

TAI POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE

Hearing of Submissions on the Proposed Te Tai O Poutini Plan

Recommendation Report of Hearing Panel

Recommendation Report: Outstanding Matters Supplementary Memorandum

HEARING PANEL

Dean Chrystal (Chair)

1.0 Introduction

1. The Hearing Panel have noted that an error in the Introduction and General Provisions Recommendation Report has meant that the joint response of Poutini Ngāi Tahu and Te Tumu Paeroa on the definition of '*papakāinga*' was not evaluated and did not therefore flow through to the recommendation on the definition in the Panel's recommendations. We consider this is a drafting oversight by the Panel that requires correction.

2.0 Discussion

2. The agreed definition of '*papakāinga*' relies on an associated definition of '*Māori land*' that applies when the term '*papakāinga*' applies. The Māori Purpose Zoned land specifically provides for '*papakāinga*' development (e.g. MPZ-P2).
3. The definition of '*papakāinga*' was the subject of submission from Te Tumu Paeroa (S440.001), opposed by Poutini Ngāi Tahu. A joint response was provided from Poutini Ngāi Tahu on 10 November 2023, as discussed in the Introduction and General Provisions Recommendation Report. That Recommendation Report contains a drafting error that has meant the Panel's evaluation and recommendation is missing on this definition.
4. The Panel accept that the definition proposed in the joint response of Poutini Ngāi Tahu and Te Tumu Paeroa (S440.001) is appropriate and we recommend it be adopted as set out below.

3.0 Recommendation

5. The Panel recommend accepting in part the submission point of Te Tumu Paeroa, S440.001, and correcting the notified definition of '*papakāinga*' as follows:

Papakāinga means a development on Māori land which provides residential accommodation, including communal buildings and facilities, for the benefit of members of Poutini Ngāi Tahu and others who whakapapa to Poutini Ngāi Tahu, and for the purposes of this definition Māori land includes:

- a. Land owned by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio or one of their holding companies;**
- b. Land gazetted or determined by order of the Māori Land Court as Māori reservation under s338 Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993;**
- c. Māori customary and Māori freehold land as defined in s4 and s129 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993; and**
- d. Any land where:**
 - i. A status declaration under the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967 was made converting Māori freehold land to general title, and where there have been no changes of ownership since the conversion other than to an owner's bloodline successor(s); or**
 - ii. One or more owners are able to provide written evidence of whakapapa to the original grantees of the land as confirmed by the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Whakapapa Unit or the Māori Land Court; or**

iii. the land is vested in a Trust constituted pursuant to Part 12 of Te Ture Wheuna Māori Act 1993 or a Māori incorporation constituted pursuant to Part 13 of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.



Dean Chrystal
Hearings Panel Chair

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