



# New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB)

## MINUTES

**Venue:** Huia  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Radio New Zealand House  
155 The Terrace  
Wellington

**Monday 16 October 2017**

Duration 9.05am-4.25pm  
Morning tea 10.20am-10.50am  
Lunch 12.30pm-1.20pm  
Afternoon tea 3.10pm-3.20pm

### NOTE:

All information recorded in these Minutes relating to Treaty of Waitangi settlement place names is confidential and therefore is not available to the general public. Some of the information may become available after Deeds of Settlement are signed.

## General

### 1. Welcome / Karakia

#### 1.1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 1.2. Karakia

No karakia.

### 2. Present / Apologies

<b>NZGB Members (8)</b>	
Mr Mark Dyer, Chairperson	Surveyor General, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Mr David Barnes	Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Inc. nomination
Associate Professor Merata Kawharu (left 3:15pm)	Minister for Land Information appointment
Mr Matanuku Mahuika (arrived at 9.55am, left 4:12pm)	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Professor Michael Roche	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Mr Adam Greenland	National Hydrographer, LINZ
Mr Tekau Rikirangi Gage (by phone from 9.05am to 12.10pm)	Minister for Māori Development appointment
Ms Adrienne Staples (left 4:12pm)	Local Government New Zealand appointment

<b>Observers (6)</b>	
Ms Alexandria Mellows (9.05am to 10.10am)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Mr Gordon Smith	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Mr Hamish Coghill (9.05am to 10.10am)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Ngaire Burley (9.05am to 10.10am)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Victoria McQuillan (9.05am to 10.10am)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Rachel Pinn	Future Director appointment

<b>NZGB Secretariat (4)</b>	
Ms Wendy Shaw	NZGB Secretary
Mr Christopher Stephens	NZGB Advisor
Ms Jill Remnant	NZGB Advisor
Ms Ginny Leggett	NZGB Senior Advisor (Treaty Names)

<b>Minute Taker (1)</b>	
Ms Mandy Leighs	GBL Personnel

<b>Land Information New Zealand (2)</b>	
Ms Anna Pallesen (11:20am to 12:05pm)	LINZ Legal Services (Solicitor)
Mr Aaron Jordan (12:05pm to 12:26pm)	Group Manager Integrated Property Services & Addressing, LINZ

<b>Apologies from NZGB Members (2)</b>	
Mrs Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu appointment

<b>Apologies from Observers (3)</b>	
Ms Karen Southon	Senior Policy Analyst, Te Puni Kōkiri
Ms Kylie Brown	Te Reo Māori Orthographic Expert
Ms Kararaina Uatuku	Principal Advisor, Policy and Development, Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori

### 3. Agenda / Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

#### 3.1. Agenda

The Chairperson noted that some agenda items had been refined to reflect NZGB members' feedback requesting more concise papers, with important items placed at the front of the agenda to ensure focussed discussion. The Chairperson welcomed ongoing feedback from NZGB members.

The agenda was confirmed with the following amendments:

**Item 12.10 Te Korowai a Te Puhituhia:** Amend 'Puhituhia' to read 'Puhituaia' removing the second [h].

**Item 20.2 Kaupapa for Māori Place Names Version 4:** Brought forward for discussion noting that a number of NZGB decisions required today may be influenced by this Kaupapa, in relation to consultation and relationships with iwi.

#### 3.2. Conflicts of Interest

The NZGB noted these disclosures but did not consider them to be conflicts of interests:

##### Item 6.3

**Crown Confidential**

**Item 12.8 Featherston:** Ms Adrienne Staples advised that she is a resident of Featherston and a former Mayor of South Wairarapa District Council. Mr Adam Greenland advised he is a resident of Martinborough, which is nearby.

**Items 12.7 and 12.10 Proposals from James Thornton:** Mr David Barnes advised that while he had no personal relationship with James Thornton, as the Federated Mountain Clubs representative he knew a number of the people referred to in the proposals.

## 4. Previous Minutes; Matters Arising; Action Sheet

### 4.1. Previous Minutes and Actions for 28 September 2016, with outstanding actions from earlier meetings

**Edits:** The NZGB requested:

- Page 40, at the end of the last paragraph under the heading 'Protocol for Māori Place Names' add 'The Secretariat to assist.'
- Page 41: Add an action just before the heading '28.1 New webpage for suburbs and localities: 'Action Required *Secretariat to consider costs, benefits, implications and report back to the NZGB with a way forward.*'
- Page 41: In the first sentence under the heading 'Key Elements of Addressing' change to 'The NZGB noted that is considering its role in the broader addressing space in New Zealand'. And add at the end of the paragraph 'We can expect further discussions with LINZ.'
- Page 45, Item 26.1: update webpage on suburbs and localities if necessary after hearing from Aaron Jordan at today's meeting.
- Page 50, Item 17.6: For the Marineregions.org agreement, the Secretariat to organise the Chairperson to sign the collaborative agreement.

#### **Resolution**

*That the minutes of 18 May 2017 be ratified subject to the above edits.*

**Moved** Ms Adrienne Staples

**Seconded** Mr David Barnes

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

#### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to update minutes of 18 May 2017, obtain the Chairperson's signature and publish an unsigned, updated version on the LINZ webpages.*
- *Secretariat to update webpage on suburbs and localities if necessary after hearing from Aaron Jordan.*

### 4.2. Matters Arising from Minutes of 18 May 2017

#### **Item 28 Promotions and Communications Report**

**Branding:** The Chairperson referred to the discussion on NZGB branding and logo use, citing the importance of establishing an independent and authoritative brand, and requested the Secretariat to consider all issues, costs and benefits, and report back to the NZGB on how it might proceed.

**Key Elements of Addressing:** The NZGB requested that the Secretariat strengthen wording in the May 2017 minutes to more clearly reflect that LINZ is considering its role in the broader addressing space in New Zealand. The NZGB noted that it expects further discussion on this matter

#### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to consider issues, costs and benefits of branding NZGB as an independent entity, and report back to the NZGB.*
- *Secretariat to amend the minutes 18 May 2017 as specified above.*

## 5. Risk Register

### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3030888). The Chairperson noted the risk assessment work that the Secretariat has done for itself. He noted that it is important for the NZGB to manage its own risk management function and to agree to a process and framework for doing it. The NZGB noted that while its work does not pose a high risk to life like construction does, good governance dictates that a Risk Register should be a standing agenda item for each meeting.

The NZGB agreed that a workshop should be held as part of its April/May 2018 meeting to agree to a process and populate a framework with key risks and mitigations. The NZGB identified these items for inclusion in the register:

- reputation, relationship and the political environment
- maritime risk, consequences of incorrect naming, and the impact on emergency services
- failure to comply with statutes, risk of judicial review
- failure to act consistently in its decision making
- lack of ministerial support for NZGB recommendations to the Minister for Land Information.

**NOTE:** the NZGB later determined instead to hold an additional meeting before the end of 2017 covering Strategy, Risk, and Branding. Refer discussion following Agenda Item 12:10.

### Actions Required

- Secretariat to note Risk Register workshop as an agenda item for the April/May 2018 meeting.
- Secretariat to source a standard Risk Register framework for the workshop at the April/May 2018 meeting.

## 20.2. Kaupapa for Māori Place Names Version 4 (brought forward for early discussion)

### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3036647). The Chairperson noted that the *Kaupapa* describes practices that have developed and evolved through consultation with the Office of Treaty Settlements, Te Puni Kōkiri and iwi. The NZGB noted the highlighted changes and commented that the only substantive changes were to the sections *Dual Māori Names* and *Alternative Māori Names*.

