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Comments The proposal conditions for council to vest ownership of coast reserves seem to be at odds with the settlement process. As I see it, if ownership is to be vested in Te Whanau a Apanui Iwi then that should include all maintenance of council facilities currently housed on said reserves and public access will be at the discretion of the landowner. There is no current issue with public access and yet this poses significant risk to the landowner, who may be considered a PCBU by Health & Safety regulations and Covid 19 measures that may require closure of reserves to manage overnight and long/short term camping. The recent exodus of Aucklanders pre lockdown is an example. If public access is not controlled we may see community transmission of Covid with devastating effect on our local population. Te Whanau a Apanui Iwi is perfectly capable of maintaining access and facilities without conditions. As a duly elected member of the Coast Community Board I make this submission to facilitate a wider discussion in this matter. Also, every effort should be made to consult with former owners and establish the context of how ownership came to be in council hands originally as part of that discussion.
