

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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RE: Conection to Oakura Seweage System

An assessment of Ngatiwai impacts was made and considers that there is no Ngatiwai impact arising from the application. However, due to the high number of archaeological sites within the proposed area, there is a likelihood that further sites or features could be found beneath the current ground surface. This application lies within the rohe of Te iwi o Ngatiwai. Ngatiwai Trust Board's Resource Management Unit, on behalf of iwi, considers ourselves to be an affected party to the application. The Unit recommends that the following consent condition be placed on the consent by Whangarei District Council with respect to archaeological or cultural sites:

- Initial earthworks for the amenities that are to be undertaken are to, remove topsoil to the subsurface layer to identify any possible archaeological evidence. A tangata whenua representative, chosen by Ngatiwai Trust Board, is to be present during this soil stripping in an observatory capacity.
- Should any archaeological or cultural sites be uncovered during the duration of the consent activity, works should cease immediately. Ngatiwai Trust Board the NZ Historic Places Trust must be notified of the find. Constructions within the affected area shall remain halted until the site is marked off and Ngatiwai Trust Board and the NZ Historic Places Trust have given their approval for works to commence.

Subject to these conditions being accepted, the Ngatiwai Trust Board RMU has no concerns regarding this application

I hope that this is sufficient for the continuation of the resource consent process and request that a copy of the consent report and decision is sent to us when it becomes available. Kia ora.

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