

ECAN HWRRP PC1 - Hearing  
MANA-WHENUA Cultural Evidence  
Cheviot Hotel, 22 October 2019

This cultural evidence on behalf of Te Runanga o Ngati Kuri (TRoNK), is in support of the Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu (TRoNT) submission re 'ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY (ECan) Hurunui Waiau River Regional Plan (HWRRP) Plan Change 1 (PC1)', 'to maintain or improve water quality and Mahinga Kai'.

E whakamoemititia ki a Ihoa e Ihu hei tautoko mai, Ae.

"There is a drop in the ocean everyone knows, but there is an ocean in the drop few understand" Maharaji

^Introduction: Ko Wai Au:

- My name is Nukuroa Tirikatene-Nash, born, schooled and raised in Cheviot 1973.
- I live on Opawa Bluff at Gore Bay, Coastal Cheviot township and area.
- I am a Ratana Morehu.

^Some positions I hold are:

- TNTR Runanga Trustee - Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust -TRoNK Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki
- TRoNK Runanga Representative - Ngai Tahu Farms Manawhenua Working Group -
- TRoNK Hurunui Waiau Uwha Zone Committee Runanga Representative.
- Gore Bay Board Riders President est 1991 -Gore Bay Surf Coaching

^Some Associations with, Values and Importance of the Waiau Uwha, Hurunui and Jed land, water and Mahinga Kai:

- I affiliate to both Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga (TNTR) and Te Runanga o Ngati Kuri (TRoNK) whom are Manawhenua and hold Rangatiratanga over the waters, land and air of the Hurunui to Waiau Areas.
- I descend from signatories of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (TToW), the North Canterbury Deed of (land) Purchase (NCDOP).
- I have Great Grandparents buried at Takahanga Marae in Kaikoura, Oaro, Homeview in Cheviot, Tuahiwi and our Whanau Urupa Te Kai a Te Atua in Kaiapoi.
- My GG Poua Teone Tirikatene B:1865 was a descendant of the early 1800's Maori Occupants of the Cheviot/Hurunui Area is the only local reference to key coastal Ingoa.
- My Great Poua (Teone's eldest son) Sir Eruera Tihema Tirikatene B:1895 (KCMG JP MP Ratana Minster) and his sons (the eldest Nukuroa my Poua B:1921) "used to ride from Kaiapoi to the Hurunui Mouth on horse back, weave baskets here, catch Paua, Koura, Fresh and Saltwater fish, all at certain times of the moon, then return the catch to family in Kaiapoi". They 'taught' a local farming family to 'fish by the Maramataka (Lunar Calendar)'.
- Since childhood my family and I have fished and gathered Kai from the following areas, until recently becoming more aware of polluted and dangerous Water Quality levels from the likes of Nitrates and Glyphosate in Water ways and on Lands in certain areas of our environment:
- Gore Bay and Port Robinson Paua - Mussels, Cockles, Cats Eyes, Karengo, Apples, Plums, Cherries, Grapes, Passion Fruit, Kawakawa, Aloe Vera.
- Jed River and - Tuna and Flounder (incl Motor bike eels).

Hurunui Mouth - Whitebait, Tuna, (pre 2010 dead eels on banks form low warm flow).  
-The pre Ngai Tahu tribe Waitaha surfed the North Canterbury Coast, I have also since 1984/85.  
-Many Prehistoric Maori and Pa Maori Archaeological Sites and Artefacts have been found and recorded between the Waiau and Hurunui and it remains significant ie See The Moa Hunter Period of Maori Culture by Roger Duff.

^Dis-Association - Land acquisition Impacts on Mahinga Kai:

- 1830's Kaiapoi Pa Attack - NT gather and defend Kaiapoi Pa, restructure.
- 1840 Treaty TToW - Rangatiratanga, Kaitiakitanga, Kotahitanga
- 1840 A record of 50 Pakeha Maori in NZ.
- 1843 Greenwood brothers squatting on Motunau
- 1846 Caverhill squatting on 30,000ac Cheviot Hills, the Outstation Retreat.
- 1848 CDoP
- 1850 First four Colonial boats arrived
- 1850 Weld and Clifford squatting on 51,000ac Stoneyhurst
- 1851 First Stock via Lyttleton at Stoneyhurst, sheep late via Kaikoura.
- 1854 Amuri Runholders active
- 1855 Robinson bought 84,000ac Cheviot Hills for a few shillings an acre
- 1857 NCDOP - Crown bought nearly 1/2 x Million ha, for 300p, Crown had presold 15,000p of Land, Cheviot Hills, Motunau, Stoneyhurst No Reserves.
- 1858 KDop - Crown bought nearly 1 x Million ha, for 150p, Crown had presold parts for 500+p in the Amuri Area.
- 1963 More than 660p spent on (4 abreast) Gore Bay Road
- 1865 Robinson awarded 250ac at Hurunui Mouth Swing Bridge
- 1868 16 x Fenton Reserves given to CDop, Not Incl Hurunui Mouth Fishing Reserve.
- 1893 Jed River blocked from trees and debris flooded Homestead Paddocks.
- 1890's First two (2) meetings of Cheviot Settlers at Kaiapoi, -? Hurunui River Flood, Swing Bridge broken (more than once), once washed 4km out to sea.
- 1991 RMA established, talk of Resources and Sustainable Environmental Development.
- 1998 NT Deed of Settlement - Aorangi/Mnt Cook was given back to NT, which NT then as a gesture of good faith returned shared management to the Crown Treaty Partners.
- 1998 Crown Apology to Ngai Tahu Mahinga Kai incl Place, Practice, Produce
- 2013 Hurunui Waiau River Regional Plan

^Important Cultural Values to consider.

- Kupu Maori ie Kaitiakitanga, Ki Uta Ki Tai, Mauri, Tikanga, Wai, Rangatiratanga, Mana.
- Ethical Management of Indigenous Knowledge.
- Importance of the DoP and Mahinga Kai in the Crown Apology to NT.
- Dis-association and Importance of People, Places and Practices.
- FRESH WATER -  
Rapuwai Water Seekers and Singers in University, NZ Water scientists Sentient being/Life, Dakota Relativity not Resource, VS Oxygen Air breathes life into Carbon Land wherever hydrogen water is present.  
VS (Phenomena, Quantum Physics, TempGrad, Molecular Flow & Form.  
Masaru Imoto (Molecular Reception).

Mnt John Star Ob (NASAs Ancient Water) Fresh Water ways function via a Full Hydrological Cycle, unrestricted flow and unpolluted form from Source to Sea (or if stops sooner naturally).

Healthy Fresh Water = Healthy Fresh Kai & Rongoa = Healthy Fresh People.

Currently I cannot take my daughter to gather Kai/Wai at these traditional places, she has only been Whitebaiting once in her near 5yr old life.

Important Cultural Values - Whanaungatanga (sharing of family values) and Manaakitanga (Sharing and Caring), as told to me by my Taua/GMother, "even if its only a glass of water, offer it, you may be entertaining angel.

In summary I hoped to highlight some history that has greatly dis-associated Ngai Tahu from local Land, water and Mahinga Kai areas and activities. It is hoped this plan change maintains or improves water quality and Mahinga Kai, and does not add to further disassociation.