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CULTURAL VALUES ASSESSMENT

Douglas Links Golf Course Project

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Introduction.

This Cultural Values Assessment (**CVA**) has been prepared to acknowledge Ngāti Kikopiri as mana whenua and kaitiaki of the takiwa between Ōhau River to the south and the Waiwiri stream to the north. As kaitiaki, Ngāti Kikopiri have the responsibility to represent their whenua and to protect taonga ensuring that any adverse effects are avoided.

This document is designed to capture and identify the values that are of top priority to Ngāti Kikopiri as Grenadier Developments lodge for Resource Consent with the Horowhenua District Council to construct the Douglas Links Golf Course.

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Background:

1. Grenadier Developments are seeking to purchase a 108ha property at 765 Muhunoa Rd West in Ōhau for the purpose of developing an 18 hole golf course named Douglas Links. The development will have capacity to host up to 40 guests per night in humble coastal batch- like accommodations. The facility is intended to be of world class quality sought out by golfers all over New Zealand and international visitors from numerous countries around the world.

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2. Ngāti Kikopiri are the kaitiaki of, and exercise mana whenua in relation to, the takiwa of the dune and wetland systems along the Waikawa Coastline.
3. Ngāti Kikopiri has the function of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) in relation to the resource which includes stewardship based on the nature of the resource itself.
4. The Owner of Grenadier Developments, Hamish Edwards will be applying for Resource Consent for the Douglas Links Development in December 2020. Should Resource Consent be granted in 2021 it is intended that construction will commence shortly thereafter with an approx 24month construction program.
5. Representatives from Douglas Links initiated engagement and consultation with representatives from Ngāti Kikopiri in July 2020 and have been in regular and constant communication leading up to the formalization of the partnership. A Memorandum of Understanding is being sought between both parties to accompany this CVA document which will support the Resource Consent Application.

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Principals:

Ngāti Kikopiri operate according to the following principles:

- A. **Whakapapa.** - to effectively represent all of the descendants of those with **whakapapa** to the Tupuna of Ngāti Kikopiri.
- B. **Kaitiakitanga.** - to exercise **kaitiakitanga** over the Ngāti Kikopiri takiwa.
- C. **Manaakitanga.** - to exhibit and exercise **manaakitanga** in relation to all descendants of Ngāti Kikopiri and those residing within the Ngāti Kikopiri takiwa.
- D. **Tikanga.** – to observe and honour tikanga maori with all customs and traditions.
- E. **Wairua.** – to respect and protect the **wairua** of all living things.

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- F. **Mauri** – the life force within all creations which bonds all elements within the universal process is defined as **mauri**.
- G. **Mana**. – the security and authority that Ngāti Kikopiri hold in their role as **mana** whenua.
- H. **Māramatanga**. – **māramatanga** is informed by the monitoring and surveying of the water bodies and to protect the collective cultural memory and knowledge of the Ngāti Kikopiri takiwa.

Definitions and Purpose:

Whakapapa:

- Whakapapa refers to the genealogical descent of all livings. Whakapapa or genealogy is a fundamental principle that permeates the whole of Maori Culture and Maori World View.
- Whakapapa not only connects people to one another but it also connects the people of Ngāti Kikopiri to the atua or natural deities, land and waterways within their rohe. It is from understanding all of these connections and where one is positioned within their whanau, that gives people a sense of their identity and place of being in the world.
- The Ōhau River and adjacent riverbanks, wetland and dune scapes have an important role in providing Ngāti Kikopiri with special spaces, sites and activities where their whakapapa connects with their ancestors. The people of Ngāti Kikopiri are able to connect with their whakapapa through recreational pursuits on the awa including through the practice of mahinga kai.

Whakapapa is respected and upheld through the acknowledgment of mana whenua status Ngāti Kikopiri has over their takiwa. This includes the land at the western end of Muhunua Rd West , the sand dunes along the coastline and the adjoining Ōhau River.

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Kaitiakitanga:

- Kaitiakitanga is to exercise guardianship and in relation to a resource which includes the ethic of stewardship based on the nature of the resource itself.
- Traditionally, kaitiaki are the spiritual assistants of the atua, including the spirits of deceased ancestors who are the spiritual minders of the
- elements of the natural world. These spirits descend from Ranginuietunei (the sky father) and Papatuanuku (the earth mother)to their off springs: the seas, sky, forests, birds and all other living things. This is inclusive of human beings who descend from Rangi and Papa and who have common ancestry.

Kaitiakitanga is be reflected in the restoration of the whenua or land with which the development will take place. Kaitiakitanga values can be expressed with acknowledging and celebrating the heritage of site through the ecological, cultural and historical significance of the Ōhau River and Waikawa Coast.

Manaakitanga:

- Manaakitanga is to exhibit and exercise the concept of hospitality in relation to all descendants of Ngāti Kikopiri and those residing within the Ngāti Kikopiri takiwa by mutual obligation.
- In broader terms, Tikanga tuku iho is the concept which encapsulates values and principles which underpin Maori social relationships and correct conduct.
- Related terms such as Hauora whanau, Social well-being are important aspects of Maori Health.

Ngāti Kikopiri understand, from the consultation with Douglas Links representatives to date, that authentic manaakitanga will be a core foundation experience for manuhiri visiting the area. As mana whenua, Ngāti Kikopiri would like to work with Douglas Links to ensure all people experience manaakitanga whilst visiting or staying in their takiwa.

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Tikanga Maori:

- The concept of Maori customs and traditions that have been handed down through the passages of time from our Tupuna.
- Tikanga permeates throughout all aspects of life and sets the codes of conduct for all situations from interacting with people, to gathering kai preparing medicines, constructing buildings, performing haka and guides Iwi in all aspects of life.
- Tikanga is a way for life to be passed down through whakapapa that uniquely distinguishes Maori and more acutely for the purpose of this CVA, Ngāti Kikopiri, from all other people.

Ngāti Kikopiri understands that Douglas Links intends to incorporate tikanga into the hosting experience at the golf course and accommodation. Ngāti Kikopiri request that full consultation, cooperation and inclusion on the execution of these concepts at the appropriate time.

Wairua:

- Wairua is the spiritual health, peace and safety of all living things.
- Wairua is the intangible qualities of the natural environment and those people that have in years passed, are today or will in the future, have connection with this environment.
- Wairua is everywhere, but is of special significance near water bodies. According to the Maori worldview, water is regarded as having the special function of being able to transfer character or quality. Hence the use of clean quality water from the local spring or awa is used for baptisms, blessings and for healing illness.

It has been acknowledged by Ngāti Kikopiri the significance of the Ōhau River. The role this awa provides for people with the enjoyment of activity, the gathering of kai, interaction with whakapapa and the connection with the spiritual past of Ngāti Kikopiri whanau.

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Mauri:

- Mauri is defined by the people of Ngāti Kikopiri as the life force immanent within all creations which bonds and drives natural systems.
- This life force is found in all places. It is the energy, the abundance of healthy oxygen, water, kai and spirit that influences the wellbeing of everything in that environment.
- The loss of mauri can occur through the discharge of pollutants and storm water into water bodies.
- Healthy mauri is evident when all living species have a healthy environment to grow and flourish.

Ensuring the quality of all practices near to any natural water body or in regards to any storm and waste water treatment on the site of the development prevents any depletion of mauri. This will protect and retain a healthy environment for both the kai species and bird life in the Ōhau River but also for all people in the Ngāti Kikopiri takiwa.

Mana:

- Mana is described as the security and authority that whanau and hapu of Ngāti Kikopiri hold as the result of their status as Mana Whenua.
- This is reflected in their Treaty right to tino rangitiratanga of taonga, which includes water bodies and fisheries.
- This mana is also the basis for the practice of kaitiakitanga or guardianship and the role of mana whenua in all decision making.
- Mana is reflected in the local society with influencing social cohesion and community strength.

Ngāti Kikopiri believe it is important that they are respected by being included in any consultation relating to matters that impact or give effect to the values of mana whenua.

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Conclusion.

In conclusion, Ngāti Kikopiri are grateful for the engagement, consultation and correspondence outlining the proposed Douglas Links Development. Ngāti Kikopiri acknowledge all of the communication that has taken place to date and appreciates the opportunity to provide a mana whenua cultural perspective and response.

The principles and values outlined in this CVA are of utmost importance to the people of Ngāti Kikopiri.

Ngāti Kikopiri seek the essence of whanaungatanga (the close kinship of close friends or family) or kotahitanga (unity) as Iwi partners as this project moves forward.

We confirm the ongoing relationship with Douglas Links representatives and support the process of lodging their Resource Consent Application. Ngāti Kikopiri look forward to a long term partnership with Douglas Links and the Edwards whanau.

Ngā mihi nui,

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