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Comments HOANI WAITITI RESERVE OMAIO

To whom it concerns

I was born and raised in Omaio and spent my early childhood, formative and adult years growing up in Omaio.

I still live in Omaio, in the hapu of Te Whanau a Nuki (Ngati Horowai)

The whenua and reserve, has always been well utilised by our local hapu and whanau.

It has also been used as a camping ground and for day trippers to stay for short and sometimes long stays.

I prefer to dwell on the here and now for this reserve and the Kerei whanau will always belong, our shared whakapapa is our strength.

It is my belief that this whenua should be handed over to the local hapu to manage and utilise as best as possible in whatever way is culturally sensitive and in a conservative restorative process. By this I mean, looking at protecting the environment by way of restoring natural native and fauna to the reserve, possibly creating walkways and story telling sites.

I would also love to see our nearby URUPA extended to accommodate our whanau who not only live locally but those who still choose to come home for there last hoorah.. The urupa is generally used for hapu (Te Whanau a Nuku) however we have also welcomed many others to lie in rest.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter
