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Comments These reserves should be returned to the hapu as in most cases they were appropriated by the council under threat of confiscation for non-payment of rates.

With regard to the financial upkeep of those reserves, council should still be financially accountable for them as hapu people as well as landblocks of the hapu that these reserves are in are significant ratepayers ,for example;

The Maraetai reserve lies inside the Te Ehutu hapu. This hapu must contribute significantly to the rates in the area as within its boundary lies at least 5 kiwifruit blocks 2 nursery's, 2 shops, as well as other businesses and private homes that all must contribute handsomely to the rates.

These rates derived from the this hapu should be used to upkeep this hapu's reserve and not some rose garden in Opotiki that very few if any Te Ehutu hapu person avails themselves of.

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