

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Ko Mihimarino Te maunga  
Ko Te wai Kau Kau a Kiritapu Te awa  
Ko Pahaoa te Marae  
He uri whakaheke tika ahau  
Na WiRepa  
Na Romeo WiRepa  
Na Richard WiRepa  
Ko Raymond WiRepa ahau  
Kia ora tatou

My submission is that Council should retain the reserves to ensure the use of the beach for everyone.

If the Crown believes Te Whanau a Apanui has suffered a grievance and in settlement of the grievance that land should be transferred. I suggest the Crown finds other coastal reserves for transfer rather than Lot 66 and 80 where the potential for creating grievances is significantly increased.

We don't understand why the descendants of the original owner ( Romeo WiRepa) have been sidelined by a process that only recognises Iwi and Hapu. That may be a Crown restriction but it doesn't mean Opotiki District Council should blindly adhere to it. Your first responsibility is to your district and it's communities and Whanarua Community is one of those communities.

Within the lot 80 reserve there is an Urupa. This site as identified in the map supporting the WiRepa family trust and beachfront property owners easement agreement over lot 75 and it should be surveyed out as separate title and only this should be transferred to Iwi to recognise the Tapu nature of the site. The remaining Lot 80 should stay as a recreational reserve under ODC management and ownership.

We believe there should be vehicle weight and size limits on the lot 66 accessway to ensure the road is protected.

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