

IN THE MATTER OF

The Karaponga Hydroelectric Power Scheme Re-consenting Project for Karaponga Hydro Ltd

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Consultation with the Ngati Rangitahi Raupatu Trust Incorporated listed as an Affected Party.

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Dated 17th December 2015

1. Te Timatatanga / Introduction – poetic identification - Whakapapa

Ko Tarawera te Maunga	Tarawera is our ancestral Mountain
Ko Te Awa o Te Atua te Awa	The Waters of the Gods are our river
Ko Te Arawa Te Waka	Te Arawa is our ocean going canoe
Ko Rangitahi te Tupuna	Rangitahi is our eponymous ancestor
Ko Tangihia te Tangata Whenua	Tangihia are the people of the land

2. Tangihia Hapu

The Tangihia Hapu are the Tangata *in* the Whenua of the Matata Coastal area from the Mouth of the Waitahanui Stream in the West to Walkers access Road in the East. Our ancestors arrived on the Te Arawa Waka on the beach at Kopua Kuku (just to the East of the present day Matata township) in 1350 AD and we have maintained Ahika in the Matata Coastal area ever since. It is our ancestor's bones that are buried in the Matata Coastal area – as our bones will be and those of our future generations.

3. Objection

Unlike Ngati Awa, Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau and Ngati Makino, Te Mana are **not** an Iwi Authority and have **not** been awarded Statutory Recognition over streams and rivers in their settlement Deed. Nor are they Tangata **In** the Whenua – hence our **objection** to Te Mana being one of the groups that Karaponga Hydro Ltd are **required** to consult with.

4. **The Ngati Rangitihi Raupatu Trust Incorporated**

The Tangihia Hapu is represented by the Ngati Rangitihi Raupatu Trust Incorporated (the Trust). The Trust was instigated by the Ngati Rangitihi Kahui Kaumatua in 2009 to be the representative entity for settlement of the Ngati Rangitihi Whanau, Hapu and Iwi Claims.

The Trust represents the Tangihia Hapu. The Trust became one of the Maori groups and organisations that form the Mataatua District Maori Council branch of the New Zealand Maori Council in 2015. As such the Mataatua District Maori Council has the statutory role to represent Maori and local government authorities have the statutory obligation to engage with the Mataatua District Maori Council on matters affecting Maori. Hence this document is written on behalf of the Mataatua District Maori Council, the Tangihia Hapu and the Ngati Rangitihi Raupatu Trust Incorporated.

5. **The ownership of Water**

Ngati Awa and Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau and Ngati Makino have all settled their historic claims **full and final** with the Crown and while they have statutory recognition over beds of rivers and stream beds in their respective settlements – but **none** were awarded the **ownership** of the water in the lakes, rivers and streams in the district.

6. **The National Water and Geothermal resources Claim.**

The New Zealand Maori Council obtained a finding from the Supreme Court that Maori own water. The National Water and Geothermal resources Claim (the water Claim) is currently before the Waitangi Tribunal which the Tangihia Hapu is a party to the proceedings.

The second stage of the Water Claim Inquiry involves the allocation of the ownership of water to **Hapu**.

The Tangihia Hapu through whakapapa connections has interests in water and geothermal resources inland as far as National Park and includes the **water** in lakes, rivers and streams in the Tarawera River Catchment. The allocated ownership interests will be held by the Ngati Rangitihi Raupatu Trust as the representative entity for the Tangihia Hapu.

7. Notice of intent

As the representative of the Tangihia Hapu our Trust believes it is only fair to **hereby give notice** to Karaponga Hydro Ltd (the company) that it is the intention of the Tangihia Hapu that the **ownership** of the water in the Karaponga Stream will be part the of the waters allocated to the Tangihia Hapu by the Tribunal because this may impact on the business of Karaponga Hydro Ltd in the future.

8. Consultation

The Ngati Rangitihi Raupatu Trust is listed as an affected party for consultation by Karaponga Hydro Ltd. The application for re- consent is substantive -necessitating the Trustees engaging the services of consultants -Tangihia Consultants and Associates Ltd for their assessment of the cultural impact of the Karaponga Hydroelectric power scheme.

9. The primary concern

Nationally Long finned eels are in serious decline - the primary cultural concern identified by the Consultants relates to the fish passage to allow migration past the Dam structure (3.9 of the Application). It is expected that adult long finned eels would be able to successfully migrate down or around the Dam on their way to the sea. However it is expected that elvers in particular migrating upstream from the sea are likely to miss the entrance to the fish bypass and would tend to gather aimlessly at the base of the Dam.

