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**Comments** Kia Ora

My name is Simone Goldsmith

For Longer than I have been living my whanau have been journeying to Whanarua bay.

We have developed a deep; respect, love, and understanding for this place. We visit as often as we are able. We come to enjoy the simplicity of life, the peace, to engage in that which surrounds us. It is the place where my parents came for their honeymoon, where I hope to go for mine.

We tread lightly when we come. Leaving only footprints in the area surrounding. Encouraging the native ecology by trapping pest and building nesting sites (for the Korora). Respecting the gathering limits so there is always some for the future. We acknowledge and respect the wahi tapu sites as they are noted by fencing and signage. We contribute to the local community by supporting local business, maintaining infrastructure and paying rates. Many of us would love to live full time at Whanarua bay, but employment opportunities are limited, so this is our compromise.

The balance at Whanarua Bay has always been a delicate one. We are very aware of the wide range of personalises and lifestyles on the coast and in our community and work to be respectful and find compromise in sharing the area. Some people have histories involving illegal activities and aggression. Most recently while down the bay a member of the local hapu verbally abused my-self and friend, as his dog bit my soon to be mother in law, while we were walking along the beach on lot 80 (council reserve, known locally as the third bay). This is a place we have been going to all my life and my mother's all her life. We were told we were not allowed there as it was his area. It is a major concern to us that changing the current access will increase these unfounded incidences of aggression.

We support the need for the government to resolve its obligations to Te Whanau O Apanui. However the section of land (lot 66) which is currently the only access into the bay is not appropriate be used for settlement. This is not the only section of land in the area which the council holds title of there are many other options available which should be further explored. We are not the Historic government who were responsible for failing in their obligations to the people at the time. It is unreasonable that we as a community should bear the burden of their failings.

Nor is the current council that historic government, but the responsibility of

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resolving the issue has fallen to you. The decision you make regarding this seemingly small area of land will have a monumental impact on the Whanarua Bay community and could potentially leave us access-less, landlocked. Your decision will control whether we will still be able to get to this place which is so dear to us, where legally we have a right to access for those with property, where as a community for both people living here or contributing we have had access since the community was established.

As a final plea to councillors we ask that this last piece of access to Whanarua bay is left, and another piece of land is given to settle the issue. So that we, our community is not cut off; from a place that is so important to us, from our property, and from the Moana.

Nga Mihi  
Simone

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