

6 August 2020

Mr H Mihaka  
Taimai Tours Heritage Journeys  
95 Te Ahu Ahu Road  
Northland

Kia ora Hone

### **Container located on Ti Point, Waitangi**

In relation to the ongoing unapproved and illegal placement of the container (including deck) on Ti Point, Waitangi.

As you know this has and continues to be a contentious issue and one that we wanted to find a reasonable solution to. However, it is not going to be found on this site.

In coming to this decision, it is recognised that the container has been placed there for commercial use, i.e.: the location to operate your Taimai Tours business from and that there was not a formal request or approval given to have the container and deck located on this site.

Also, due to the COVID situation, it is acknowledged the tourism industry has changed considerably including the impact this is having and continues to have on the number of international visitors and cruise ships to the Bay area.

Discussions with Chris Galbraith - Far North Holdings Ltd, Belinda Ward – Chair BOI-Whangaroa Community Board and Kaye Lethbridge – Legal Services concerning the impact of COVID and the recent PGF announcements also highlighted possibilities concerning your operation including the availability of funding to support those in the tourism industry affected by COVID etc.

As such and as per the Local Government Act s163 Removal of works in breach of bylaws and s164 Seizure of property not on private land, Council requests that the container and deck be removed by 1 September 2020.

Should these items remain in place after this date, Council may instruct a company to remove these items at a cost we would seek to recover.

The Mayor and CE Office have been briefed on this matter. Ngati Rahiri Maori Komiti and other complainants will also be updated.

I strongly suggest you continue discussions with Chris Galbraith and Belinda Ward about the other opportunities we have identified however, the container and deck must be removed as the date noted above.

Council staff will monitor the progress of this removal process and are able to offer advice where appropriate.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me on 0800 920 029.

Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nina Gobie', with a decorative flourish underneath.

**Nina Gobie**  
**Team leader - Facilities Operations**

Cc:  
Glenn Rainham, Manager Infrastructure Operations  
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Belinda Ward, Chair BOI-Whangaroa Community Board  
CE and Mayoral Office, Far North District Council  
Ngati Rahiri Maori Komiti