The NZGB noted that while the detail in the document could be useful, it can be referenced in other documents. The NZGB agreed that the *Kaupapa* should be more succinct and clear about its intent and values. The NZGB agreed to refine the *Kaupapa* down to 2-3 pages under main headings such as 'Roles and Responsibilities', 'Guiding Practice', 'Principles and Values', 'Good Practice', 'Expectations of Parties' (information sharing, communication etc.) and 'Background' (legacy of requirements, Cabinet directives, and practices developed and evolved).

The NZGB noted that issues are often local and that reference to consultation with Māori groups should be altered to refer instead to 'mana whenua' to ensure all Māori groups including hapū and marae are included. The parties involved can then identify groups that should be approached.

The NZGB noted the importance of the document in providing guidance around processes and relationships and in specifying the NZGB's values, such as mana, kōrero, kaitiakitanga and tapu. The NZGB requested that the Secretariat produce a first draft of the refined document and circulate it to the Māori Names Committee for further discussion at its next meeting (likely to be in February 2018).

### Actions Required

- Secretariat to refine the *Kaupapa* for Māori Place Names and circulate a first draft to the Māori Names Committee for discussion at its next meeting possibly in February 2018.

- *Māori Names Committee to review the circulated draft and bring to the NZGB for further discussion at its April/May 2018 meeting.*

## Treaty

## Crown Confidential (items 6 and 7)

### 6. Treaty of Waitangi Settlement name proposals

### 7. Treaty names report

Ms Alexandria Mellows, Mr Hamish Coghill, Ms Ngaire Burley and Ms Victoria McQuillan, observers from the Office of Treaty Settlement, left the meeting at 10.10am.

## Decisions

### 8. Minister for Land Information's decisions

#### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3031073).

#### Waiau Uwha, Waiau Toa / Clarence River

The Chairperson advised that following the Kaikoura earthquake the then Minister for Land Information had been reluctant to make final determinations on the proposals. The NZGB noted that the Minister for Land Information had acknowledged the covering letter from the NZGB and advised that all additional correspondence would be taken into account when making the final determinations.

#### Kapitia Dam, Kapitia Reservoir, Kapitia Hill, Kapitia Creek

The Chairperson advised that he had met with the Minister for Land Information and provided a briefing on the proposals, and a succinct briefing on the work of the NZGB. The NZGB noted that one of the objectors had written directly to the Minister for Land Information and that the then list MP for the West Coast-Tasman electorate had lobbied the Minister on behalf of objectors wanting the name Dillmans Dam. The NZGB noted the Parliamentary Librarian had conducted further investigation of the Kapitia and Dillmans names, which did not produce new information to that already found by the NZGB Secretariat.

The NZGB noted that the three reports have been sent back to the Secretariat to be reshaped for the new Minister for Land Information.

#### Action Required

- *Secretariat to reshape reports on the six geographic name proposals for the new Minister for Land Information.*

### 9. Names made official under delegation

#### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2984795).

Morning tea: 10.20am to 10.50am

### 10. Final decisions on proposals that received objections

#### 10.1. Rocky Bay (locality)

#### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3042708).

The Chairperson noted that the proposal to alter Omiha to Rocky Bay reflected ambiguities in the NZGB Act 2008. The Chairperson summarised the process to date and noted that the NZGB is now required to make a decision on whether to accept or reject the submissions (224 objecting and 10 supporting) and then make a decision on the proposal. If it is unable to uphold all of the objections the NZGB will need to report to the Minister for Land Information setting out a summary of the submissions, and advising the NZGB's decision with the reasons for its decision. The Minister for Land Information would then make the final determination.

To ensure objectivity and that correct process is followed, the NZGB agreed that all submissions needed to be considered, and both sides of the process tested under the NZGB Act 2008. Any deficiency in policy settings revealed during the course of considerations will be reported back to LINZ Policy. In a full and wide ranging discussion the NZGB noted and discussed:

- The NZGB Act 2008 defines an official name as one that has been assigned, approved or altered under the Act. Once a decision has been made to alter, or the Minister has made a determination, the name becomes official.
- The NZGB needs to be clear about what it is naming. The locality has no official name – the recorded name is Omiha. If the NZGB rejects the proposal to alter Omiha to Rocky Bay and recommends altering Omiha to Ōmiha, the question is whether the slight alteration through the addition of the macron requires the NZGB to give public notification. This would mean going back to the same community for its views on the addition of the macron.
- The submissions for the Rocky Bay proposal were strongly weighted against a change to Rocky Bay, as well as providing additional information about the origins of the name Omiha and confirming that the name Omiha is used locally.
- The majority of views expressed in all the submissions were cogent, however the NZGB views the arguments against change as more compelling than those in favour.
- NZ Post and the NZ Police have advised there are no significant issues with postal and emergency services, noting that postal and emergency concerns were key arguments for change put forward by supporters.
- Omiha is a locality and a change to Rocky Bay would mean that both the locality and the bay would be called Rocky Bay. The NZGB noted concern about duplication, and the use of the generic 'Bay' for a locality, while recognising that there are a number of localities throughout the country with the generic term 'Bay'.

Ms Anna Pallesen, Solicitor, Legal Services, LINZ, joined the meeting at 11.20am.

The NZGB queried whether, in upholding the objecting submissions, it would be required to reject the supporting submissions. Ms Anna Pallesen noted that the NZGB Act 2008 requires all submissions to be addressed in the NZGB's report to the Minister for Land Information. However, given that the submissions fall into three categories, it is difficult to see what would be achieved by going through them individually. The NZGB noted that in the past it has treated 'like' submissions together, being representative of a series of views.

## **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Note** the 10 supporting submissions, which seek Rocky Bay, not Omiha, based on the similar reasons cited by the proposer,

**and**

**Uphold** in terms of 18(1)(b) of the NZGB Act 2008 only those submissions objecting to the alteration of an unofficial recorded locality name, Omiha, to an official locality name Rocky Bay, in favour of the existing name, Omiha, based on:

- low community support for altering Omiha to Rocky Bay, with a clear preference by the local community for the existing name, Omiha,
- no support from Waiheke Local Board for the change,
- no support from mana whenua to alter Omiha to Rocky Bay, and support for the correct orthography Ōmiha,
- specific support from objectors for correcting the orthography to Ōmiha,
- objectors (including Waiheke Local Board) not having issues with emergency services or with postal services, relating to the existing name Omiha,

- NZ Post and NZ Police having advised that they have no issues with addressing and emergency response in relation to Omiha,
- the cultural and heritage values associated with the existing name, which would be retained with corrected orthography as Ōmiha,
- long term use of the existing name Omiha for the locality/village notwithstanding similar long term use of Rocky Bay (both nearly a century),
- desire to alter to Ōmiha as an official and correctly spelled name, resolving any ambiguity whether real or perceived. The official name would be required to be used on official maps and documents, including signage and material produced for travellers and tourists, and
- the NZGB's function to encourage the use of original and correctly spelled Māori place names on official maps and charts,

**and**

**Reject** those other objecting submissions in favour of an alternative proposal, eg Omiha as part of a dual name, Te Whanga o Omiha, etc.

**Moved** Mr Matanuku Mahuika  
**Seconded** Ms Adrienne Staples

### **Further NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted that the consultation process had revealed a lack of community support for altering Omiha to Rocky Bay and had shown that the reasons put forward for the proposal are not as much of an issue as suggested. The NZGB noted that it has tested the name Rocky Bay and consulted with an open mind, knowing that Rocky Bay could eventually become the official name for the locality. The NZGB noted that the process had been worth pursuing in terms of addressing the confusion caused by having two unofficial names.

