while Churchill East Road listings extend from Rangiriri to "Hampton Downs," which rightfully is not an authorised name. Churchill East Road ends at Hall Road with no direct connection to Hampton Downs Road.'</i> The proposer clarified that based on local use and the historic school catchments, the western boundary should extent as far as Tikotiko Road and include Marshall Road. The proposer has also clarified that <i>"Rangiriri West" should be replaced with just Rangiriri and probably ditto for "Churchill" too'</i> and that Rangiriri should meet Whangamarino at Churchill East Road, but not at Hall Road as that should still be part of Te Kauwhata. The Secretariat has refined this description to follow the outer extent of property parcels, based on address points and road access, again noting that the options are to decline this following feedback from the Pou Taunaha Chairperson and WDC.
Extent of the feature – Hampton Downs	Should Pou Taunaha accept Option 2, then the boundaries of Hampton Downs in relation to Whangamarino and Rangiriri also need to be defined. The Secretariat has requested further views from WDC on what the extent for Hampton Downs should look like, should the name be proposed as official, but has yet to receive them [Note: further views received from WDC after this]

⁴ NZ Gazette [2020-In3118](#)

⁵ 22 July 2020, [NZGB makes official decisions on 699 place names](#) – last accessed 7 November 2022

report was written are covered in the accompanying Addendum/update report].

Currently in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset, the boundaries for Hampton Downs cross State Highway 1, and at the south include Stewart Road, part of Hall Road, and part of Churchill East Road, though they cannot be accessed without travelling on the motorway, through 'Rangiriri', and back up again. At the north Drag Way and the Meremere Drag Raceway are included though potentially might be associated with part of 'Meremere'.

The Option 2 boundaries for Hampton Downs therefore exclude the south and eastern areas described above.

Again, they are refined to follow the outer extent of property parcels, based on address points and road access. Submissions may support or object to this extent should Pou Taunaha proceed with this option.

Refinements	The Secretariat recommends an extra month for feedback from the proposer, WDC, and mana whenua prior to any notification, to enable any further refinements to the extents in the options. The Pou Taunaha Chairperson would confirm or reject any changes to the final notified extent.
Population	The population of the proposed Whangamarino and Rangiriri localities was c.1200 based on StatsNZ 2018 census Meshblocks (which do not necessarily align with the proposed boundaries). ⁶ More than half of this population is due to the Spring Hill Corrections Facility, one of the largest prisons in New Zealand.
Other considerations	Te Kauwhata is a larger settlement⁷ between/on the east of the two proposals. The proposals would de-facto define most of its extent other than on the east. Te Kauwhata (for the 'village') was officially altered in 1950⁸ and gazetted as a 'locality'. No extent was assigned. Pou Taunaha may wish to make an extent for Te Kauwhata official. The Secretariat wrote to the Department of Conservation to ask if it had views on the proposal, ie whether the proposal for Whangamarino (locality) should include some or part of Whangamarino Wetland (a Ramsar⁹ site) and the associated Crown protected areas. DOC is a user of the NZ Localities dataset and manages emergency response on behalf of FENZ for some areas. Currently, the NZ Localities dataset mostly divides the wetlands between: - 'Whangamarino': covering the area on the south of Whangamarino River and around Wattle Road. This includes Whangamarino (locality) as officially named. - 'Island Block': covering the area north of Whangamarino River to Maramarua River. - 'Happy Valley': for the remaining wetland north of Maramarua River. Smaller slivers of the Ramsar site and existing Crown protected areas are also in other areas in the NZ Localities dataset. No comment has been received.

⁶ <https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/104578-2018-census-electoral-population-meshblock-2020/> - last accessed 11 April 2023

⁷ Population c.2085 from 20 StatsNZ meshblocks around the town

⁸ NZ Gazette 1950 (70) p.1989

⁹ <https://rsis.ramsar.org/ris/443> - last accessed 7 November 2022

[Whangamarino](#) is an official name assigned by Pou Taunaha in 2020.

There are several associated place names:

- Whangamarino River
- Whangamarino Government Purpose Reserve
- Whangamarino Wetland Management Reserve
- Whangamarino Redoubt
- Whangamarino Redoubt Historic Reserve.

The first two place names are inside the proposed extent for Whangamarino (locality).

Whangamarino Bay at Lake Rotoiti partially duplicates the name and is of no concern for confusion due to the distance.

