



7 December 2023

File Ref: OIA 47881

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### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 26 October 2023. You asked for the following information:

1. *"Any documents in the form of applications and registrations for funding and supports, whether submitted through a collective or individually, regarding [Waiomatatini A5 land block](#), also known as Porourangi Pā, also known as Porourangi and Waiomatatini Marae.*
2. *This request also includes any supporting documents attached to the above request, including whom submitted them, and whether or not they were granted or declined.*
3. *This request also includes any work alongside other agencies such as DIA (Department of Internal Affairs), MPI (Ministry for Primary Industries), and CIP (Crown Infrastructure Partners). In particular, the Rural Drinking Water Drinking programme, Oranga Marae and WAS programme.*
4. *This request also considers all of the above whether or not Waiomatatini A5 (or its other names) is the subject independently, or is part of a collective seeking the above supports. This may look like the block/marae being included through a Māori land collective/cluster or Iwi rūnanga.*
5. *This request considers any activity that suits the above that has occurred in the last 20 years.*
6. *Lastly, if any of the above information can't be provided, could you please highlight why this is."*

Your request has been partially transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs in respect of Oranga Marae and the Rural Drinking Water Programme as these parts of your request are connected more closely with the functions of this department.

On 31 October 2023 you clarified your reference to "WAS" was to *"a programme that took place when the Whenua Māori Service was set up. It might have been called the Whenua Advisory Service? There were numerous land blocks from Te Tairāwhiti that were part of it."*

On 21 November 2023, we wrote to you to advise of an extension to the time available to reply to your request. This extension was made in accordance with section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and was required to allow time to complete the consultations necessary to make my decision on your request.



Te Puni Kōkiri

MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Act.

Appendix A sets out the information identified as being in scope of your request, and my decisions with regard to the release of the information. This information consists of summary project descriptions drawn from our contract management information system about projects relating to Waioamatatini A5 land block, Porourangi Pā, or Porourangi and Waioamatatini Marae. This includes instances where another entity acted as an umbrella organisation. This information is provided to you as Appendix B.

The projects for which information has been located relate to the period 2010-11 (with one exception addressed below). The original applications and any supporting documents that may have been attached to the applications for this period have been unable to be located after a thorough search.

I therefore regret that your request for the applications, and any supporting documents that may have been attached to the supporting documents, is therefore refused in accordance with the Act on the following ground:

- *Section 18(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

An application by Waioamatatini Marae to the Marae Digital Connectivity initiative in 2021 is provided as Document 5. Personal telephone numbers and email addresses have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. The outcome of this application was that the connection was completed on 21 April 2021.

In making the decision to withhold information, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at [oia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:oia@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

Grace Smit

Hautū, Te Puni Rangapū ā-Rohe me Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Regional Partnerships & Operations

Appendix A – list of information within scope of request

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	14 April 2010	Regional Marae Taonga Conservation Strategy – summary information	Released in full (provided as Appendix B)
2.	13 August 2010	Ngāti Porou Renewable Energy – summary information	Released in full (provided as Appendix B)
3.	4 October 2010	Te Wiwi Nati Hui Taurima – summary information	Released in full (provided as Appendix B)
4.	20 May 2011	Wiwi Nati Marae Cluster – summary information	Released in full (provided as Appendix B)
5.	3 February 2021	Waiomatatini Marae application to the Marae Digital Connectivity project and advice about outcome of project	Released with certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a)

## Appendix B: Summary information about projects

Project Title	Date	Summary information	Kaitono	Total Amount Approved	Total Amount Paid
Regional Marae Taonga Conservation Strategy	14 April 2010	Tairāwhiti Museum was funded to consult with 60 Tairāwhiti marae to devise regional strategies to address taonga conservation, restoration and management in the Tairāwhiti region. These marae included the Wiwi Nati Marae Cluster.	Gisborne Museum of Art & History t/a Tairāwhiti Museum	\$150,000	\$150,000
Ngāti Porou Renewable Energy	13 Aug 2010	To assist Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou on behalf of Pākihiroa Incorporation, Wiwi Nati Marae Cluster (Porourangi, Te Horo, Tikapa, Tinatoka and Kakariki Marae) and Radio Ngāti Porou to scope an alternative energy project to sustainably manage energy efficiencies. This project will undertake a feasibility investigation to develop a Strategy; Remedial Plan, Communication Plan, Business Case and Project Management Framework, to research and detail the energy needs of these groups.	Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Te Wiwi Nati – Hui Taurima	4 Oct 2010	Funding support to assist Wiwi Nati to strengthen and coordinate kaumatua participation at the Ngāti Porou hui Raurima and Ngata Lectures. This assistance was to allow Ngāti Porou kaumatua living in Wellington for the past 40 years to return to their roots and pass on mātauranga to the youth in te reo, tikanga and mātauranga o Ngāti Porou.	Te Wiwi Nati	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Wiwi Nati Marae Cluster	20 May 2011	To assist Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Porou to facilitate addressing governance and management arrangements for the Wiwi Nati Marae Cluster that represents Porourangi, Te Horo, Tikapa, Tinatoka and Kakariki Marae from the Waiomatatini Valley.	Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