The NZGB agreed to note the 10 supporting and 224 objecting submissions, and to uphold objecting submissions on the basis that the submission process has tested community support and found support for change lacking, that concerns about postal and emergency services have been addressed, that the name proposed is for a locality and not a bay, and ultimately that retaining Omiha has strong support in the community.

**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

### **Further NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted that it must now make a determination on the proposal to change the recorded locality name Omiha to Rocky Bay, and that if it cannot make that decision, then it will report to the Minister for Land Information to make the final determination.

### **Resolution**

*That the NZGB agreed not to proceed and to **REJECT** the proposal to alter the recorded locality name Omiha to Rocky Bay.*

**Moved** Mr David Barnes  
**Seconded** Mr Matanuku Mahuika

**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

### **Further NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB discussed the process for recommending changing the recorded name Omiha to Ōmiha, which a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori registered translator had advised is the correct orthography. The NZGB discussed a number of options, including re-notifying a proposal for Ōmiha, going back to the proposer with the decision not to proceed, and advising that the NZGB wishes to alter to Ōmiha as it agrees with the reasons in the submissions objecting to Rocky Bay. The NZGB noted that the Minister for Land Information may modify the proposal to Ōmiha.

The NZGB noted that s.20 of the NZGB Act 2008 states that 'if Board does not make a determination under s.19(1) it must report to the Minister setting out a summary of submissions

and its decision on the proposal, together with reasons for that decision. The Minister may then make a final determination by confirming, modifying or rejecting the decision of the Board'. The NZGB noted that the Minister for Land Information had modified a proposal in the past, specifically for Whanganui.

The NZGB also noted s.16(2) of the NZGB Act 2008 requires it to give public notice before assigning, approving or altering an official or recorded name. The NZGB agreed that applying this process (again) poses less risk for it and the Minister for Land Information. However, further public notification would provoke the same submissions from the community, which has already strongly indicated its views against change. The NZGB agreed that this is a strong argument for not notifying for public consultation again.

The NZGB noted that in the unlikely event it was found to be wrong in rejecting the proposal and a judicial review ensued, the decision would be quashed and revisited. The worst case scenario would be that Omiha would remain as the recorded unofficial name of the locality. A further option could be to go the Waiheke Local Board and iwi and invite them to make a proposal for changing Omiha to Ōmiha.

The NZGB agreed that the report to the Minister for Land Information should advise its decision and rationale, summarise the submissions, and alert the Minister to the options of either retaining the status quo, or making Omiha an official name with a recommendation to modify to Ōmiha, which the NZGB views as the correct orthography for the locality as confirmed by a TTWh registered translator. The report should be clear that the NZGB is not making the decision but rather alerting the Minister to what the NZGB considers to be the right outcome, having considered all of the evidence. The NZGB noted that implicit in its decision, is that all other alternatives have been rejected.

The NZGB **agreed** to recommend to LINZ that the NZGB Act 2008 be looked at with a view to providing clear legal guidance to the NZGB and addressing significant legal and political risks arising from ambiguities in interpreting the Act. Ms Anna Pallesen supported this view.

The NZGB agreed that it had been very helpful to have the prepared recommendations to discuss with legal input from Ms Anna Pallesen and Mr Matanuku Mahuika.

### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to report to the Minister for Land Information in terms of Section 20(1) of the NZGB Act 2008 on the NZGB's decision to reject the proposal to alter the recorded locality name Omiha to Rocky Bay.*
- *Secretariat to request the Minister for Land Information to make the final determination by confirming, modifying or rejecting the NZGB's decision in terms of Section 20(2) of the NZGB Act 2008, clearly advising the NZGB's preference for the Minister to modify the NZGB's decision by altering Omiha to Ōmiha.*
- *Secretariat to recommend to LINZ that it review the NZGB Act 2008.*

Ms Anna Pallesen, Solicitor, Legal Services, LINZ, left the meeting at 12.05pm.

Mr Aaron Jordan, Group Manager, Property Services, LINZ joined the meeting at 12.05pm.

Mr Rikirangi Gage (by teleconference) left the meeting at 12.10pm

### **PRESENTATION ON ADDRESSING BY MR AARON JORDAN, GROUP MANAGER INTEGRATED PROPERTY SERVICES & ADDRESSING, LINZ, 12.05pm to 12.26pm**

#### **Additional information tabled**

- What is the addressing "system"

Mr Jordan advised that the LINZ Addressing team began work in February 2017 looking broadly at changes required to create a single source address database for New Zealand. He noted that there is no one authoritative source of locality names, and the NZGB's Gazetteer was not where people go for a complete set. NZ Fire Service's Localities dataset and NZ Post appeared to be 'authoritative by use'. Over a number of years issues have been identified and it was decided to look broadly at the numerous providers, key government roles, changes required, areas of concern, interventions needed, and benefits gained. Investment will be needed and the first step



is for LINZ to make a strategic assessment and build a business case for the provision of a nationally consistent dataset of suburbs and localities for addressing purposes.

Mr Jordan spoke in detail to the tabled document, noting that it formed part of the strategic assessment. He noted that the intention is to improve the dataset and achieve as close to 100% efficiency as possible. LINZ has support from NZ Post and will now do the exercise around testing value against cost, and look at how the database should be maintained. On the other side, there is confusion around roles and responsibilities, and LINZ wants to do work on a proof of concept for the regulatory framework.

The NZGB noted the proactive approach Porirua City Council and North Shore City Council had taken to officially name all their suburbs and localities. The NZGB agreed that it wished to avoid situations where a name derived from a real estate subdivision or shopping mall becomes the name of the wider area by default.

The Chairperson suggested that the Localities dataset be made official and that exceptions then be addressed. Mr Jordan noted that a pragmatic approach and some ownership of the Localities database is needed, and ways found to maximise benefit and minimise effort. Some regrouping has been needed due to loss of key resources working on the project. Two independent pieces of work are planned – to look at the regulatory framework, and resolve the content of the Localities dataset. It is intended to have Proof of Concept work completed by March 2018, and the business case put to LINZ's Executive Leadership team. LINZ advised it would work with the Secretariat on strategies.

The Chairperson noted that the NZGB was very keen to get the matter sorted, noting the gaps in the Gazetteer, which the NZGB has an obligation to maintain.

#### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to note 'Update from LINZ Addressing Team' as agenda item for the NZGB's April/May 2018 meeting.*

Mr Aaron Jordan, Group Manager, Property Services, LINZ left the meeting at 12.26pm.  
Lunch 12.30pm to 1.20pm

## **10.2. Motutere / Castle Rock**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3035290). The NZGB noted that it had received one objecting submission and 17 supporting submissions, which showed overwhelming support for the proposal to alter Castle Rock to Motutere / Castle Rock.

### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Reject** the objecting submission in terms of Section 18(1)(b) of the NZGB Act 2008, based on:

- *the reasons the objector has given not outweighing the reasons previously accepted by the NZGB to alter Castle Rock to **Motutere / Castle Rock**, and*
- *evidence in the supporting submissions of local support for the proposed name,*

**and**

**Confirm** the NZGB's earlier decision in terms of Section 20(1)(b) of the NZGB Act 2008 to alter Castle Rock to **Motutere / Castle Rock**,

**and**

**Report** to the Minister for Land Information in terms of Section 20(1) of the NZGB Act 2008 on the NZGB's decision to alter Castle Rock to **Motutere / Castle Rock**,

**and**

**Request** the Minister for Land Information to make the **final determination** by confirming, modifying or rejecting the NZGB's decision in terms of Section 20(2) of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Moved**

Mr David Barnes

**Seconded**

Mr Matanuku Mahuika

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

## Actions Required

- *Secretariat to report to the Minister for Land Information in terms of Section 20(1) of the NZGB Act 2008 on the NZGB's decision to alter Castle Rock to Motutere / Castle Rock.*
- *Secretariat to request the Minister for Land Information to make the final determination by confirming, modifying or rejecting the NZGB's decision in terms of Section 20(2) of the NZGB Act 2008.*

## 11. Minimum Requirements not met

### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3039260). The NZGB noted that a local newspaper in Manawatu is now using Manawatū with a macron over the [u].

## 12. New geographic name proposals

### 12.1. McGregors Island (proposed by Rod McGregor)

#### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2968824).

#### Resolutions

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Decline** the proposal to **alter** the recorded place name, High Island, to **McGregors Island**, based on:

- *the NZGB's functions under s.11(1)(e) to encourage the use original Māori names on maps and charts, noting that there are two possible original Māori names,*
- *there already being an official name, McGregors Bay, adequately commemorating the McGregor family's long term association with the area, and*
- *extensive duplication of 'McGregor' names in the New Zealand Gazetteer,*

**and**

**Advise** local tourism operators (Whangarei NZ and Discover Whangarei Heads Tourism Group Incorporated) that the official name for the bay at Taiharuru (locality) is **Taiharuru Bay**, not McGregors Bay.

**Moved**

Mr David Barnes

**Seconded**

Associate Professor Merata Kawharu

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

#### Further NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted that Ngātiwai had advised the proposer that their place names are in general sacred and that it would be offensive to have their place names made official and on maps should the land pass into foreign ownership. The NZGB noted that this view may be unique to Ngātiwai.

## Actions Required

- *Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to decline to alter the recorded name High Island to an official name McGregors Island.*
- *Secretariat to advise local tourism operators (Whangarei NZ and Discover Whangarei Heads Tourism Group Incorporated) that the official name for the bay at Taiharuru (locality) is Taiharuru Bay, not McGregors Bay.*

### 12.2. Bottle Lake (Wetland and Substation) (proposed by LINZ Mapping and NZGB Secretariat)

#### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2985183). The NZGB noted that LINZ Mapping had removed the name Bottle Lake from the map NZTopo50-BX24 in

February 2017 but it currently remains a recorded name in the Gazetteer. The NZGB noted that the name is a reminder of how the landscape looked in the past, with the feature's shape resembling an old fashioned bottle. The NZGB noted that while the lake no longer exists a swamp remains, which is referred to as a wetland, and that the adjacent forest is still known as Bottle Lake Forest.

The NZGB noted that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) had not provided its views on the proposals. The NZGB noted that accepting the proposal to discontinue Bottle Lake (wetland) still allows TRONT to make a new proposal in the future.

### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Accept** the proposal to **discontinue Bottle Lake** (wetland), based on:

- *the lake no longer existing,*
- *advice from LINZ Mapping that the name is not useful cartographically,*
- *it remaining discoverable in the Gazetteer to satisfy its heritage value as an early Christchurch place name (noting that the adjoining Bottle Lake Forest (recorded name) preserves the name), and*
- *an original Māori name is known to exist for the area, which could be restored through a future proposal from TRONT,*

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to discontinue for one month in terms of s.16 of the NZGB Act 2008,

**and**

**Accept** the proposal to **discontinue Bottle Lake** (substation), based on:

- *the name not applying to any feature or place because a substation was never built,*
- *substations are not within the NZGB's naming jurisdiction, and*
- *no public objection is likely,*

**and**

**Notify** as discontinued in terms of s.24(2)(b) and s.21(2) of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Moved**

Mr Adam Greenland

**Seconded**

Mr Matanuku Mahuika

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to advise LINZ Mapping of the NZGB's decision to propose to discontinue Bottle Lake (wetland) and to discontinue Bottle Lake (substation).*
- *Secretariat to notify Bottle Lake (wetland) as a proposal to discontinue for one month in terms of s.16 of the NZGB Act 2008.*
- *Secretariat to notify Bottle Lake (substation) as discontinued in terms of s.24(2)(b) and s.21(2) of the NZGB Act 2008.*

### **12.3. Willis Peak (proposed by Nick Willis)**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2966420). The NZGB noted that the proposer has provided strong evidence to support the case for assigning the name Willis Peak. The NZGB noted Willis Peak is locally named and in use by the adjacent skifield.

#### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Accept** the proposal to **assign Willis Peak** to an unnamed peak at 1962m, located at the southern end of Craigieburn Range above Porters ski field, in inland mid-Canterbury, based on:

- *recognition of Paul Willis' achievements; his strong association with, and relationship to, the area; and his significant contribution to the development of recreational skiing facilities in the area,*

- the feature being commonly known in the skiing and snowboarding community as Willis Peak,
- assigning an official name assisting emergency services in the event of accidents within the ski field area, and
- the local community association, DOC, and the commercial operator of the ski field supporting the proposal,

**and**

**Note** that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu has not advised of a traditional/original Māori name for the feature,

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to assign for a period of three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Moved**

Mr David Barnes

**Seconded**

Associate Professor Merata Kawharu

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

### **Actions Required**

- Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to propose to assign Willis Peak.
- Secretariat to notify as a proposal to assign for a period of three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008.

## **12.4. Waitangitāhuna River and Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka (proposed by Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio)**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3003007). The NZGB noted that the proposed names include 'Wai', a Māori generic term for 'Water'. However, as the rivers are not minor, both have significant recreational use, and for consistency, the NZGB agreed that both should retain the English generic term 'River'. The NZGB noted that the proposal for Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka for the southern river reflects the Ngāi Tahu dialect. The NZGB agreed that the proposals would provide two distinct names for two distinct rivers.

The NZGB discussed what weight should be given to a geographic name recorded in other legislation when considering an alteration. The NZGB noted that the Department of Conservation (DOC) administers the Whitebait Fishing (West Coast) Regulations 1994, which may require updating. The NZGB noted that it is unlikely to affect enforcement of the regulations if the river's name is altered.

### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Accept** the proposal to **alter** Waitangitaona River to **Waitangitāhuna River** for the northern (lower) river that flows into the Tasman Sea, based on:

- the NZGB's function to collect original Māori names for recording on official charts and maps,
- documentary evidence of the original Māori name,
- Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori translator having confirmed the standardised orthography, and
- it being of benefit to users to be able to identify the discrete river especially in an emergency,

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to alter for three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008,

**and**

**Accept** the proposal to **alter** Waitangitaona River to **Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka River** for the southern (upper) river that flows into Lake Wahapo, with the addition of the generic geographic term 'River' to help identify the feature, based on:

- consistency with the generic term used for the northern river,
- the NZGB's function to collect original Māori names for recording on official charts and maps,
- documentary evidence of the original Māori name,

- a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori translator having confirmed the Ngāi Tahu dialectical orthography, and
- it being of benefit to users to be able to identify the discrete river especially in an emergency,

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to alter for three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008,

**and**

For consistency, **request** the Department of Conservation to consider altering Waitangitaona Scenic Reserve to **Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka Scenic Reserve**, since it is adjacent to the southern (upper) river,

**and**

Advise the agency administering the [Whitebait Fishing \(West Coast\) Regulations 1994](#), which records that special conditions apply on Waitangitaona River that if the river's name changes then the Regulations should be amended.

