

Summary

At its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board did not agree with the one submission objecting to Farewell Rise being altered to Onetāhua Rise, requiring the Minister for Land Information to make the final decision.

On reviewing the assessment in the report to the Minister, the Chairperson was not convinced of the robustness of the Board's decision. Therefore, the Chairperson requests¹ that the Board reconsiders its decision because:

- Onetāhua is a collected name² specific to Farewell Spit and hasn't been considered by the Board, so applying it by association to the undersea feature cannot be justified,
- the rise is on the seafloor, with no evidence that Onetāhua is its original collected Māori name³ to be restored, and
- the feature has a name, Farewell Rise, which has been in long term use (30 years)⁴ without any issues.

The Board may uphold the one objection which sought to retain Farewell Rise, meaning it can make the final decision without referring it to the Minister.

It is not considered necessary to renotify the proposal as the Board has already taken the public's views into account.

Secretariat recommendation

At its hui on 20 October 2021 the Board resolved to:

Confirm its decision of 22 July 2021 to alter the recorded undersea feature name Farewell Rise to the official undersea feature name **Onetāhua Rise** and further agreed:

1. The kōrero of the land already exists and is what the Board is now recognising. The Board believes that the name Onetāhua refers to the kōrero in the land and of the land, which extends outwards – meaning that the mana extends outward and is all connected.
2. To acknowledge, recognise and promote that kōrero and history.
3. The Board wants to do more and is interested in taking a leadership role in promoting the naming of this undersea feature in a prominent and central part of the country through te reo Māori – something not done before but aligning with the connection from land pointing directly up to the undersea feature.
4. The physical description in te reo Māori relates to the sand build up on the rise.

and

Report the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information and request the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

¹ The Board may obtain any further information necessary to enable it to determine a proposal (s.19(2) of the NZGB Act 2008

² An unofficial original Māori name for a place that usually has another name

³ [Section 11\(1\)\(d\) of the NZGB Act 2008](#) refers

⁴ Published on Cook Chart©, Baldwin & Lewis, 1991

In upholding the objection that seeks to retain Farewell Rise, the Board to make the final decision to **assign Farewell Rise** as an official undersea feature name, based on:

- no evidence that Onetāhua is its original collected Māori name to be restored,
- Onetāhua not being an official name for Farewell Spit, so it is not appropriate to apply it by association to the undersea feature,
- the feature already having the name Farewell Rise for 30 years, continuing its association with Farewell Spit.

Noting that renotification of the proposal is not considered necessary as the public's views have already been taken into account.

Supporting information

1. Board report – Undersea Feature Names Committee recommendations – 2021-04-20
2. Board submission report – Onetāhua Rise – 2021-07-22

