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Subject: Submission: Te Arawhiti and Te Whanau a Apanui joint request Opotiki district reserve land
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Please find enclosed my submission to the Te Arawhiti and Te Whanau a Apanui joint request Opotiki district reserve land as it relates to the Whanarua Bay area.

My Submission:

I cannot support the proposal 'Te Arawhiti and Te Whanau a Apanui joint request Opotiki district reserve land' as it currently stands with relation to the Whanarua Bay area.

There is still the outstanding issue of Vehicle Access to effectively land locked lots within the bay as well as general public vehicle access issues to the foreshore. It is clear that any movement on the transfer of any parcels of land out of Council control will likely further complicate and/or jeopardise the successful resolution of this issue.

Given the Council has been aware of this issue for many decades, and it still remains unresolved, I do not believe the Council has the financial resources, nor the ability, nor the will, to make any progress on this. I think the Council should admit this to itself and seek external assistance to expedite a resolution.

I believe it is the council's duty to resolve this long standing issue prior to any potential transfers taking place. Any transfers at this stage would be unjust and inequitable for Whanarua Bay property owners as well as the general public.

Regards
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