[Rangiriri](#) is an unofficial recorded name in the Gazetteer. There are likewise several associated place names:

- Rangiriri Pa Historic Reserve
- Rangiriri (hill)
- Rangiriri Pa
- Rangiriri Stream
- Rangiriri West (locality)

All of these associated names are included within the proposed extent for Rangiriri wider locality, noting the proposal would also replace Rangiriri West.

Rangiriri Creek and a second Rangiriri Pa are 55km to the northwest, partially duplicating the name, and there are further duplications that are too distant to be of concern.

Churchill (locality) is an unofficial recorded name, there are no associated geographic names, however Churchill Road and Churchill East Road follow either side of Waikato River. There is one partial duplication, Churchill Mountains in Antarctica, which is of no concern.

Hampton Downs is not in the Gazetteer and has never been used on official maps. There is a Hampton Ridge in Antarctica and the partial duplication is of no concern.

Research, history and references to the feature –

**Rangiriri,
Whangamarino**

Reed records for Rangiriri that *'The name was imported from Hawaiki: Rangiriri was the home of one of the chiefs of the Takitimu canoe, on the Society Islands, and also a part of the ocean believed to be the place where fish originated.'*¹⁰

The 1995 Pou Taunaha map of original Māori place names in Te Ika-a-Māui records that Rangiriri is *'where Waikato fought against the soldiers in 1863'*. The associated Rangiriri Pa is a very significant site due to the major battle fought in 1863 during the Crown invasion of the Waikato.¹¹ Recent works have restored/recreated part of the pā site for education/tourism.¹²

¹⁰ Reed, A.W. & Dowling, P. (ed.) (2010). *Place names of New Zealand*. North Shore: Penguin Group.

¹¹ <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/keyword/rangiriri> - last accessed 7 November 2022

¹² RNZ, [Rangiriri restoration 'significant beautiful' - Ngāti Naho](#) 10 July 2021; Media Release [Rangiriri Pa trench rebuild shines a light on our shared histories](#), 23 April 2022 - last accessed 4 April 2023

Reed records for Whangamarino '*Lit. whanga: stretch of water; marino: peaceful.*'¹³

Hampton Downs

The name Hampton Downs [Estate] may have been first adopted in 1914/15 for marketing purposes to sell 3500 acres (1416.4ha) of land across part of the proposal area. The Waikato Land Company bought the land mostly from the Ballard family, and this was subdivided into smaller farms in 1919.¹⁴ The ultimate provenance of the name is not known, and no earlier references were identified.

MTG at Napier has a digitised copy of the sales flyer as of c.1917.¹⁵ It should be noted that 'Hampton Downs Estate' included lands all the way up to the North Island Main Trunk (see diagram 3), included in 'Whangamarino' for either option.

Hampton Downs Road was surveyed in 1926.

Hampton Downs in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset likely relates particularly to the motorsport park, opened in 2009. The geometry in the NZ Localities Dataset has a 'start date' of 2009-07-06.

Contemporary use of Hampton Downs appears to mostly be synonymous with the motorsport park as a destination, rather than as a populated place name for the wider area. There are some references in the early 2000s to *the* Hampton Downs landfill or landfill facility *at* Hampton Downs, due to opposition to consenting the facility, eg in newspapers¹⁶, argued in the Environment Court and noted in Waitangi Tribunal documents.

Churchill

According to Reed, Churchill (locality) was named for Sir Winston Churchill.¹⁷ This is clearly incorrect, noting that the 'Town of Churchill' was surveyed in 1870 (SO 558) before Sir Winston Churchill was born. The name may be for the church as depicted on SO 558, or otherwise related to Captain Frederick William Hutton who settled the land around Lake Whangape and established a flax mill in 1868. The flax mill was named Churchill but it's unclear if named for the 'town' or vice versa.

Consultation with iwi

The proposer provided letters of support from representatives of Horahora Marae and Maurea Marae.

The Secretariat wrote directly to the representatives twice for further clarification on what they would consider the boundaries for Whangamarino and Rangiriri should be but has not received a response to date. The Secretariat also wrote to Waikato-Tainui (Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated) for its views.

While the *Kaupapa for Māori Place Names* requires that Māori be advised about upcoming notifications at least one month prior, the Secretariat

¹³ Reed, A.W. & Dowling, P. (ed.) (2010). *Place names of New Zealand*. North Shore: Penguin Group.

