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RE: The renaming of James Road to Waa Hoterene Road

Tena koutou Councillors

I write this letter regarding the renaming of the road I live on in Matawaia, as above. This has caused a huge inconvenience to my whanau, the residence of this road.

None of the 11 residence of James Road consented to this change. My mother did not understand what she was signing at the time and only signed for me, as Kui Croft, as she thought she was signing to confirm, who lives there. Please also note that the page 36 signatory, on their application, does not live on James Road. The consent form he signed does not even contain an address. So, the applicant did not obtain consent from 85% of the residents. In fact, they did not obtain consent from any of us as per the FNDC Application Form for Road Renaming.

Further to this, my whanau and I, the residence of James Road, received no notification from FNDC regarding the renaming of the road.

The length of the name is also inconvenient when form filling. The amount of time to contact all manner of services to change postal addresses would be a complete nightmare with "on hold" times and all the repetitive explaining we would have to do. If we, the residence, are to go through this, then we would like the name to be more suited to us and our community.

James Road predominantly sits on our land, Block: Motatau 1C9A as shown on the attached maps. We pay the rates and maintain the majority of this road. The Family that applied to rename the road do not even live here, and probably never will as their block is very isolated and mostly planted in pine. They have a family trust for their Block: Motatau 1C9B1, but they never come up here. They can only access their land via our private part of James road or via the horse track through Raparapa Road below Matawaia School, though this has overgrown as no one is there to maintain it. We have an open gate agreement to allow them access to the cemetery they put on their land around 2012 where they have now laid 2 whanau members to rest. We have lived here all our lives and have never met the individuals that applied for the road renaming. It is only through this process that we have learnt that they have a whanau trust. Their whanau trust has nothing to do with us, or our land.

If our road is to be renamed, and we have the opportunity to contribute to that, then we would like to rename it to something that has meaning and whakapapa to us that live here and also to our community. We are proposing to rename James Road to Karawhe Road. Karawhe is the maori word for Croft. And comes down through my grandfather.

My grandfather Mau Karawhe is the tuakana (eldest) of the Tekau-i-mua line, one of two hapū in Matawaia, with the other being Ngatingaherehere. Tekau-i-mua refers to the number of generations back to Hineamaru. Tekau-i-mua was coined by my tupuna Tata and her husband Te Maunga. Ten generations from Hineamaru, Tata broke the pattern of male lineage. Below is that whakapapa.

Hineamaru = Koperu

Whee = Ketengako

Kawa = Kuiapo

Hingatuauru = Kaitakirua

Taratui = Te Ipu

Te Mahara = Kawa

Miringa = Mahuika

Atungia = Tiro

Turoto = Rihi

Marutehuia = Nihi

Tata = Te Maunga

|--Reta = Simeon Moran

|.....|--Te Ahi Kapura Mangu = Raiha (Hinū) Wiremu Kopa

|.....|.....|--**Mau Karawhe** = Tiho HenareTauteka

|.....|.....|.....|--Tahi Mau Croft

|.....|.....|.....|.....|--Miria-mae Croft

|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|--Norma Croft

|.....|.....|--Iro (Maraina)

|.....|.....|--Hare

|.....|.....|--Moengaroa

|.....|.....|--Wi

|.....|.....|--Ina (mate peepi)

|.....|.....|--Ina

|.....|.....|--Whareherehere

|.....|.....|--Kiri

|.....|.....|--Tangatakino

|.....|.....|--Tahuri

|.....|.....|--Murungahara

|--Rini

All of the Tekau-i-mua, come from Tata and Te Maunga, of which my grandfather, Mau Karawhe was the tuakana (eldest). He settled here in Matawaia and his whare, Pukatea, was used as the first marae in Matawaia, He was a prominent kaumatua of our hapu till his death in 1939. Pukatea is well over 100 years old and still stands today. Although it has no electricity, it's used by our wider whanau for holidays and get-togethers and also for whanau and community functions. This is some of the background of the Karawhe name that we have collectively chosen for the renaming of James Road.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Norma Croft

Attachments:

FNDC Application form for Road Renaming.

Supporting document from a Kaumatua/Kuia of Matawaia.

Consent form signed by all residents of James Road.

Signed consent from our neighbor whose land surrounds the council section of James Road.

Maps x3