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RE: Proposed Plan Change 17 (Awatarariki Fanhead) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan and Proposed Plan Change 1 (Awatarariki Fanhead, Matata) to the Whakatane District Plan

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Kia ora koutou

Thank you for providing a copy of the proposed plan change.

Te Runanga o Ngati Awa provided the attached letter in November 2017.

It appears the proposed plan change will achieve the outcomes we sought in our attached letter.

Please therefore receive this letter again – as a submission in support of the proposed plan changes – for reasons outlined in the letter.

TRONA also promotes with Councils their awareness and provisions for the reserve area in which koiwi recovered from the Matata area have been reinterred.



The reserve area is within the frame above. Ongoing management and monitoring of that reserve area will be required of Council. Council established the reserve for the purposes of re-interment of koiwi discovered in the area.

You will recall that the Pan-Tribal CIA we prepared for the Matata Lagoon Recovery Consents recommended that if there was a likelihood of more events like that which occurred on 18 May 2005, a sarcophagus or robust structure should be built at that reserve or the koiwi might be moved to Otaramuturangi Urupa east of the current Tarawera River mouth. A decision on this should be informed by advice from all the pukenga from iwi with relationships with the area and also with the Trustees for Otaramuturangi and the cultural advisors that supported WDC's establishment of that reserve below Awatarariki.

We promote with Councils their taking this matter of national importance into account – by providing appropriate wording into the proposed plan change.

TRONA does not wish to be heard, but will contribute advice if information about the reserve is required.

Due to a lack of capacity here, and in recognition of Local Government agencies responsibility to foster our capacity to contribute to its decision-making – we request a collegial conversation about the wording for the reserve area mentioned above – rather than being required to prepare and attend a hearing on that matter– please and encourage Councils to convene those people it needs to convene – to discuss the alternative identified above

Thank you so much

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