¹⁴ [Auctions](#) *Dominion*, Volume 12, Issue 269, 9 August 1919, Page 14 - last accessed 4 April 2023

¹⁵ Plan of Hampton Downs Estate land for sale, <https://collection.mtghawkesbay.com/objects/75588/plan-hampton-downs-estate-land-for-sale> - last accessed 4 April 2023

¹⁶ *Building a landfill? Then look back to the Romans*, *New Zealand Herald*, 12 Nov 1999; p.A11; [Huge rubbish dump right on our doorstep](#), *New Zealand Herald*, 23 Jun 2000; p.A13

¹⁷ Reed, A.W. & Dowling, P. (ed.) (2010). *Place names of New Zealand*. North Shore: Penguin Group.

Consultation with
Waikato District
Council

recommends that extra time be provided prior to notification for further opportunity to comment on the extents.

On 29 November 2022 a virtual hui was held with the WDC addressing team to discuss what Pou Taunaha required from the council. In early 2023 WDC consulted internally for views on the overall proposals and compiled feedback from relevant parts of the council. This is in the supporting information as an Appendix table. Broadly:

- WDC agrees that there is a need for officially defined boundaries, and furthermore that different agencies should be using the same boundaries (eg FENZ, Council, LINZ),
- boundaries between Whangamarino, Te Kauwhata, and Rangiriri in the FENZ Localities dataset don't align with use 'on the ground', causing some issues for addressing, estimating travel times, etc.
- the original boundaries were somewhat suitable after amendments suggested by the Surveyor-General/Pou Taunaha Chairperson to close the gap between Whangamarino and Rangiriri (which the proposer considers part of Te Kauwhata), and that Lake Kopuera should be in Rangiriri, not Te Kauwhata,
- the opportunity to 'remove' or prevent use of Hampton Downs has passed. The name has become well established and removing it would 'cause mass confusion' including for emergency services, Council ratings processes, etc.
- however, there were also views in alignment with the proposer, ie that use of this name had taken away from correct/original use of Whangamarino.

Some concerns were expressed around the possibility for further community engagement and iwi engagement before confirming or opposing any particular boundaries. Noting the already elongated timeframe, the Secretariat's recommendation to provide extra time before notification may help WDC to provide any further refinements prior to notification. Otherwise, the public will have an opportunity to support or object to the proposed extents through the Pou Taunaha's statutory process.

While WDC supported retaining Hampton Downs, it later clarified that those parts of the existing FENZ NZ Localities extent east of State Highway 1 should be in Whangamarino, and at Hall Road and Stewart Road, in Rangiriri. [Note: after this report was written WDC advised its view that Hall Road and Stewart Road should be retained in an officially named Hampton Downs, not in Rangiriri].

Consultation with
others

The Secretariat wrote to DOC to ask if it had views on the proposed Whangamarino boundary. The current 'Whangamarino' area in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset mostly covers a part of Whangamarino Wetland and two association Crown protected areas DOC is responsible for. DOC manages emergency responses on behalf of FENZ for some areas. To date no comment has been received.

Relevant sections
from the [NZGB Act
2008](#)

Section 3(e) provides for appropriate recognition to be accorded to cultural and heritage values associated with geographic features.

Under section 10(1)(e) a principal function of the Board is to investigate and determine the feature's extent when assigning, approving, and altering geographic feature names.

The proposals for Whangamarino and Rangiriri are considered proposals to 'alter' the existing official and recorded names through defining extents, noting the names themselves remain unchanged. However, for Rangiriri, the proposal is also altering three existing unofficial recorded names Rangiriri, Rangiriri West, and Churchill to a single official name, Rangiriri.

A submission for the 2022 Statutes Amendments Bill was submitted to clarify the legislation for proposals primary concerned with altering positions/extents (refer Agenda item 14.1).

[Standard for NZ
place names](#) criteria

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.

(b) The surname or traditional ancestral Māori name of a person who has been deceased for at least two years, was a notable leader, of good character, and/or contributed to, or had a strong association with the feature, place or area.

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

1.3 Undesirable names and other considerations

(a) The names of populated places should be unique and unambiguous. Populated place names should support identification for emergency services and property addressing.

(d) Long-term existing names or names that are in common local use may take precedence over new names if they conform to this standard

Whangamarino and Rangiriri are in long-term use with the contemporary locality names derived from original Māori names of associated features.

Rangiriri is a tupuna name and strongly associated with the pā site.

Whangamarino appears to be descriptive of the wetlands or river. Noting the proposals concern resolving issues with locality boundaries (or lack thereof) all proposals to alter are still subject to the Standard.

