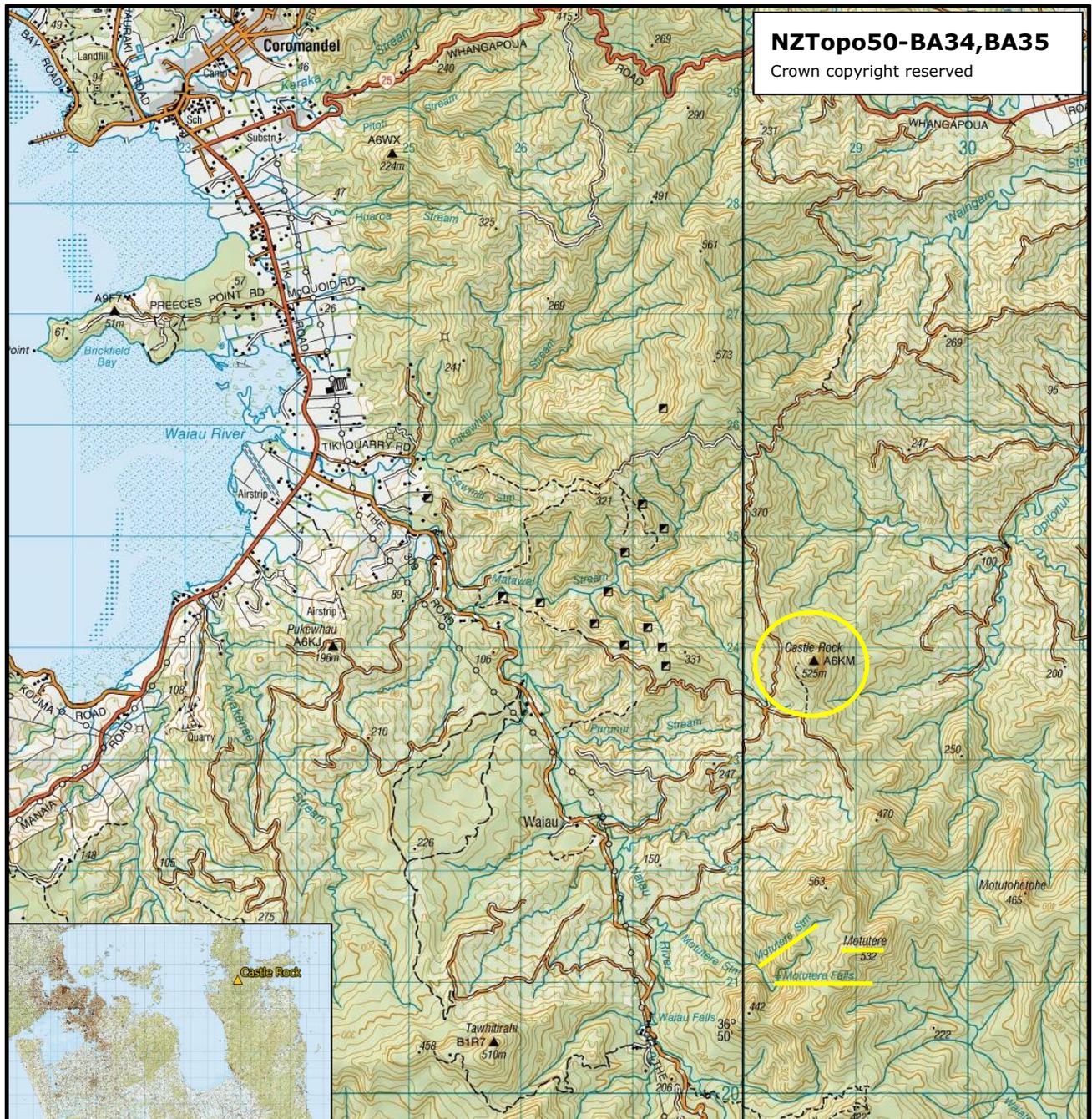


Report on submissions for Motutere / Castle Rock

[alteration from Castle Rock, recorded name]

MAPS¹



¹ Land Information New Zealand

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 18 May 2017 the NZGB agreed to accept a proposal to alter the existing recorded name Castle Rock to a dual name, **Motutere / Castle Rock**.

The NZGB received **17** supporting submissions and **one** objecting submission during the notification period between 22 June and 22 September 2017. Two supporting submissions incorrectly selected 'objecting submission' on the online submission form, but the content of the submission clearly supports the proposal.

The supporting submissions reaffirmed reasons the NZGB accepted for the proposal:

- to restore an original Māori name,
- the connection of the Motutere name to local and Ngāti Huarere identity,
- the dual name being appropriate as Castle Rock is a well known feature, recognising the equal significance of both names, and taking emergency services into account,

and also supported the name on the basis that:

- a dual name is in the spirit of Te Tiriti [The Treaty of Waitangi],
- the meaning of 'Motutere' is appropriately descriptive,
- no knowledge of names other than Motutere and Castle Rock being used for the feature,
- direct family connections to the land and feature.

The reasons provided in the objecting submission are that:

- the Marutuahu confederation are Tangata Whenua, based on conquest in 1600's, and no other tribe [ie Ngāti Huarere] has a valid claim to the area/feature/name,
- Motutere is not the original Māori name,
- The name '*shall be known as*' Ngututu / Castle Rock.

