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Application Ref: GDC: DL-2023-112074-00, LR-2023-112076-00, LL-2023-112077-00, LV-2023-112078-00 BOPRC: RM23-0508-AP ODC: RC2024-04

TE ARA TIPUNA – APPLICATION AMENDMENT

On 26th March 2025, the Te Ara Tipuna Trust (the Trust) released a letter (attached) notifying submitters of the intention to amend its current notified resource consent application to shorten the proposed walking trail. This letter provides the Council's formal acknowledgement of the Trust's correspondence.

Effect of the Trust's amendment to the trail

The Trust's proposed amendment will have the effect of terminating the trail on the boundary between Gisborne District Council and Ōpōtiki District Council/Bay of Plenty Regional Council at the township of Potaka. A map of the reduced extent of the trail is appended to the Trust's letter.

The original application proposed a trail commencing in Gisborne and terminating at Ōpōtiki, passing through the rohe of Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāi Tai ki Tōrere, and Te Whakatōhea. The amended trail will be within the Ngāti Porou rohe only.

Current status of the application

The joint consent application has been through the public notification process and submissions have closed. The application is currently on hold while further information is being prepared by the applicant.

As noted in the Trust's letter, a formal amendment to the application and further information about the application is currently being prepared by the Trust and is expected to be lodged with Council by **11th April 2025**, after which a hearing will be arranged under the direction of the appointed hearing commissioner panel. Once the amended application and further information is received, it will be published on the Council's Te Ara Tipuna page on our website.



What does this mean for you?

Once the application is formally amended and you have had a chance to consider the amendment, you may no longer wish to continue with your submission.

If you would like to withdraw your submission(s), this will require you to write to Gisborne District Council referring to your submission(s) and advising that you wish to withdraw it. This can be done by emailing NotifiedRC@gdc.govt.nz. The Trust has also requested that you copy panui@tearatipuna.nz for its own records.

Withdrawing your submission will mean you will no longer be able to participate in the hearing of the application and you will not be able to appeal against the decision of the Council on the application.

Submitters do not have to withdraw their submission if they still wish to take part. Because the application was publicly notified, all submitters are entitled to participate in the hearing even if the trail is no longer proposed within the area where they live.

We will update you further once the amended application is received.

Please contact Council by emailing NotifiedRC@gdc.govt.nz if you have any questions about the proposal to amend the application, the submissions or the upcoming hearing.

Noho ora mai

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Attachment: Te Ara Tipuna letter dated 26th March 2025