There is also a long-term basis for local use of 'Hampton Downs' back to 1914 (109 years) but it is unclear to what extent this has in fact been used over time as a populated place name for the area, if at all. WDC advises that the name has recently become embedded, although the proposer advised it has no currency. The Secretariat has concerns that the name as currently used is mostly

¹⁸ The conventions and rules of how to write a language

synonymous with the motorsport park, which is not a feature in Pou Taunaha's jurisdiction and not necessarily a strong basis to assign a name to the wider area. Churchill (locality) is in long-term use back to at least 1870 (153 years). While the name remains on maps the original 'township' no longer exists (the town sections are just farmland).

1.6 Altered names

A name may be altered when the location of a feature or place is unclear.

The existing locality names Whangamarino and Rangiriri are in long-term use on official documents and Whangamarino was approved as official in 2020.

However, in the absence of officially defined extents for the locality, unauthoritative boundaries and names have come into use which the proposer considers is making location information unclear.

Addressing
implications and
concerns or issues
for emergency
services

The proposer believes that unauthoritative locality names and boundaries could delay emergency services as they do not match local use. In the FENZ NZ Localities dataset the area 'Hampton Downs' covers much of the proposed extent of Whangamarino, whereas the area 'Rangiriri' extends too far north, also covering some of Whangamarino. Therefore, the proposer believes emergency services and others could easily miss relevant turn offs on State Highway 1 in an emergency. They also consider that 'Rangiriri West' and much of 'Churchill' should correctly just be Rangiriri.

Making extents official will affect official property addressing as Toitū Te Whenua LINZ use the FENZ NZ Localities dataset to add 'suburb' to official addressing information. If altered at the source, the data would eventually filter into products and services reusing addressing data.

Should Pou Taunaha officially define extents for Whangamarino and Rangiriri FENZ would be required to amend its data to match. The proposed boundaries differ significantly to the existing FENZ areas and would impact all the adjacent localities. Should Pou Taunaha instead accept a new proposal to assign Hampton Downs, the suggested extent also differs to the existing extent in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset.

Should the extent for Rangiriri become official, this would bisect 'Churchill' in the FENZ NZ Localities dataset and it would no longer include the place it's named for. It could potentially be altered to Tikitiki, its 'alias' name for another small locality in its bounds further to the southwest.

Toitū Te Whenua LINZ currently publishes the NZ Localities data of behalf of FENZ, having made it publicly available in September 2020. However, LINZ is now partway through a project to improve and replace the dataset, and ultimately take responsibility for its maintenance. A pilot was released in September 2022,¹⁹ and LINZ intends to go public at the end of April 2023.

Toitū Te Whenua LINZ has been in ongoing discussions with the Secretariat regarding compliance with official names and the role of Pou Taunaha.

¹⁹ <https://data.linz.govt.nz/layer/110443-nz-suburbs-and-localities-pilot/> - last accessed 8 November 2022.

Cost implications	Most of the issues advised by the proposer relate to electronic reuse of data. If changed at the source, derivative products and services could be updated with minimal to no cost. While the proposer has provided evidence of print media such as news reporting and real estate advertisements using incorrect place names, should Pou Taunaha assign official extents any future publications should be correct. The proposer also seeks the removal of 'Hampton Downs' from addressing information. They advise that recently 'Hampton Downs' signs were erected on State Highway 1, yet there is no signage for the historic and local use name, Whangamarino. The Secretariat could only locate 'Hampton Downs Road' turnoff signs, which would not be affected by the proposals.²⁰ In other words they are not using 'Hampton Downs' as a locality name. Pou Taunaha is not responsible for signage but its decisions may require compliance (ie new signage) from Waka Kotahi and the relevant local authorities.
Media	There may be media coverage if Pou Taunaha accepts the proposals. A media release should be considered.

Supporting information

1. Proposals for Whangamarino and Rangiriri – 29 May 2022
2. Correspondence with the proposer – February 2022-March 2023
3. Correspondence with Waikato District Council – November 2022-March 2023
4. Feedback from Waikato District Council staff, including clarification regarding extent of Hampton Downs
5. Correspondence with DOC – November 2022
6. Diagram A comparing Option 1 boundaries to FENZ NZ Localities Dataset
7. Diagram B comparing Option 2 boundaries to FENZ NZ Localities Dataset
8. Diagram C original approximate proposal boundaries
9. Diagram D proposal boundaries at December 2022 (see page 2)
10. Diagram E Surveyor-General's suggested amendments to proposed boundaries
11. Hampton Downs Estate 1917 flyer
12. Diagram F area of 'Hampton Downs Estate' 1917 sales flyer

²⁰ <https://www.google.co.nz/maps/@-37.3467697,175.0729481,3a,75y,72.7h,76.51t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sbpu-yN4J6oE41Pk5DJaDXg!2e0!7i16384!8i8192>