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For context please find a recent draft position paper from Te Rūnanga ō Ngāti Whātua that describes their aspirations for Awataha Maare.

We would also like to discuss communications LINZ have had with the Awataha Marae committee and the options that may be available with the property for the purposes of a Treaty settlement.

Ngā mihi,



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Yes though time options are limited.

David C and I can both do 10 .30 Thursday re at LINZ.

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Kia ora Bart

I am an analyst working on the Te Rūnanga ō Ngāti Whātua Treaty settlement negotiations, replacing Natasha Naus who is on maternity leave.

Are David and yourself available towards the end of this week to have a brief catch up on Awataha Marae? We are working towards a negotiation meeting on 13 December and would like to discuss how the Rūnanga's aspirations with regard to the marae might be addressed.

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## The Ngāti Whātua and Awataha Marae

03 November 2017

### BACKGROUND

1. A key driver for pursuing *tenure arrangements* for the area currently occupied by *Awataha Marae* is to ensure the provision of such facilities for the people of the North Shore.
2. Prior to 1989, Ngāti Whātua expressed support for a *community request* to establish a marae facility within the North Shore City environs.
3. Awataha Marae was established as a result of this community request and as a result of support from Ngāti Whātua kaumatua.
4. However, from that time concerns have grown within the community, particularly Māori, regarding the way the marae was being governed. One of the major concerns related to *hui mate - tangihanga* being relegated to a *restrictive activity* as opposed to being prioritised as a *supported permitted activity* by the governance body of Awataha.
5. In the period since establishment, such *defining marae activities* have yet to be held on the marae. This *state* has estranged the *community* from an active role with the marae.
6. The details outlined below **are not** intended to cover matters of a financial nature, including the affairs of such management to date, as Ngāti Whātua are only interested in Awataha Marae from a cultural standpoint, not a financial one.

### NGĀTI WHĀTUA ASPIRATIONS FOR AWATAHA MARAE

7. The community of the North Shore supports:
  - 7.1 a functional marae that provides a cultural base for North Shore residents with a particular emphasis on *hui mate – tangihanga*.
  - 7.2 a facility that promotes all things Māori in a social development context for all people – locally then globally.
  - 7.3 a facility that provides a base for commercial activity to boost social development, aligned to self-sustained outputs as well as outcomes.
  - 7.4 a forum where the whole community, Māori and others, address the cultural issues which concern all New Zealanders.
  - 7.5 a forum and facility that promotes unity of purpose and that creates harmony amongst people over successive generations
8. Ngāti Whātua wants Awataha Marae to fulfil its original purpose: to support the community's desire for a cultural base that supports and promotes the above functions.

## CURRENT SITUATION

8. There has been no increase of buildings since the Whare Hui was completed. The Kura Kaupapa has relocated and the remaining buildings are being used for training modules.
9. There are signs of land movement. Issues with facility sewerage and waste water lines from the marae require attention.
10. The *Hauora* building, which is on the Awataha Marae site, is being well used by the community especially since the addition of a dispensary to their services.
11. The *present* governing board have major plans for future development. However, much concern has arisen amongst community members who have attended presentations of such plans regarding the *perceived changes of function* for the marae facilities. There are concerns regarding the fact that the proposed development will result in the functions of the facilities being more commercial by nature rather than for the benefit of the community.

## TE WHĀNAU TŪ TONU Ō ORUAMO SOCIETY INCORPORATED

12. It has become evident that the current *Awataha Marae governing body* will not agree to changes *viewed mutually* as conducive to completion of the complex as originally intended.
13. Te Whānau Tū Tonu Ō Orumamo Society Incorporated is one group that supported the original intention behind the establishment of Awataha Marae. A majority of this group's members have been involved with Awataha Marae over time.
14. However, it is highly likely that this group will now pursue a proposal for the development of a further marae on another North Shore location essentially to set about *achieving what was originally intended for Awataha Marae*.
15. It is imperative that in the haste to create this *further option* that the *Awataha situation* is not left as a *festering blotch* upon the landscape already marked with the *footprints of perceived growth as well as well-being* in that same locality – a high number of which have indicators of negative contribution.

## CONCLUSIONS

19. It is absolutely paramount that this quest via the WAI 303 Treaty Negotiations be seen by all as an effort to enhance the objectives as well as the options set out in the original proposal to establish Awataha Marae. Ngāti Whātua, for these intents and purposes are **not** in the business of seeking any **exclusive arrangement** over this area.
20. *Completion of what was intended* is a very important headline for the iwi of Ngāti Whātua. The Māori community has been very clear over time on support for the completion of Awataha Marae with *conditions* (to promote community well-being).
21. It does seem that those *conditions* have remained *incomplete to date*. Therefore the focus has now intensified around the establishment of a further marae within the North Shore locality.



22. Ngāti Whātua supported the community request to develop a marae for the Awataha locality as a facility for Māori as well as the community with the priority activity being *hui mate - tangihanga*. This support has been compromised with the added complexity of the *creation of a grievance*.

23. That was never intended within the scope of support provided by those Ngāti Whātua leaders in that formative period. There is also the added expectation of *providing a response for a further marae*. The preference is to *re-group the original intent as far as practicable*. One option is to entrust the land-title.

**Tame Te Rangi**

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