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### Resource Consent Application for Rainbow Mountain Renewable Energy Ltd

From Te Waiheke o Huka (Huka Falls) to the south, we extend east to our pouwhenua at Ngapuketerua beyond the Rangitaiki River, then northward across the plains of Kaingaroa to Wairapukao and further on to Pekepeke. From here we extend to our northern pouwhenua at Maunga Kakaramea, turning west to the Paeroa Range and on to Orakei Korako on the banks of the Waikato River, the birth place and principal papakainga of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa. From Orakei Korako we extend further west to Pohaturoa, an ancient pa site. These are the pouwhenua, the geographical marker points that describe the rohe in which Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is recognised as an iwi with mana whenua.

The Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (of which Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is an affiliate) has its origins in the settlement of historical claims for Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa (of which Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is also an affiliate). Under the Te Pumautanga Settlement Deed (11 June 2008), the Crown recognised the interests of Te Arawa River Iwi in the Waikato River and its environs, from Huka Falls to Pohaturoa. The Crown undertook to provide co-management arrangements in recognition of their interests, which were to be no less than those provided to Waikato-Tainui. This is formally recognised by the Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010.

The following is a map showing the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust area of interest which can also be found on the [Te Arawa River Iwi Trust website](#).



**Ka ora te iwi – Ka ora te tangata**

Also through Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa, Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whāoa is an affiliate to other settlement process within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council boundary including the Affiliate Te Arawa Iwi and Hapu Settlement Act 2008 and the Central North Island Forests Land Collective Settlement Act 2008.

Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whāoa take an active role in environment matters within their rohe through the Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whāoa Runanga Trust (the Runanga), who is the mandated iwi authority for the tribe. The Runanga provide this letter as evidence of support for the resource consent application Rainbow Mountain Renewable Energy Ltd. The Runanga has and will continue to engage with the applicant and have reviewed the draft assessment of environmental effects document that will accompany the application. Based on proposed activities included in the document and the ongoing engagement between our two entities we are in support of the application being approved subject to meeting all consent conditions set by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and/or the Rotorua Lakes Council.

Maunga Kakaramea (Rainbow Mountain) and its surrounding lakes and waters are of the utmost significance to the iwi of Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whāoa and we look forward to working with the applicant to ensure that our taonga is kept safe from harm during the development and then operation of this project.

The applicant has also been supplied with our accidental finds protocol in the unlikely event that kōiwi should be discovered during earthworks on the site (as noted in the AEE) and we request that this be made a consent condition on all consent applications granted.

Naku noa, na



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