Submission to Environment Canterbury's 2019/2020 Annual Plan

Submission of Ōnuku Rūnanga
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Introduction

> Tēnei te ruru te kaukau nei
> Ki hai māwhitiwhiti
> Ki hai mārakaraka
> Te upoko nui o te ruru tere kau
> He po He po He ao
> Ka awatea
> Tehei Mauri Ora

Ngāi Tārewa and Ngāti Irakehu / Mana Whenua

Ōnuku Rūnanga is home to two hapū (sub tribes) of Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Tārewa and Ngāti Irakehu. Irakehu was the mother of many of the hapū and pā in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (Banks Peninsula). Ōnuku Rūnanga holds mana whenua over their takiwā which covers the Akaroa Harbour, surrounding coastal environment and hills as defined by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. Ōnuku Rūnanga have the responsibility to act as kaitiaki over these lands and are active in the environmental management of their takiwā.

Kaitiakitanga is fundamental to the relationship between mana whenua and our environment. Kaitiakitanga is considered an inherent responsibility which comes from whakapapa and is the act of safeguarding the mauri (life force) of the environment, and ensuring the environment is passed onto future generations in a state which is as good or better than the current state.

Submission Points:

- Ōnuku Rūnanga generally support the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy to create a rating area (including the Port Hills) to support the vision for a pest-free Banks Peninsula.

- We congratulate the Canterbury Regional Council (the Council) on its commitment to the Pest Free Banks Peninsula (including Port Hills) / Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Initiative.

- The vision for a Pest Free Banks Peninsula is aligned with the aspiration of our rūnanga to enhance the mahinga kai value of our takiwā which includes the enhancement and protection of native biodiversity.

Ōnuku Rūnanga does not wish to be heard at the hearing.