**Moved** Mr David Barnes  
**Seconded** Ms Adrienne Staples  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

#### **Actions Required**

- Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to propose to alter Waitangitaona River to Waitangitāhuna River and Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka River.
- Secretariat to notify as proposals to alter Waitangitaona River to Waitangitāhuna River for the northern (lower) river and Waitangitaona River to Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka River for the southern (upper) river, for three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008.
- Secretariat to request the Department of Conservation to consider altering Waitangitaona Scenic Reserve to Waitakitāhuna-ki-te-Toka Scenic Reserve, since it is adjacent to the southern (upper) river.
- Secretariat to advise DOC that if the river's name changes then it should consider amending the Whitebait Fishing (West Coast) Regulations 1994.

### **12.5. Pikikirunga (hill), Pikikirunga Range (proposed by NZGB Secretariat)**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3035965). The NZGB noted that the current spelling is inconsistent with spelling of the adjacent feature Pikikirunga / Canaan Downs, which was a Treaty settlement name and likely to be correct. The NZGB noted that there had been no feedback to date from Te Tau Ihu iwi collective.

#### **Resolutions**

That the NZGB agreed to:

**Accept** the proposals to **alter** Pikikiruna (hill) to **Pikikirunga** (hill) and Pikikiruna Range to **Pikikirunga Range** based on the spelling being inconsistent with the associated official name, Pikikirunga / Canaan Downs, and 'Pikikirunga' being the correct spelling,

**and**

**Noted** that under the NZGB's Protocol for Māori Place Names, mana whenua will have an opportunity to provide their views on the proposals,

**and**

**Notify** as proposals to alter for three months in terms of s.16 of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Moved** Mr David Barnes  
**Seconded** Ms Adrienne Staples  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

#### **Action Required**

- Secretariat to notify as proposals to alter Pikikiruna (hill) to Pikikirunga (hill) and Pikikiruna Range to Pikikirunga Range for three months in terms of s.16 of the NZGB Act 2008.

## 12.6. John Creek (locality and creek) (proposed by Barbara Chinn)

### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2986177). The NZGB noted the village was intended to be sited 1km southwest of where it is now located. The NZGB noted that Gladstone was a 'paper town' as it had been surveyed but not settled, and that the name had been moved onto the newly populated village. The NZGB noted that naming John Creek for both the village and the creek could cause confusion. The NZGB noted there are examples of a village being named with the same geographic feature type as an associated feature, however as a creek is defined as a flowing body of water the NZGB considered that another generic might be more appropriate.

### Resolutions (withdrawn)

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Decline** the proposal to **alter** the recorded name Gladstone to an official name **John Creek**, for the small village of low population, situated at the southeast corner on the southern shores of Lake Hāwea, based on:

- duplication with the proposed name of the adjacent stream, also proposed to be altered to 'John Creek', and therefore potential confusion between the two 'John Creek' feature names at the same location,
- long term use of Gladstone on authoritative maps,
- the feature being a village and not a creek, therefore not introducing a potentially confusing generic term to the village name, and

*the John family already having been commemorated with the existing recorded name Johns Creek,*

**and**

**Decline** the proposal to alter the recorded name Johns Creek to an official name **John Creek**, for the stream, based on:

- duplication with the proposed name for the village and potential confusion of two 'John Creek' features names for different places at the same location,
- alteration of the name to remove the possessive form being of low priority, and
- long term use of Johns Creek with the possessive [s] on authoritative maps.

**Moved** Ms Adrienne Staples  
**Seconded** Mr Matanuku Mahuika

### Further NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted that deferring both proposals, with an explanation of its decisions, would allow the proposer to provide a solution to duplication concerns, or to put forward amended proposals. The mover agreed to withdraw the motion.

The **MOTION** was **WITHDRAWN**.

### Resolution

*That the NZGB agreed to **DEFER** the proposals to alter the recorded name Gladstone to an official name **Johns Creek** for the village, and to alter the recorded name Johns Creek to an official name **John Creek** for the stream, and refer back to the proposer with the reasons for the NZGB's decision.*

**Moved** Ms Adrienne Staples  
**Seconded** Professor Michael Roche  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

### Actions Required

- *Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to defer its decision on the proposals to alter the locality and stream names to John Creek and request amended proposals.*



- *Secretariat to request the proposer to come up with a solution, given the issues, and suggest that to avoid confusion, the proposer choose either the village or the stream to be named John Creek.*

## **12.7. Mount Doubtful and Query Peak (proposed by James Thornton)**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3038857). The NZGB noted that the proposal is very well researched and made a good case for these names to be moved and made official. The NZGB noted that these Charlie Douglas names are as important as Cook names.

### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Accept** the proposal to **alter** the position of

- **Mount Doubtful** from NZTopo50-BY14 421527 to BY14 439524,
- and **Query Peak** from NZTopo50-BY14 412532 to BY14 435522,

and **make the names official**, based on:

- *the features at the proposed positions being unnamed,*
- *historical and mathematical evidence showing that these proposed positions are the original positions of the features,*
- *evidence that the mountaineering community has long considered the proposed positions to be the correct location of the names, notwithstanding their long term use on authoritative maps in the current locations (47 years),*
- *value to emergency services for identifying the features, as recreational users consider the proposed locations to be their correct positions, and*
- *support from DOC and a well known historian,*

**and**

**Note** that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu has not advised of traditional/original Māori names for the features,

**and**

**Notify** as proposals to alter for one month in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Moved**

Mr David Barnes

**Seconded**

Mr Adam Greenland

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decisions to alter the locations of Mount Doubtful and Query Peak and to make the names official.*
- *Secretariat to notify as proposals to alter the positions of Mount Doubtful and Query Peak and make the names official for one month in terms of s.16 of the NZGB Act 2008.*

## **12.8. Featherston (proposed by Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc)**

The NZGB noted that Mr Adam Greenland and Ms Adrienne Staples, who is also a past Mayor of South Wairarapa District Council, live in the area.

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3019139). The NZGB noted that the proposer suggested that assigning Featherston as an official name would benefit tourism and business, and raise the town's profile. The NZGB noted that the proposer had uncovered that Featherston is not an official place name during the process of proposing Lake Ferry as an official name. The NZGB noted that there has been no push for a Māori name for the town as it has always been accepted that there was no pā or historic site there prior to European settlement. The NZGB noted that the local community was not sure where Paetūmōkai was located precisely, and it did not appear to be a name local iwi recognised.

The NZGB noted that the original Māori name, Paetūmōkai, could be considered for an historic site in or near Featherston, subject to confirmation of its location from mana whenua. The NZGB noted that the historic site is likely to be in the vicinity of the lookout rather than the town and that local iwi appear not to recognise it as a significant feature. The NZGB noted the long term use of the name Featherston and that its population is expected to grow.

The NZGB noted evidence of support for the proposal from the community, the South Wairarapa District Council and their Māori Standing Committee, and agreed that a decision to notify the proposal would provide another opportunity for mana whenua to provide further information. The NZGB noted that if Paetūmōkai was not an original Māori name for the town, then it was possible to approve Featherston as an official place name through s.24 of the NZGB Act 2008 without public consultation. The NZGB agreed to follow the less risky process and notify the proposal to assign Featherston through ss.16-21 of the NZGB Act 2008.

### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Accept** the proposal to **assign Featherston** to the locality approximately 50km northeast of Wellington, based on:

- *it being the name in long term use for the locality (161 years), and*
- *Featherston Community Board, Featherston Memorial RSA Inc, and South Wairarapa District Council and its Māori Standing Committee supporting the proposal,*

**and**

**Note** that an original Māori name, Paetūmōkai, is already discoverable as a 'Collected' name in the [New Zealand Gazetteer](#), and that the Australia/New Zealand Standard™ for rural and urban addressing discourages a dual name from being assigned to an addressable locality,

**and**

**Note** that South Wairarapa District Council and the Localities Committee will have the opportunity to provide a submission on the extent during the notification period,

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to assign for a period of three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Moved**

Mr David Barnes

**Seconded**

Mr Matanuku Mahuika

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to assign Featherston as an official name.*
- *Secretariat to notify as a proposal to assign for a period of three months in terms of Section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008.*

## **12.9. Wesley (suburb) (proposed by MP Michael Wood)**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3033741). The NZGB noted that adjacent Local Boards under Auckland Council will need to agree on the proposed extent of Wesley. The NZGB noted that the motorway bisects the proposed extent of the suburb isolating a block of land on the southwest side. The NZGB noted that it would be useful to have a response from Ngāti Whātua. The NZGB commented on the need for consultation with the local community, especially their views on the boundaries. The NZGB noted that it is not saying no to this proposal, but needs to be sure of its extent.

### **Resolution**

*That the NZGB agreed to **Defer** its decision and advise the proposer to consult with mana whenua, ie Ngāti Whatua, confirm that the proposed suburb extent is acceptable to the adjacent Auckland Council Local Boards, and gather local views on the proposed extent.*



**Moved**  
**Seconded**  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

Mr David Barnes  
Ms Adrienne Staples

#### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to defer, of the need to consult with mana whenua (Ngāti Whatua), confirm that the proposed extent of the suburb is acceptable to the adjacent Auckland Council Local Boards, and for the proposer to consult with the local community on the proposed extent.*

#### **12.10. Te Korowai a Te Puhitua (peak) (proposed by James Thornton)**

#### **Additional information tabled**

- Email from Te Haumihiata Mason, Te Korowai-o-Te-Puhitua, 28 September 2017.

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3051064). The NZGB noted that Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe had confirmed that the correct orthography is to use a possessive [o], not an [a].

The NZGB noted that the feature was initially named Poisoned Dagger to describe its shape and that the proposed name also describes the shape of the feature, but as a cloak. The NZGB noted that three other feature names relating to the tupuna Te Puhitua are on record including for a nearby peak, but they are not recorded names in the Gazetteer.

The NZGB agreed to defer the proposal and advise the proposer of its concern about duplication of Te Puhitua on nearby features. The NZGB noted that further work is required to identify which of the peaks on Llawrenny Peaks is 'Te Puhitua'. The NZGB agreed to advise the proposers that it has received advice that the correct orthography of the proposed name is 'Te Korowai-o-Te-Puhitua'.

#### **Resolution**

*That the NZGB agreed to **Defer** its decision and to advise the proposer of the NZGB's concern about duplication of names on other nearby geographic features, and that the correct orthography of the proposed name is 'Te Korowai-o-Te-Puhitua'.*

**Moved**  
**Seconded**  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

Mr Matanuku Mahuika  
Mr David Barnes

#### **Actions Required**

- *Secretariat to advise the proposer of the NZGB's decision to defer and concerns about duplication of the name on other nearby geographic features, and that the correct orthography of the proposed name is 'Te Korowai-o-Te-Puhitua'.*
- *Secretariat to identify which of the peaks on Llawrenny Peaks is 'Te Puhitua' and add it to the Gazetteer as a Collected name.*

#### **DEMONSTRATION OF THE ENHANCED GAZETTEER BY MR CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS, NZGB ADVISOR, 2.20pm to 2.40pm**

Mr Christopher Stephens demonstrated enhancements to the NZGB's Gazetteer, which are designed to improve the user's experience and encourage its use. The NZGB noted that this work has been carried out over the past two years, and that working with Datacom has enabled the platform to be built to the NZGB's requirements. There are some issues still to be resolved, however the Gazetteer is close to completion, and is expected to be publicly launched in late 2017.

The NZGB noted that LINZ would need to be commissioned to produce a base map for Antarctica, and suggested that the layers for the EEZ and Territorial boundaries be added. The NZGB noted that the 'How to Use' guide will need to be rewritten before the public launch of the enhanced Gazetteer. The NZGB agreed that the NZGB's branding of the Gazetteer needs to be independent of LINZ. The Chairperson noted the NZGB's support for the work being done and thanked Mr Stephens for the demonstration.

#### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to request additional enhancements to include the EEZ and Territorial boundaries.*

#### **BRANDING DISCUSSION, 2.40pm to 2.55pm**

The NZGB noted that its identity with the Gazetteer project is currently buried in the LINZ webpages, which cause confusion. The NZGB agreed that it needs to raise its profile by having its own domain name and logo to reflect that it is an independent statutory body (ie an individual entity apart from LINZ) that has responsibility for upholding the NZGB Act 2008, communicating with the public, and maintaining key relationships. The NZGB determines its own purpose, strategy and positioning (what it does, who it is and what it focusses on). The NZGB noted that its budget comes via LINZ but is a separate Crown appropriation.

The NZGB agreed to hold a workshop to discuss its strategy, risks and branding, and include LINZ in the discussions because it services the NZGB in many ways such as with the Secretariat. The Chairperson agreed to subsequently inform the Minister, with the help of the Secretariat, and requested NZGB members to provide input into the agenda for the workshop. The NZGB requested that the Secretariat look into facilitation and circulate potential dates for the workshop to be held prior to the end of 2017. The NZGB noted that LINZ's Risk Assurance team could help facilitate a risk workshop.

#### **Actions Required**

- *Chairperson and Secretariat to put together discussion material for the strategy, risks and branding workshop.*
- *Secretariat to look into who could assist with facilitation (ie LINZ Comms for branding and LINZ Risk and Assurance for risk), and circulate potential dates for the workshop to be held prior to the end of 2017.*
- *NZGB members to send suggested agenda items to the Secretariat.*
- *Following the workshop, the Chairperson to brief the Minister.*

#### **DRAFT MEDIA ADVISORY TO FOLLOW THIS NZGB MEETING, 2.55pm to 3.10pm**

#### **Further information tabled:**

- Draft media release: Proposed communications following the NZGB's 16 October 2017 meeting.

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB agreed that it does not need to pre-empt media enquiries about its consideration of proposals, but would respond to media enquiries as they arise. The NZGB was not convinced of the merits of media advisories and press releases for the place names considered at this meeting. The NZGB agreed that for the proposals to alter Omiha to Rocky Bay and Castle Rock to Motutere / Castle Rock, it will respond to media enquiries as they arise and where appropriate. The NZGB noted that its press releases are a way to raise its profile and awareness of proposals.

The NZGB agreed to provide an advisory to Wairarapa media for the Featherston proposal once the proposer has been advised of its decision. The NZGB noted that this would help garner interest and pre-empt information the Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc might give to the media. The NZGB agreed that the advisory should state that the NZGB has accepted the proposal for public notification.

The NZGB agreed that it would provide a general media advisory prior to publication of the proposals that it has agreed to publicly notify.

### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to withhold the media advisory on the proposals to alter Omiha to Rocky Bay and Castle Rock to Motutere / Castle Rock, and release the advisory on the proposal to make Featherston an official name once the proposer has been advised of the NZGB's decision.*

Afternoon tea: 3.10pm to 3.20pm.

Associate Professor Merata Kawharu left the meeting at 3.15pm, with apologies.

Six NZGB members<sup>1</sup> remain, meeting the quorum.

