

Before the Independent Hearings Commissioners

Mai I Kā Kaikōmihana Motuhake

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter Hearing of the submissions and further submissions on the
proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan:
Hearing – Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori

**MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WAEWAE, TE RŪNANGA
O MAKAAWHIO AND TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE 37 –
REVIEW OF SASM BOUNDARIES
(Submitter 620 and Further Submission FS41)**

16 September 2024

May it please the Panel:

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This memorandum is provided on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, collectively referred to as “**Ngāi Tahu**”, in response to the topic ‘Review of Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASM) boundaries’ within Minute 37 from the Hearing Panel.

1.2 Minute 37 gave Ngāi Tahu until 16 September 2024 to respond to the matters it raised in relation to the topic ‘Review of SASM boundaries’.

2. REVIEW OF SASM BOUNDARIES

No changes to SASM Boundaries

2.1 The Hearing Panel accepted that it is for Ngāi Tahu cultural experts to identify sites and areas of significance to them. A number of submitters opposed particular Sites of Significance to Māori (**SASM**) contained within the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**), querying their location, extent or significance. Through the hearing process, cultural expert witness Paul Madgwick offered to have discussions with some of the submitters that presented at the hearing. A record of the subsequent discussions and outcomes is summarised in the table below. No changes to the location or extent of the mapped SASM included within **Table 1** were agreed to as a result of these discussions. A copy of all the letters provided are attached as **Appendix One**.

Table 1: Summary of response to spatial boundaries of specific SASM

SASM Number & Name	Submitter Name & Submission Point/s	Summary of discussion after hearing & outcome
SASM 6 Karamea (Pā Point) (Pā site, Kāinga)	Mary Stewart S222.001	Mary Stewart presented online at the SASM hearing on 30 April 2024. Mrs Stewart stated that SASM 6 should be removed from the TTPP as she considered there was nothing of significance to Māori in this area.

		<p>SASM 6 is located within the takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae. A letter was provided by Francois Tumahai, the Chairperson for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, to Mrs Stewart explaining why the area was culturally significant. The letter also provided a map which confirmed that Mrs Stewart's property was not located within the boundaries proposed for SASM 6. Mrs Stewart received an electronic copy of the letter via email.</p>
<p>SASM 42 Ahaura Township (Wāhi tapu)</p>	<p>Ken McTigue S551.001 & S551.002</p>	<p>Mr Madgwick spoke with Ken and Linda McTigue and explained why the area within SASM 42 was culturally significant. Ken and Linda McTigue sought written confirmation that there were no SASM chapter permitted activity rules within the proposed TTPP that would impact their property. SASM 42 is located within the takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae. A letter was provided by Francois Tumahai, the Chairperson for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, confirming there were no SASM chapter permitted rules within the proposed TTPP which would impact the property. Ken and Linda McTigue were provided with a paper copy of the letter on the day of the hearing and received an electronic copy via email.</p>
<p>SASM 79 Cashmere Bay, Te Kinga (Pā site)</p>	<p>Te Kinga/Ivea Bay Residents & Ratepayers Association S531.001</p>	<p>Te Kinga/Iveagh Bary Residents & Ratepayers Association had concerns that SASM79 may prevent their members and the general public from being able to continue to have public access to the boat ramp and surrounds at Cashmere Bay. SASM 79 is located within the takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae. A letter was provided by Francois Tumahai, the Chairperson for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, confirming there were no SASM chapter rules within the proposed TTPP associated with SASM 79 that would impact the ability for members or the general public to continue to access the boat ramp and the surrounds at Cashmere Bay. Te Kinga/Iveagh Bary Residents & Ratepayers Association were provided with a paper copy of</p>

		the letter on the day of the hearing and received an electronic copy via email.
SASM 218 Aromahana/ Cobden Island (Mahinga kai)	Grey District Council	Michael McEnaney who provided evidence for Grey District Council at the hearing stated that the Council was unaware of the cultural significance of Cobden Island to Poutini Ngai Tahu. Mr Madgwick spoke with Mr McEnaney and explained to him why Cobden Island was culturally significant.

Changes to SASM Boundaries and Revised Maps

- 2.2** For decision-making purposes, the Hearing Panel required confirmation from Ngāi Tahu of all agreed adjustments to mapped boundaries of SASMs that have arisen from responses to submitters at the hearing, with revised maps.
- 2.3** For mapping consistency reasons, Ngāi Tahu made the decision when preparing the SASM overlay for the proposed TTPP to map all waterways using the current river channels of today as opposed to the original channels (or those identified at the time of settlement).
- 2.4** Ian Stewart (S124.001) produced several archival maps at the hearing which demonstrated that the flow channel of the Taramakau River by their farm at Kumara Straight was diverted by the Kaniere Dredge back in 1981. Mr Stewart advised that the diverted section of river was never returned to the historic channel following the dredging. At the hearing, Mr Stewart sought that the line which depicted the Taramakau River (mapped as SASM 96) be amended so that the mapped SASM included the historic channel section of the river by their farm.
- 2.5** Ngāi Tahu is aware of the historic dredging activity and has compared the maps provided by Mr Stewart at the hearing against an earlier map of the Taramakau River which was produced in the early 1900's. The map from the early 1900's, also shows the historic flow channel on the section of the river by Mr Stewart's farm.

