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My name is Sharyn WiRepa and I will begin my submission by telling my story.

In 2010 my husband and I were on holiday in New Zealand and he took me to Whanarua Bay to show me where his Whanau were from. When we returned to our home in Australia just by chance we happened to look online at realestate in this area when we came across a block of land that was for sale which was once owned by my husbands grandfather (Romio WiRepa) It just seemed like fate and we had to have it.

My husband had given me 35 years of his life living in my birthplace so I decided I would return the gesture and it would be a great thing to retire in New Zealand We both agreed that if we didn't go to New Zealand our Tamariki and Moko would never know their heritage.

We have now lived in Whanarua Bay for 7 years. We have 3 Tamariki and 8 moko and they love coming to visit this wonderful place. My husband is currently going to Te Reo classes so he will be able to pass on language as well as his family history to his moko.

Our children will become Trustees of lot 67-74-75 in the passing of their Aunty.

Their have obviously been a lot of mistakes made when the subdivision of Whanarua Bay was put in place but we can't change the past only go forward and make things better for everyone in the future.

Whanarua Bay has grown to be a great little community to live in. We all want the same thing and that is access to be able to get to the beach for all recreational activities.

Therefore my submission is that Council must keep lot 66 & 80 to secure this for all ratepayers and residents of Whanarua Bay and this will help to resolve the ongoing issues with the Hapu.

We do recognise the Urupa site and it should have its own separate title.

Regards  
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