These 'objecting submission' reasons are not considered to outweigh the NZGB's original reasons for accepting the proposal for Motutere / Castle Rock based on:

- the NZGB having accepted documentary evidence that Motutere is the most appropriate original Māori name, and
 - the reasons cited in the supporting submissions.
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SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDATION

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- Recommendation 1 **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.
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SECRETARIAT ANALYSIS

DRAFT NZGB MINUTES 18 MAY 2017

'NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2853110). The NZGB noted the considerable ongoing discussion amongst overlapping claimants about this proposal and discussed the validity of deferring due to concerns that moving to the NZGB's standard process could inflame the situation. The NZGB noted the view that public consultation was unlikely to resolve the issue and would probably result in the matter coming back to the NZGB subject to confirmation by local iwi, for final decision by the Minister. The NZGB noted that Hauraki negotiations were due to be completed mid-2017. The NZGB agreed that it was not its role to consider political aspects of the proposal, that public consultation would allow all views to be brought to the table and that there was sufficient information to notify for three months. The NZGB noted the importance of the proposal to Ngāti Huarere ki Whangapoua Trust (WHkWT)



Resolutions

*That the NZGB agreed to **Note** the original proposal was to **alter** the existing recorded name Castle Rock to **Motutere**, however the proposer was happy with a dual name **Motutere / Castle Rock** based on:*

- *the need to avoid confusion with the nearby 'Motutere' hill, stream and waterfall names, and*
- *a desire to retain the existing recorded name Castle Rock, which has been named on maps and charts for 200 years, is a landmark for navigation and a well known iconic feature in the area, and is used for tourism and rock climbing,*

and

Accept the proposal to **alter** the existing recorded name Castle Rock to a dual name **Motutere / Castle Rock**, based on:

- *extensive documentary evidence that Motutere is the original Māori name for the feature,*
- *the NZGB's statutory function to collect original Māori names for recording on official charts and maps,*
- *a dual name being appropriate, recognising the significance of both names, to help identify the feature to emergency services and to reduce duplication with another 'Motutere' hill feature to the immediate south, and to distinguish it from the two other 'Motutere' stream and waterfall names,*
- *advice from NHkWT -that they were happy with a dual name,*

and

Notify as a proposal to alter for a period of three months in terms of s.16 of the NZGB Act 2008.'

NOTIFICATION

Advice to mana whenua that the NZGB would be publicly notifying the proposals

On 19 May 2017 the NZGB's Secretariat advised the proposer Ngāti Huarere ki Whangapoua Trust, of the NZGB's decision and that Motutere / Castle Rock would be publicly notified for three months.

Public notification

The NZGB notified that the proposal was open for submissions in:

- the *New Zealand Gazette*
 - the *Sunday Star Times*, *Coromandel Town Chronicle*, and *Hauraki Herald*,
 - on the LINZ² [Consultation](#) and [Facebook](#)TM pages, the New Zealand Government's [Consultation](#) page, and Te Puni Kōkiri's [events calendar Rauika](#),
 - media advisories.
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SUBMISSIONS

The NZGB received 18 submissions during the public notification period between 22 June and 22 September 2017.

The Secretariat has compiled a submission spreadsheet summarising all submissions.

Supporting submissions

The fifteen supporting submissions generally reaffirmed or expanded on reasons for the proposal to alter Castle Rock to **Motutere / Castle Rock**.

A submission from the original proposer included a photo of the feature, to possibly illustrate the meaning of Motutere - that the feature is like a 'floating island' when cloudy.

'Unclear' submissions

Two submissions selected the objecting submission option in the online submission form but the content of their submissions clearly indicates support for the proposed name Motutere / Castle Rock.

The two submissions are identical to each other, and mostly identical to other supporting submissions.

Objecting submission

The objecting submission was made on 27 August 2017:

'Tena koe we object to Ngati Huarere application for the name Motutere to be added .

It is our tribal area Ngati Whanaunga and Ngati maru also Ngati Hei the original name is Ngututu not Motutere meaning up thrust lips. Ngati Huarere did not give the name to this Maunga .we the people of the Marutuahu confederation are the Tangata whenua here for the Coromandel since Raupatu and conquests of the 1600s Ad

this is one of our Maungas here and no other tribe has a valid claim to it or to change its name the name shall be known as Ngututu /Castle rock .





² Land Information New Zealand

Secretariat's
comments on the
objecting
submission's
reasons

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- 1. Motutere is not the original Māori name**
 - 2. Marutuahu confederation are Tangata Whenua**
 - 3. The name should be Ngututu / Castle Rock**

The NZGB acknowledges that in many cases because of the layers (whakapapa) of history and occupation there may be multiple original Māori names for a geographic feature. The Waitangi Tribunal's Hauraki Report details the complexity of iwi relationships in the area.³

However, the NZGB accepted documentary evidence that Motutere is an original Māori name, and determined the name to be the most appropriate Māori name for the feature.

The objector has not provided additional material about the Ngututū name.

MEDIA

The NZGB released a general media advisory when consultation began on 22 June 2017. However, there has been no coverage of the proposal in the media, other than syndication of the media advisory.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. NZGB Proposal Report – 4 April 2016
2. NZGB Deferral Report – 18 May 2017
3. Copies of Supporting Submissions - 22 June to 22 September 2017
4. Copy of Objecting Submission - 22 June to 22 September 2017
5. Submission Spreadsheet – 22 June to 22 September 2017

³ [The Hauraki Report, Volume 1](#), Wai 686, Waitangi Tribunal, 6 Jun 2006