

**From:** [Desiree Witehira](#)  
**To:** [Selina Topia](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Peras Road Waima Road Sign Name - URGENT  
**Date:** Wednesday, 3 February 2021 3:45:25 PM

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Kia Ora Robyn and Selina,

I trust you are well.

It has come to my attention and that of my whanau in Waima (the Wharerau whanau) that there has been a notion to change our road name from Peras Road to Pera Road. I am the chairperson of Matetera marae (that belonged to my koro Raniera Wharerau). I live at 7 Peras Road Waima. I stopped in to the Far North District Council office in Kaikohe yesterday afternoon after i finished work with my mother Mary Harris. I have documents from the Department of Internal Affairs for the naming of Peras Road that have been given to me by the Wellington Archives which i gave a copy to the woman at reception yesterday to pass onto the right person within the council that deals with these matters.

Peras road was given that name out of respect to my Great, great grandfather Aperahama Raniera Wharerau who is the son of my Great, great, great Grandfather Raniera Tangaroa Wharerau who was a chief of Te Mahurehure Waima. Koro Raniera Wharerau was one of the first councillors on the Hokianga County Council back in the late 1800's with the likes of Yarborough, Maning etc. He also was a big part of the land claims for the Hokianga and was a leader for Te Kotahitanga movement and represented as the chief not only of our hapu in Waima of Te Mahurehure but he was also elected to represent Hokianga with other chiefs such as Re TeTai, Mohi Wikitahi, Moetara etc and other significant rangatira and also elected to represent our iwi of Ngapuhi to see the king and queen of that time in Britain over Maori land.

Koro Aperahama is a son of koro Raniera Wharerau and karani Amiria Wikitahi and he farmed the whenua along Peras Road and prior to it being gravelled it was his roadway to get to his dairy farm that he made with his tractor. Our Wharerau whanau are well aware of this knowledge and own whenua right along Peras road amongst other places throughout Waima as was passed down through generations by our tupuna.

Our whanau don't appreciate the name of Peras Road being changed to Pera Road and would like it to be changed back to it's original name of Peras Road to respect our tupuna of Te Mahurehure.

We were not advised or made aware that the council were going to change the name and would appreciate your speediest reply.

Raniera Tangaroa Wharerau married Amiria Wikitahi

Their son Aperahama Raniera Wharerau married Ruima Morunga

Their son Penikera Aperahama Wharerau married Hira Hohepa

Their daughter Adelaide Atarangi Wharerau married Te Rangimarie Harris

Their daughter Mary Dianne Harris married Paul Witehira who had me.

My mother and i along with my brother's lived in koro Aperahama and karani Ruima Morunga homestead in Waima opposite the road from where we live now at 7 Peras Road Waima.

I would appreciate your speediest reply.

Nga mihi nui,

Desiree Witehira-Harris

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**Date:** Wednesday, 3 February 2021 11:48:45 AM

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Kia ora.  
Tenei whakapapa O Wharerau

Raniera Tangaroa Wharerau married Amiria Wikitahi

Aperahama Wharerau married Ruima Morunga

Ben Penikera Aperahama Wharerau married Hira Hohepa

Àdelade Wharerau married Te Rangimarie Harris

Ko Mary Diana Harris ahau

My mother Àdelade Wharerau is the potiki of her whanau. However she was the one given the land at Waima owned by my grandfather Ben Penikera Aperahama Wharerau the matamua of Aperahama Raniera Wharerau children. I live at 7 PERAS road with my daughter and her family.

My uncle Rameka Wharerau has said the road sign name remains as it is called. PERAS Road. My uncle is our kaumatua for the Wharerau family. We are haukainga. Everyone along our road and whanau living else where who are descendants of Aperahama Raniera Wharerau agree to leave the road name as is. If u want hui with us please inform me date time place.

Nga mihi