



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

Te 19 o kā rā o Whitu 2010

Secretariat
Māori Affairs Committee
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON 6011

Tēnā koutou e nā Rangatira

He mihi tēnei ki kā tini mate o te motu, mai i te Muriwhenua ki te Murihiku rātou katoa kua karakahia e Tahu Kumea rāua ko Tahu Whakairo ki te pō nui, tukuna rātou kia okioki rā i te moeka roa. E pōua mā, e tāua mā, haere atu rā, moe mai rā. Kāti rā, rātou ki a rātou, tātou te huka ora ki a tātou, tēnā anō tātou katoa.

RE: MARINE & COASTAL AREA (TAKUTAI MOANA) BILL

1. Ngāi Tahu acknowledges the efforts by the Government and, in particular, the Māori Party in recognising the injustice of the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 (the Act) and in moving to repeal and replace it. It is with significant frustration and disappointment, therefore, that we have to conclude that – while the Bill is different from the Act in a number of notable ways – the Bill will not make a difference to Ngāi Tahu, or most other iwi. Te Rūnanga maintains that the long-standing rights and interests of Ngāi Tahu in relation to the foreshore and seabed will be no more capable of being recognised and upheld under this Bill than they were under the Act.
2. Unless the Bill is substantively amended by the Committee to address these concerns, Ngai Tahu's position is that it should not proceed. While it has been suggested that Māori should support the Bill on the basis that it is the best thing available in the current political climate, Ngai Tahu takes a different view, as articulated by the Kaiwhakahaere in a speech to the Iwi Chairs' Forum on 13th November 2010:
If it takes another generation or more to rectify the injustice of the 2004 Act, we would rather our mokopuna took up the journey following in the million footsteps we all took to Parliament in 2004, rather than shouldering the burden of a history that alleges Māori support for a 2011 Act that is equally as unjust.
3. We urge every member of the Committee to take a stand against this Bill, in its current form. Not to do so will mean being named for posterity as being complicit in such an injustice.

4. Each of the 18 Papatipu Rūnanga members of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu requests the opportunity to appear individually before the Committee to speak to Te Rūnanga's collective submission and to put this into the context of the takiwā of each of our members.

Me mutu pea i konei.

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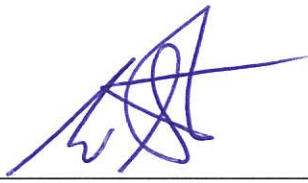
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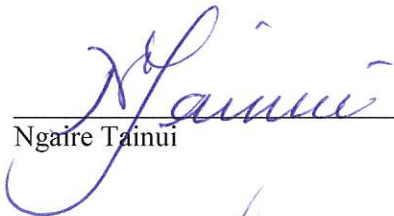
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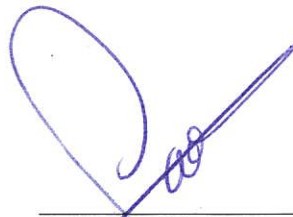
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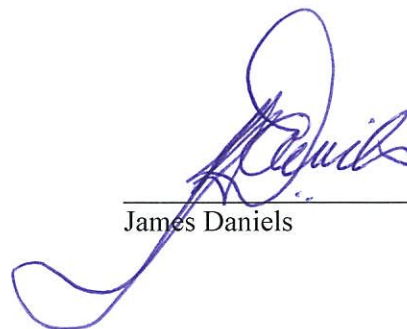
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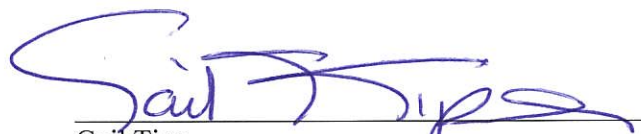
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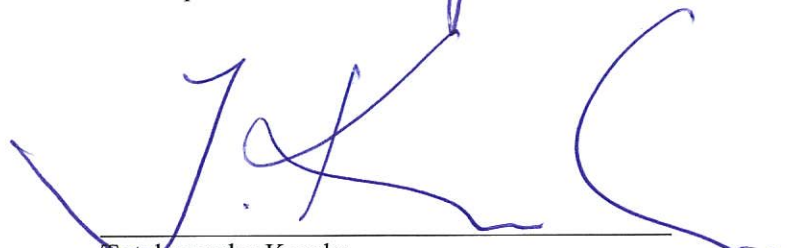
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