## **13. New criteria for processing recorded place names through s.24 of the NZGB Act 2008**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2969965). The Chairperson noted the work the Secretariat has done on the criteria for processing recorded place names and approving them as official. The Chairperson noted that if a 'coalition of the willing' was achieved between local authorities and mana whenua, the NZGB could potentially provide them with a list of up to 5000 geographic names with a request to look through and advise the NZGB of any issues. This would require up front work to get agreement to process large numbers of names with greater speed and with risk managed in a transparent way. The NZGB noted that the tests in the NZGB Act 2008 can be subjective, ie deciding whether a name is deemed to be controversial or not.

The Chairperson proposed a pilot starting with consultation, agreement, and continued reporting back, with the expectation that the NZGB will learn from the process and improve its processes over time.

### **Resolutions**

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Note** that in 1982 UNCSGN<sup>2</sup> recommended that the standardisation of geographic names should be accelerated by all possible means,

**and**

**Note** that to meet the international recommendation it is a strategic action of the NZGB to process recorded geographic names and approve them as official through the fast track process provided for in [s.24 of the NZGB Act 2008](#),

**and**

**Agree** to the new criteria and process that the Secretariat and Chairperson have developed to reduce the timeframe and increase the volume of recorded geographic names processed through [s.24 of the NZGB Act 2008](#), in response to the NZGB's request at its May 2017 meeting,

**and**

**Note** that there are possible risks in increasing the volume and pace of approving recorded geographic names as official. However, these can be mitigated by processing any future challenges through [ss.15-21 of the NZGB Act 2008](#),

**and**

**Note** that the Chairperson will verbally brief the Minister for Land Information on the feasibility of the NZGB's fast-track process for bulk names to reduce the timeframe,

**and**

**Note** the process in the flow chart in **Appendix A** of the report,

**and**

**Note** that no recorded geographic names were processed at this meeting because the Secretariat was waiting until the NZGB agreed to the new criteria and process at this meeting.

**Moved**

Ms Adrienne Staples

<sup>1</sup> NZGB Quorum: Mark Dyer, Adam Greenland, Matanuku Mahuika, Adrienne Staples, David Barnes, Mike Roche

<sup>2</sup> United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographic Names

**Seconded**  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

Professor Michael Roche

#### **Actions Required**

- *Chairperson to verbally brief the Minister for Land Information on the feasibility of the NZGB's fast-track process for bulk names to reduce the timeframe.*
- *Secretariat to begin processing the first batch of recorded names to be approved, under the newly agreed 'bulk fast track process', and report those names to the NZGB at its next meeting, along with lessons learnt and suggested improvements for future implementation.*

## **14. LINZ-NZGB Agreement**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3033940). The NZGB noted the two questions that have arisen as a consequence of implementing the Agreement, namely (1) whether recorded names with updated orthography can be classed as recorded, and (2) whether the former name would be classed as an alternative name.

The NZGB noted that updated orthography could involve macrons, hyphens, apostrophes or spelling. The NZGB noted that macrons were not used in the past, and that updating orthography could be seen as not changing but modernising a name, which would now be written in a different form. The NZGB noted that it may be possible to have a class of names that come through in that form, rather than classing them as alternative.

The NZGB noted the Secretariat's advice that the addition of a macron triggers the NZGB Act 2008 as it changes the spelling and can also change the meaning. The NZGB noted that processing the names in the future could be done under s.24, which might entail some risk, otherwise they would need to go to full public consultation. The NZGB noted that if it made an incorrect decision through the fast-track process and a complaint followed, then a new proposal could be made to rectify an error.

The NZGB agreed to leave the Agreement as it is, and seek a definitive opinion from LINZ Legal Services on whether the NZGB has authority under the NZGB Act 2008 in respect of the questions raised.

The NZGB noted that macrons are a relatively new convention for writing Māori words and change meaning. They are also used to guide the speaker on pronunciation, particularly a speaker who does not speak Māori.

The Secretariat was requested to give further consideration to the issues, to seek linguistic expertise from TTWh and legal advice from LINZ Legal on whether the NZGB can move forward safely and with confidence.

### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to seek linguistic advice from TTWh, and legal advice from LINZ Legal Services and report back to the NZGB on whether it can safely move forward with the Agreement.*

## **15. Crown protected area (CPA) names**

### **Five new Crown protected area names:**

**Newcastle Scenic Reserve, The Nook Scenic Reserve, Reko's Point Scenic Reserve, Kanes Scenic Reserve, Autaia Scenic Reserve**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and reports provided (LinZone IDs A2919320 and A2919336). The NZGB noted that the Secretary has reviewed the five new CPA names DOC proposed, and set out the reasons for the decisions to 'Not Concur' with the proposals for Reko's Point Scenic Reserve and Kanes Scenic Reserve. The NZGB noted that the reasons to not concur are minor and agreed that rather than go through the 'Not Concur' process, that it approach DOC to reconsider using the English possessive [s] and apostrophe in Reko's Point Scenic Reserve and the possessive [s] in Kanes Scenic Reserve. The NZGB noted that if DOC does not agree to

amend the proposals then the Chairperson will report to the Minister of Conservation, who will make the final determinations on the proposals.

### Resolutions

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**CONCUR** with the proposal to assign a new CPA name, **Newcastle Scenic Reserve**, based on the name meeting the Standard for Crown protected area names NZGBS60001.

*Noting that 'Newcastle' is the historic name for nearby Albert Town, and mana whenua have been consulted,*

**and**

**CONCUR** with the proposal to assign a new CPA name, **The Nook Scenic Reserve**, based on the name meeting the Standard for Crown protected area names NZGBS60001.

*Noting that 'The Nook' is the historic name for the area of the river adjacent to this Scenic Reserve, and mana whenua have been consulted,*

**and**

**DEFER** the proposal to assign a new CPA name, **Reko's Point Scenic Reserve**, and approach DOC to reconsider using the English possessive [s] and apostrophe.

*Noting that if DOC does not agree to amend the proposal then the Chairperson will report to the Minister of Conservation, who will make the final decision on the proposal,*

**and**

**DEFER** the proposal to assign a new CPA name, **Kanes Scenic Reserve**, and approach DOC to reconsider using the English possessive [s].

*Noting that if DOC does not agree to amend the proposal then the Chairperson will report to the Minister of Conservation, who will make the final decision on the proposal,*

**and**

**CONCUR** with the proposal to assign a new CPA name, **Autaia Scenic Reserve**, based on the name meeting the Standard for Crown protected area names NZGBS60001,

*Noting that 'Autaia' was a settlement and pā on an island in the middle of the Clutha River/Mata-Au where eels and gardens of pora were gathered, and mana whenua have been consulted.*

**Moved**

Ms Adrienne Staples

Seconded

Mr David Barnes

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

### Actions Required

- Secretariat to ask DOC to reconsider using the English possessive [s] and apostrophe in Reko's Point Scenic Reserve, and the English possessive [s] in Kanes Scenic Reserve.
- Secretariat to advise DOC that the NZGB concurred with Newcastle Scenic Reserve, The Nook Scenic Reserve and Autaia Scenic Reserve.
- Once DOC gazettes its decisions for all five proposals, Secretariat to recommend that the final CPA names be added as a new entry to the Online Dictionary of New Zealand Sign Language.
- Once DOC gazettes its decisions for all five proposals, Secretariat to update the NZGB Gazetteer.