# MARAE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

## CONSENT FORM

We 9(2)(a) (Name of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee) and  
9(2)(a) (Name of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee)

Responsible Trustees of Waioamatatini AS (name of Trust) have the authority and mandate to act on behalf of our Marae Trust for Waioamatatini (name of Marae) and Marae address 1519 Waioamatatini rd of Marae and agree to participate in the Marae Digital Connectivity project.

We understand that by signing this Consent Form:

- Our Marae is a willing participant in the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
- We will complete Stages 3 and 4 of the Assessment for eligibility;
- We will be required to provide permission and access to our land to Service Providers to complete the necessary work to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
- In giving access to Service Providers, we will be allowing access to Marae buildings to install the necessary hardware equipment to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project;
- Contact details for our nominated contact person will be provided in the Survey. The nominated person will be the primary contact for the Marae concerning the Marae Digital Connectivity project and will engage and interact with Government officials and Service Providers;
- We understand after installation of the equipment and the connection we will be responsible for the management of the equipment.
- We understand after the 5 year term there is no guarantee of ongoing subsidised funding connection costs.

### PRIVACY ACT 1993

The personal information you provide as part of this Consent Form will be used only for the purposes of the Marae Digital Connectivity project, including internal reporting and monitoring.

Your information may be stored in cloud storage and accessed by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment ("MBIE"), The Provincial Development Unit ("PDU"), Te Puni Kōkiri ("TPK") and Crown Infrastructure Partners ("CIP") in order to process your application.

If successful, your information may also be passed onto Marae Digital Connectivity project Service Providers in order to complete the Marae Digital Connectivity project.

You have the right to request access to your personal information, and to have your personal information corrected.

### Signatures and Contact Details

Please confirm your agreement to your personal information being collected and used for these purposes by signing below. Please send the completed Consent Form to: [maraeconnectivity@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:maraeconnectivity@mbie.govt.nz).



**Te Puni Kōkiri**  
 MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT



9(2)(a)

Trustee one: 9(2)(a) (printed name)

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: 9(2)(a)

Dated: 03/02/21

Signature: 9(2)(a)

Trustee two: 9(2)(a) (printed name)

Phone number: 9(2)(a)

Email address: 9(2)(a)

Dated: 03/02/21

**Trust-nominated Contact Person Details:**

- ☒ This person has been nominated by the Marae Trust, and;
- ☒ Will be the primary contact for the Marae Connectivity project, and;
- ☒ Will engage and interact with Government officials and Service Providers.

Contact Person Name: 9(2)(a)

Address: 9(2)(a)

Post Code: 4082

Phone Number: 9(2)(a)

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: 9(2)(a)

Preferred Contact Method: EMAIL / PHONE (delete that which does not apply)



# MARAE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

## Social and Cultural Readiness Survey

Please confirm by ticking the following. Our Marae:

- ☒ Is a place where business activities or skills development will lead to improved employment opportunities for your community
- ☒ Has a stable governance structure and membership
- ☒ Buildings are fit for purpose and the facilities are safe and healthy
- ☒ Is easily accessible by road
- ☐ Is involved in activities such as Te Kōhanga Reo, Papakāinga, Kura Kaupapa and/or Kaumātua flats

Please provide the full address of your Marae:

Address: 1519 Waionatani road  
Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: Ruatoria.  
Post Code: 4082

### Privacy

The personal information you provide as part of this Survey will be used only for the purposes of considering your Marae eligibility and the Marae Connectivity Digital project, including internal reporting and monitoring.

Your information may be stored in cloud storage and accessed by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment ("MBIE"), The Provincial Development Unit ("PDU"), Te Puni Kōkiri ("TPK") and Crown Infrastructure Partners ("CIP") in order to process your application.

You have the right to request access to your personal information, and to have your personal information corrected.

