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Tēnā koutou Ministers

“Wainuiwhenua” at Paekākāriki – invitation to visit

Following the successful opening of the Transmission Gully Motorway, Greater Wellington is working with our mana whenua partner Ngāti Toa Rangātira, Kāpiti Coast District Council and the Wainuiwhenua Working Group to explore the future of land purchased for TGM, and likely to be declared surplus.

NZTA purchased a total 550ha of marginal farmland from the Perkins family in 2014, to enable the motorway to be built. Prior to that we understand the land was in private ownership since the mid-19th century and was therefore unavailable for consideration during the Ngāti Toa Treaty Settlement. Several blocks of publicly owned land in the vicinity, and one parcel underlying the motorway itself, were included in the Ngāti Toa Right of First Refusal schedule.


All partners – GW, Ngāti Toa, KCDC and the Wainuiwhenua Working Group – aspire for this land to be restored. Potential outcomes include a large area of reforested hill country, restored wetlands and waterways, recreational use in association with neighbouring public open space, small areas of social housing, a community-owned wind farm, and strengthened mana whenua of Ngāti Toa and local hapū Ngāti Haumia ki Paekākāriki.

We are currently exploring options by which the land may be transferred from the Crown into an ownership arrangement that provides for the public good, while supporting the aims and aspirations of our mana whenua partners. We believe Wainuiwhenua represents a “once in a

lifetime” opportunity to enhance environmental and social wellbeing at a time when both are under extraordinary pressure while enhancing the mana of all involved.

Ministers we invite you to visit Wainuiwhenua to see this opportunity for yourself and would be pleased to host you at a convenient time. Your office is welcome to contact Greater Wellington (helen.plant@gw.govt.nz) to arrange the details of a visit.

Ngā mihi



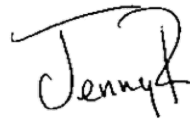
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