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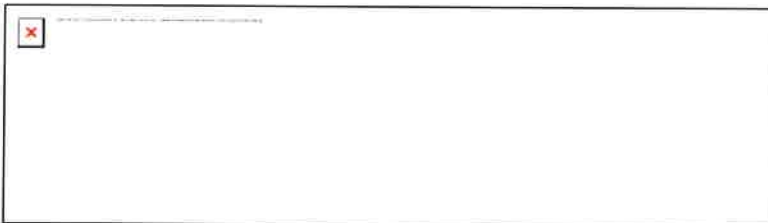
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When we were first consulted over the Summerset development at Boulcott we suggested that a Cultural impact assessment will be done. Reassessing the situation a CIA is not necessary provided our concerns are addressed during the earthworks stage.

This includes

- Accidental Discovery protocol
- Iwi monitor on site
- Stormwater management to protect Te Awakairangi from sedimentation.

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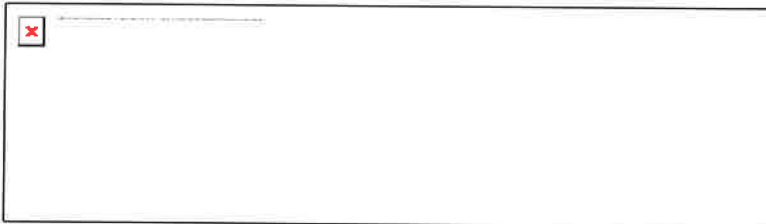
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I have included the comments for the earthworks application at Boulcott

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Introduction

Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangātira Incorporated is the mandated iwi authority for Ngāti Toa Rangātira and is the administrative body of iwi estates and assets. The northern most point of the Ngāti Toa Rangātira rohe encompasses Te Upoko o Te Ika or the bottom of the North Island and includes Te Tau Ihu or the top of the South Island. The purpose of this document is to identify potential adverse effects to Ngāti Toa interests as a result of this Resource Consent application. Ngāti Toa will approve the consent when the applicant has effectively avoided, remedied or mitigated any potential adverse effects. This can be achieved through consultation and the implementing of conditions/recommendations.

Application

Description of the application including

- **Name of applicant:** Summerset Group Holding Limited
- **Type of Resource consent:** Application to Undertake Earthworks
- **Location:** General Residential Activity Area, 32a Hathaway Avenue, Boulcott, Lower Hutt.
- **Triggers for Ngāti Toa interests:** Hutt River, Settlement Area, Battle Site

Concerns

The earthwork activities associated with this application have the potential to adversely affect the interests of Ngāti Toa. Of particular concern are the potential for culturally significant material being unearthed during excavations.

Another concern is the proximity of the works to the Hutt river and the risk of sedimentation from earthwork activities. Loss of vegetation in this area can also increase runoff and adversely affect the ecological value of the river.

Relationship

The Hutt River (Te Awa Kairangi) is of historical and cultural importance to Ngāti Toa Rangātira. The iwi claim an association with the Hutt River from the time of their participation in the invasion of the Hutt Valley during 1819 and 1820.

During that campaign, the taua marched around the western side of Te Whanganui a Tara, defeating the local iwi as they went. When the war party reached the Hutt River, they constructed rafts which they used to aid them in their invasion of the Hutt Valley.

Although Ngāti Toa Rangātira did not remain in the area after this invasion, the Hutt River continued to be important to the iwi following their permanent migration and settlement in the lower North Island in the late 1820s and early 1830s. The relationship of Ngāti Toa Rangātira to the Hutt Valley and River was not one defined by concentrated settlement and physical presence. Rather, the iwi felt their claim to the land was strong based on the powerful leadership of Te Rauparaha and Te Rangihaeata and the relationship they had with iwi residing in the Hutt Valley who had been placed there by Ngāti Toa in the 1830s. For some years these iwi in the Hutt Valley paid tribute of goods such as canoes, eels and birds to Te Rauparaha and Te Rangihaeata.

Ngati Toa Rangatira have a strong historical connection with the Hutt River and its tributaries, and the iwi consider that the river is included within their extended rohe and it is an important symbol of their interests in the Harataunga area.

Te Awa Kairangi was traditionally an area for gathering piharau, or the freshwater blind eel, as well as tuna (eel) from its tributaries. Harataunga also supported flax plantations, which were used by early Maori for trading with settlers. The River was also of great importance as it was the largest source of freshwater in the area. The river was also an important transport route, and small waka were used along the length of Te Awa Kairang (Ngati Toa Rangatira, 2012)i.

In May 1846 a force primarily comprised of Maori from other iwi attacked the Crown's military outpost at Boulcott's farm in Hutt Valley. Six Crown soldiers were killed. There is no evidence to suggest that Te Rangihaeata was there, although it is likely some of his section of Ngati Toa Rangatira were involved. Nonetheless, the Superintendent of the Southern District and others believed that Te Rangihaeata was responsible. The Superintendent proposed that Te Rangihaeata's settlement at Pauatahanui be attacked (Ngati Toa Rangatira, 2012).

Conditions and Recommendations

The following conditions and recommendations will help to avoid, remedy and mitigate adverse effects to Ngati Toa interests.

Recommendations

- Use of best practice for sedimentation control including sediment retention ponds and monitoring during rain events.
- Riparian planting and offset mitigation for the loss of vegetation cover

Conditions

- Accidental Discovery Protocol to be implemented during excavations.
- Iwi monitor on site during excavations.

Conclusion

The area that will be affected by this application is of great significance to Ngati Toa because of the iwi's association with the Hutt River and the involvement of Ngati Toa in the Boulcott skirmish. It is important that the applicant strives to address the concerns that have been raised. This can be achieved through implementing the recommendations and conditions that were previously mentioned.

The recommendations will help to maintain and enhance the natural ecology of the area including the wairua of the river. The conditions will ensure that any material of cultural and historical significance to Ngati Toa will be protected.

Acceptance of these terms will provide approval by Ngati Toa for the Summerset Earthworks application in Boulcott

Bibliography

Ngati Toa Rangatira, C. (2012). *Deed of Settlement*. Wellington: New Zealand Government.

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