



**Mahaanui  
Kurataiao Ltd**

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Tēnā koe e tē rangatira Bill,

Mahaanui Kurataiao Limited is a resource and environmental management advisory company established in 2007 by the six local Rūnanga to assist and improve the recognition and protection of mana whenua values in their takiwā.

Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd has a general mandate to represent the interests of these Papatipu Rūnanga who hold manawhenua rights and interests over the lands and waters within their respective takiwā (from the Hurunui River in the north, to the Hakatere/Ashburton River in the south, and inland to Kā Tiritiri o Te Moana (the Southern Alps).

Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd also provides commercial planning and environmental services to private clients and the general public.

I am Kaihautū/CEO and have been in this role for 3.5 years. My whakapapa links me to all six Rūnanga that Mahaanui Kurataiao works on behalf of. My role is to lead the organisation and to ensure that all aspects of Mahaanui Kurataiao are aligned with our Ngāi Tahu values.

In 2015 both Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) and the six Papatipu Rūnanga submitted in opposition to the 2015 application for a global stormwater consent. In the intervening three years Christchurch City Council has engaged with the six Rūnanga through Mahaanui and has listened to and responded to concerns raised. Through a combination of changes to proposed consent conditions, change to the duration of consent sought, and funding of some independent water quality and mahinga kai expertise at Mahaanui, the Council has addressed the concerns initially raised by us to the extent that TRONT and Ngā Rūnanga do not oppose the amended application.

There are some gaps in the application and the Environmental Monitoring Programme about cultural targets and monitoring for them. I am satisfied that the proposed conditions of consent provide for those gaps to be filled appropriately when the newly funded position starts at Mahaanui next year.

This process has been a good example of how organisations such as Council can work with manawhenua to find a solution that works for both parties.

Heoi ano

Tania Wati  
Kaihautū/CEO  
Mahaanui Kurataiao