- 2.6** Ngāi Tahu are not opposed to the line depicting the Taramakau River (SASM 96) being amended within the section of river by Mr Stewart’s farm but note that this mapping approach isn’t consistent with the approach taken for the rest of this river.
- 2.7** Ngāi Tahu notes that the historic flow channel and the line currently mapped for SASM 96 are both located within the existing riverbed of the Taramakau River, consequently, amending the line in this section of the river is unlikely to impact any other landowners in the area. **Appendix Two** provides a map of the section of the Taramakau River by Mr Stewart’s farm and shows the current line mapped as SASM 96 in the proposed TTPP and the proposed amended line for SASM 96 to reflect the historic flow channel in this section of the river. A GIS file of the revised map for SASM 96 can be supplied on request.

Deletion and Amendment of mapped SASM

- 2.8** For decision-making purposes, the Hearing Panel required a response from Ngāi Tahu regarding the map provided by Peter Kennedy (S418.002) which indicated that the location of the Totara Flat Native Reserve is in a different location to the area mapped as SASM 36 in the proposed TTPP.
- 2.9** Ngāi Tahu have reviewed the map provided by Mr Kennedy and have also consulted their records and agree that the mapped location of the Totara Flat Native Reserve area in the proposed TTPP is incorrect. Ngāi Tahu consequently withdraw their further submission point (FS41.583) opposing the submitters request to have the area mapped as SASM 36 (Totara Flat Native Reserve) removed from the TTPP planning maps.
- 2.10** Ngāi Tahu have also reviewed the SASM boundaries for SASM 34 (Te Nikau Scenic Reserve) after hearing the evidence from C.E. & C.J. Coates on behalf of Nikau Deer Farm Limited (S145.003) and agree that the mapped location of Te Nikau Scenic Reserve in the proposed TTPP needs to be slightly amended to better reflect the situation. Ngāi Tahu consequently withdraw their further submission point (FS41.576) opposing the submitters request to have the area mapped as SASM 34 (Te Nikau Scenic Reserve) removed from the TTPP planning maps.

2.11 Ngāi Tahu understands that a future variation to the proposed TTPP is likely to be prepared. Ngāi Tahu will seek to have amended map locations for SASM 34 (Te Nikau Scenic Reserve) and SASM 36 (Totara Flat Native Reserve) included in this variation as per the proposed Method 2 of the SASM chapter.



Philippa Lynch

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Poutini Environmental

16 September 2024

APPENDIX ONE: Letters to Submitters prepared at the SASM Hearing



13 May 2024

Mary Stewart
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Karamea

Emailed to: mary.ada.stewart@gmail.com

Tēnā kōe Mary

RE: SASM6 – Submission S222

Thank you for letting us know about your concerns with the location of SASM6 on Māori Point Road, Karamea, at the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori hearing for the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) which was held on 30 April and 1 May 2024.

SASM 6 (at Māori Point Road/Pā Point) contained an historic pā site and kāinga/village, with 19th century maps recording this area as Māori owned land. I have attached a copy of a map obtained from the National Library for your reference. This map is recorded with Archives New Zealand.

There is a recorded New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) site located within SASM6 (site L27/5), which is recorded as a midden containing artefacts. This NZAA site was recorded within a schedule of the Buller District Plan which was prepared back in the year 2000. This site can be found in Part 14: Schedule of Historic Buildings and Sites of the Buller District Plan.

In addition, there are other recorded archaeological sites and recorded native reserves within the wider vicinity of SASM6 which provide context for SASM6. These records are consistent with our oral history for this area.

We have identified SASM6 to recognise the significant historical occupation of this pā and kāinga that collectively hold the memories, stories and traditions of Ngāi Tahu and early Māori. The SASM provides the ability for Ngāi Tahu whānui to have their connection to their ancestral lands recognised.

As outlined at the TTPP Hearing, Ngāi Tahu has confirmed the shape of SASM6 as part of our submission on the TTPP. A copy of this map is included with this letter for

your reference. The map confirms that your property at 39 Māori Point Road is not located within the boundaries we have proposed for SASM6.

