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**Name** Jason Kurei

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**Support or oppose** Oppose

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**Reasons for support or oppose** I'm a victim of an agency with power removing my culture using legal avenues and legislation. It is no secret and very widely recognised to say that this has caused intergenerational harm on me and my whānau. In fact harm has been caused to many others and their whānau, hapū and iwi. Horses are an indelible feature of this town and moreover a culture that is significantly recognisable not only locally but nationally. The Ōpōtiki horse whānau are well known for their expertise, skill and love for horses. Taking this culture away from the town, is a repeat of the colonial terrorism of 1865 and subsequent years, albeit passively. My people were removed from this town/rohe and herded to the Ōpape reserve, is this a repeat of the past. I think yes. For those reasons I oppose the amendment in support of a thriving and beautiful culture.

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**Wants to Speak to submission/feedback** Yes

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