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He iwi moke, he whanoke

Mauriora ki te rangi, ko Io Matua Kore Mauriora ki te whenua, ko tatau nga whakarerenga iho a ratau ma

Tena tatau katoa,

We write to acknowledge your submission to the Gisborne District Council (GDC) in relation to the Resource Consent Application for Te Ara Tipuna trail.

The Vision

Te Ara Tipuna was conceived as a possibility for the four lwi between Gisborne and Opotiki to strengthen our cultural connection and create environmental and economic opportunities for all - a gift of participation, not an obligation.

Ngati Porou has always been our focus, and we respect that Te Whanau-a-Apanui, Ngai Tai ki Torere, Te Whakatohea have their own priorities. We hope the vision of a continuous trail might be realised in the future - he hononga whakapapa.

Reducing the extent of the consent application to Ngati Porou rohe only

Therefore, we want to let you know that after careful consideration we have reduced the extent of our application to focus only on Ngati Porou, from Te Toka a Taiau ki Potikirua.

Further information on our application, including the reduced extent, is being prepared and will be provided to GDC in April to formalise this change. We anticipate GDC will make this information publicly available.

What does the reduced extent of the application mean for you and your submission?

If your submission related to whenua outside of the Ngati Porou rohe, this means that whenua is no longer included in our application.

If this change means you are no longer interested, we invite you to withdraw your submission. You can do that by emailing GDC at: notifiedrc@gdc.govt.nz and copying us into your withdrawal request at: panui@tearatipuna.nz. This will allow the process to be focused only on those submissions that relate to the Ngati Porou rohe.

Our team is reviewing all submissions and if you would like to discuss yours with us, please reach out on the above email address.

Kaati ra, nga manaakitanga na matau o te Poari,

Rei Kohere

Sir Selwyn Parata

1. Parate

Kylee Potae

Hekia Parata

Map

This is the reduced extent trail in **Ngati Porou** between Gisborne and Potaka.

