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Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi
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Tēnā koe,

RE: Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. support of Ngāti Pāhauwera Customary Marine Title Application

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) **acknowledges and supports** the customary marine title application by Ngāti Pāhauwera. NKII is a mandated iwi organisation and recognised under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004, and supports all tāngata whenua of Ngāti Kahungunu, mai i Paritu tai atu ki Turakirae and their endeavours to have their mana, rangatiratanga and customary rights particularly to their Marine and Coastal Area appropriately recognised and provided for.

NKII has invested a considerable amount of time, resources and energies in understanding and drawing together the history, korero and aspirations of Ngāti Kahungunu. The Marine and Coastal area application by Ngāti Pāhauwera (the application) has significant alignment with the *Ngāti Kahungunu 25 Year Vision* (the Vision) and strategic direction of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. Specifically, 'the Vision' includes the protection of our cultural landmarks and 'the application' supports this vision. 'The application' also aligns with *The Kahungunu ki Uta, Kahungunu ki Tai Marine and Freshwater Strategy* by demonstrating the mana of tāngata whenua and local management in accordance with tikanga.

NKII supports 'the application' however; NKII maintains that overall the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (the Act) impinges upon and does not do justice to the rights and interests of Ngāti Kahungunu. Ngāti Kahungunu whānau and hapū have never relinquished their rights and interests to the Marine and Coastal area. Customary rights existed prior to the establishment of 'the Act' which effectively removed the long standing traditional and customary rights of tāngata whenua and offers to re-write these rights and interests, in part only.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated are available to support 'the application' in person. For any enquiries regarding this letter of support please contact Dr Adele Whyte Kaiwhakahaere Matua/Interim Chief Executive adele@kahungunu.iwi.nz.

Nā māua,

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CC. Ngāti Pāhauwera; Te Whanganui a Orotu Taiwhenua; Wairoa Taiwhenua, Maungaharuru-Tangitu Incorporated