## Committees

### 16. Terms of Reference for NZGB Committees

#### NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3036846).

#### Resolutions

*That the NZGB agreed to:*

**Note** the final Undersea Feature Names Committee Terms of Reference, confirmed at the NZGB's 18 May 2017 meeting,

**and**

**Confirm** the updated Terms of Reference for the Antarctic Names Committee and the Māori Names Committee. These have been formatted for consistency with the Undersea Feature Names Committee Terms of Reference. They each focus on member composition rather than naming individual members,

**and**

**Note** that the Terms of Reference for all three Committees are due for a broader update to link to the NZGB's Strategic Plan 2015-2025, and that each Committee is responsible for this action.

**Moved** Professor Michael Roche  
**Seconded** Mr Adam Greenland  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

#### **Action Required**

- ANC, MNC and UFNC to update their Terms of Reference with a link to the NZGB's Strategic Plan 2015-2025.

## **17. Māori Names Committee (MNC)**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3036382).

## **18. Undersea Features Names Committee (UFNC)**

#### **Additional Information Tabled**

- Report from NZGB to SCUFN<sup>3</sup>-30, Genoa, Italy 2-6 October 2017 (LinZone ID A3046205).

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2993173). The NZGB noted that SCUFN had recently requested that the NZGB co-host, with GNS Science, SCUFN's October 2018 meeting in Wellington. The NZGB noted that LINZ's Deputy Chief Executive Strategy and Stewardship and the National Hydrographer, Mr Adam Greenland, have given LINZ's support. The NZGB noted that UFNC member, Dr Vaughan Stagpoole, may accept another term on SCUFN, possibly as its Chair.

The NZGB noted that the Republic of Korea had proposed two names for unnamed seamounts in the Ross Dependency, which it did not consult on with the NZGB.

The NZGB noted that the Secretariat has not as yet received the minutes from the SCUFN-30 meeting held 2-6 October 2017 in Genoa, Italy.

## **19. Antarctic Names Committee (ANC)**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3038896).

## **Naming rules**

## **20. General Policies, Guidelines, Standards, Agreements, etc.**

### **20.1. Review of NZGB Policies**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3036268). The Chairperson thanked Ms Rachel Pinn, Mrs Jenni Vernon, and Associate Professor Merata Kawharu for their

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<sup>3</sup> Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names



support in discussions on the NZGB's policy operating framework. The NZGB noted that the Chairperson will progress this work over the coming months.

#### **Action Required**

- *Chairperson to progress the review of the NZGB policies.*

### **20.2. Kaupapa for Māori place names version 4**

Discussed following Agenda Item 5 above.

### **20.3. Updated draft Frameworks document version 9**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3036842). The NZGB noted that Professor Michael Roche will provide the Secretariat with appropriate wording for Section 34 'Mountain names'.

#### **Actions Required**

- *Professor Michael Roche to provide replacement wording for the 'Mountain names' section in the Frameworks document to the Secretariat.*
- *Secretariat to publish the updated Frameworks on Place Name webpages.*

## **21. Geographical Indications**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3036848). The Chairperson advised that a Geographical Indications Committee (GIC) is unlikely to be convened and could ultimately depend on international trade agreements. The GIC would be required to identify the geographic source of origin for wines and spirits. The NZGB noted that when the Registrar receives an application, he/she may form the GIC if there are any concerns, which will have the Chairperson and a member of the NZGB on it.

The NZGB agreed that given the unlikelihood of meetings, an NZGB member be appointed on an ad hoc basis as required. The NZGB noted that the Geographical Indications (Wine and Spirits) Act 2006 was passed in late 2016 and refers to the 1946 NZGB Act and that this will need to be amended.

#### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to advise the NZGB when the Geographical Indications (Wine and Spirits) Act 2006 is amended.*

## **22. Secretary's report**

#### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3039186).

**Cook Names:** The Secretary advised of a meeting with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage last week and that as part of the Cook commemorations, Gisborne District Council would be making a proposal to alter Poverty Bay to Turanganui a Kiwa, most likely for consideration at the NZGB's April/May 2018 meeting. The NZGB noted that it has also been asked by LINZ to look at Cook names and original Māori names at the landing sites of the waka that followed Cook, and consider making official or assigning new names to those sites. The NZGB noted that these names will go to the MNC first for recommendations. The NZGB noted that at its first meeting in 2018 the MNC will decide on a process for collecting original Māori place names and criteria. The NZGB noted that the Cook celebrations will begin in 2019.

The NZGB noted that Poverty Bay is a recorded name for the bay feature. The NZGB agreed that the government cannot influence the NZGB's decision making. The NZGB noted that while other Cook commemoration plans may be confidential, if it receives a proposal from Gisborne District Council it will be required to run a public consultation process. The NZGB noted that in terms of

completing the process in time for the 2019 celebrations, the proposal could be dealt with at its October 2018 meeting.

The NZGB noted that Maritime NZ had requested LINZ Hydro to produce a commemorative chart for the Cook celebrations. The NZGB agreed that this may be an opportunity to collect names and should be discussed further with the Secretariat.

#### **Action Required**

- *National Hydrographer to discuss commemorative chart names with the Secretariat.*

Ms Adrienne Staples and Mr Matanuku Mahuika left the meeting at 4.12pm.

Four NZGB members<sup>4</sup> remain, so a quorum is not met. However, no decisions are being made for the remaining Agenda Items.

**UNGEEN<sup>5</sup>:** The Chairperson advised that he and the Secretary had attended the UNGEEN conference in New York in August 2017, and that the NZGB's contribution is highly regarded. He noted that there had been considerable interest in the NZGB's approach to Māori place names, to the extent that he has been asked to contribute to lecture material. The Chairperson advised that at a follow up meeting with MFAT<sup>6</sup> he had sought its support on a number of matters including liaisons in Antarctica, with the United States of America, and other work the NZGB does that has an international connection. The Chairperson advised that MFAT are very keen to hear about the NZGB's work in the South Pacific, as well as its continued involvement with the United Nations and other international agencies.

The Chairperson noted that place naming in some circumstances is an international activity and the emphasis and speed the NZGB chooses to use for such activity needs to be considered in the context of building relationships with the countries concerned. He noted that the NZGB could look at building place naming capability in the context of the Pacific Charter if it agrees that this would add value to the greater cause. The National Hydrographer requested a copy of the NZGB's email to MFAT.

#### **Action Required**

- *Secretariat to provide the National Hydrographer with NZGB email to MFAT (Lauren Keenan).*

## **23. NZGB Relationships**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2971452). The Chairperson noted that the new Mahi Tahī agreement with TTWh<sup>7</sup> is working well and that this will provide a good conduit into mana whenua in terms of gaining knowledge about language, and story and place. The Chairperson noted that the NZGB has the potential to assist in revitalising the Māori language through its work.

## **Information, notes, general business**

## **24. Other Business**

### **NZGB Discussion**

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3041573). The Chairperson advised that he would be meeting as soon as possible with the incoming Minister for Land Information.

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<sup>4</sup> NZGB Members: Mark Dyer, Adam Greenland, David Barnes, Michael Roche

<sup>5</sup> United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

<sup>6</sup> Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

<sup>7</sup> TTWh – Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori



**Meeting dates**

The Secretary advised that NZGB's 2018 meetings would be likely to be held in April/May, July, and October. However, the NZGB may need more than one Treaty meeting. The Secretary agreed to circulate dates to check availability. The Secretary will schedule a date for the NZGB's strategic discussion.

**Action Required**

- *Secretary to circulate possible 2018 meeting dates to check availability.*

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their participation and contribution.

The meeting closed at 4.25pm.

Certified as a true and correct record of the meeting:

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Mr Mark Dyer, Chairperson

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Date