Nō reira, mauri tū, mauri oho, mauri ora,

Nāku noa



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Information for Mary Stewart



SASM 6 (at Māori Point Road/Pā Point) contains a historic pā site and kāinga, with 19th century maps recording this area as Māori owned land. See map below. The map has been obtained from the National Library and is recorded with Archives New Zealand.

The map can be viewed more closely at:

Map - Karamea River, circa 1860s:
https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE33027282

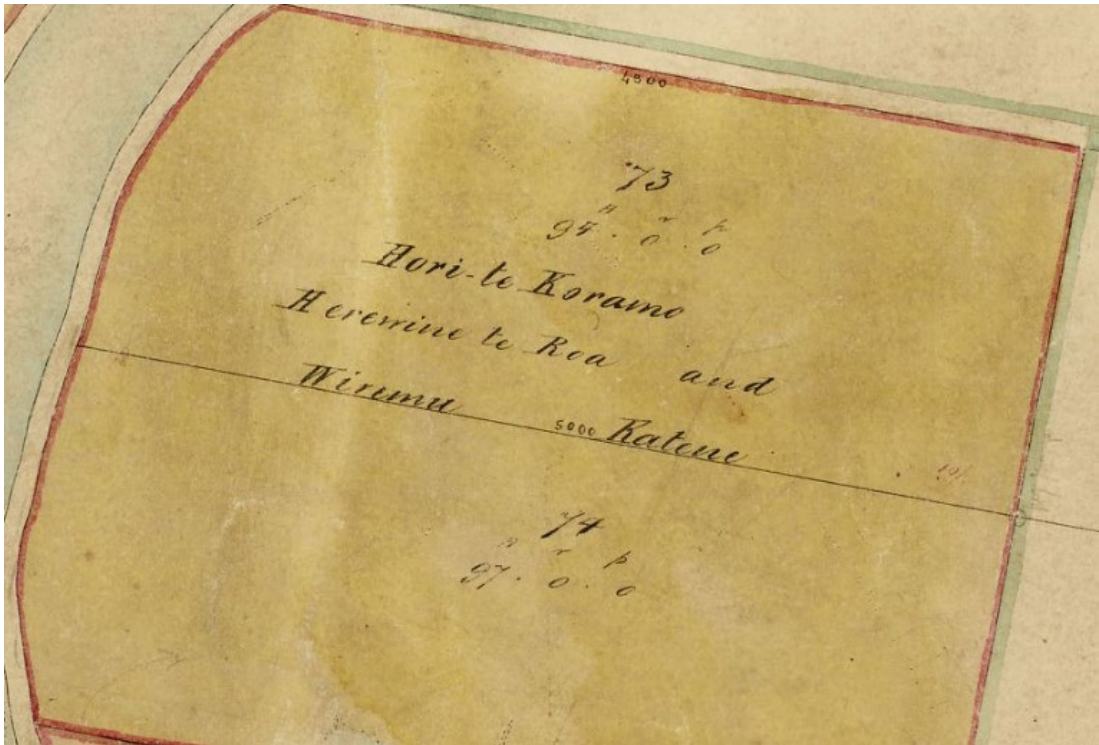
Below is a copy of the map:



I have zoomed in and rotated the map:



I have zoomed in and rotated the map to show you the māori landowner names:





30 April 2024

Ken & Linda McTigue
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Ahaura 7843

Emailed to: k.l.mctigue279@gmail.com

Tēnā kōe Ken & Linda

RE: SASM 42

Thank you for letting us know about your concerns with SASM42 at the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASM) Hearing which overlay your properties at SEC 390 Ahaura TSHIP BLK IV MAWHERANUI SD-SO116600 and SECS 389 Ahaura TSHIP BLK IV MAWHERANUI SD- SO 116600.

This letter is to confirm that there are no SASM chapter permitted rules within the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) that impact your property.

I am the contact for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae if any accidental discovery of Māori artefacts are found on the property. My phone number and email address are outlined below.

Nō reira, mauri tū, mauri oho, mauri ora,

Nāku noa

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30 April 2024

John Hanning
Secretary
Te Kinga/Iveagh Bary Residents & Ratepayers Association

Emailed to: j.hanning@xtra.co.nz

Tēnā kōe John

RE: SASM79

Thank you for letting us know about your concerns with SASM79 at the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASM) Hearing for the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan regarding ensuring your members and the general public will be able to continue to have public access to the boat ramp and surrounds at Cashmere Bay.

This letter is to confirm that there are no SASM chapter rules within the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) associated with SASM79 that will impact the ability for your members and the general public to continue to access the boat ramp and the surrounds at Cashmere Bay.

Nō reira, mauri tū, mauri oho, mauri ora,

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APPENDIX 2: SASM 96 Map