10. The Trust considers the conditions of consent 6. requiring Karaponga Hydro Ltd to hang spat ropes down the front of the Dam (within one month of re-consent being granted) may help climbing elvers and fish to migrate past the Dam.

Conditions of Consent

11. **Submission #1**

That it be made a **Condition of Consent** that in addition to installing the spat ropes to assist climbing species - that Karaponga Hydro Ltd also install the channel as discussed with Mr Berryman to assist the migration of fish and elvers.

12. **Submission #2**

That it be made a "Condition of Consent" that the Mataatua District Maori Council branch of the New Zealand Maori Council is notified immediately by Karaponga Hydroelectric Ltd on the accidental discovery of Koiwi, archaeological sites or artefacts.

Te Rapopototanga / Conclusion

13. The Mataatua District Maori Council, on behalf of the Tangihia Hapu and the Ngati Rangitihī Raupatu Trust resolve that the Karaponga Hydroelectric Power Scheme be Re-consented **on condition that** Submissions 11. and 12. (in this document) are included in the "**Conditions of Consent**" by the Consent Authority.

Naku noa, na

David Potter



For and on behalf of the Mataatua District Maori Council, the Tangihia Hapu and the Ngati Rangitihī Raupatu Trust Incorporated.

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CULTURAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT

OF

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

FOR

KARAPONGA POWER LTD

OF

BRAEMAR

PREPARED FOR:
JAMES BERRYMAN
OF
KARAPONGA POWER LTD

PREPARED BY:
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

FOR:
TE MANA O NGĀTI RANGITIHI TRUST
MATATĀ

9 DECEMBER 2015



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for contacting Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (TMoNRT) concerning the renewal of RCA applications 024433, 024434, 024435 & 024437 for Karaponga Power Ltd at 80 Symond Road, Rotoma, which is due to expire on 31 March 2016. Thank you also for conducting the site visit on the 3 September 2015.

TE MANA O NGĀTI RANGITIHI TRUST

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (TMoNRT) is a Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) established as a Common Law Trust to administer assets derived via the Central North Island Collective Settlement (CNI). TMoNRT is also a Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) recognised by the Crown to represent Ngāti Rangitihi in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty claims for and on behalf of the Ngāti Rangitihi iwi.

The Trust Deed Mandate for TMoNRT (in addition to exercising stewardship over the CNI settlement seeks to ensure that:

- Ngāti Rangitihi is enabled to flourish in perpetuity, supported by their unique self-determining capabilities
- The mana of the iwi is upheld, developed and organised
- The iwi resource are identified and optimised
- The survival and growth of the iwi is enabled (including: cultural, economic, social, spiritual, environmental and political survival and growth)
- The iwi whanau support networks which are developed and maintained; and
- The iwi members capacity to be self-reliant is enhanced

TMoNRT regularly works alongside its neighbour iwi and local, regional and central authorities in social, cultural, environmental and economic matters.

IWI ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) awarded TMoNRT the Nancy Northcroft Planning Practice Award: Supreme Practice Award for TMoNRT – Iwi Environmental Management Plan, May 2013.

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TMoNRT was also the recipient of the Best Practice Award: Non Statutory Planning for the Iwi Environmental Management Plan, May 2013.

Te Mahere ā Rohe mō Ngāti Rangitahi – Ngāti Rangitahi Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) was lodged with the Whakatāne District Council (9 February 2012), Bay of Plenty Regional Council (23 February 2012), Rotorua District Council (April 2013) and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council (February 2014).

The Plan can be viewed at www.ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz

KAITIAKITANGA

The Plan recognises kaitiakitanga (active guardianship) and the duty of Ngāti Rangitahi to sustain the mauri of natural and physical resources and; to protect and preserve conservation values within the areas of cultural significance to Ngāti Rangitahi, consistent with S5 (c) and s7(a)(aa) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act).

The Bay of Plenty Regional Water and Land Plan (2008) asserts that failure of iwi or hapū to protect, restore, maintain and enhance mauri through the practice of kaitiakitanga, has the potential to adversely affect the relationship of iwi or hapū with their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu and other taonga (part II, para 1). The Bay of Plenty Regional Water and Land Plan (2008) also identifies that Maori cultural values should be assessed on a case by case basis in association with the damming of water (Part II, S5.2, issue 35, para 1(e)).

The Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement 2010 (RPS) supports the implementation of policies and objectives from Iwi Environmental Management Plans. The RPS asserts that Iwi Environmental Management Plans can assist authorities with understanding their obligation under Part II of the RMA 1991, and that a precautionary approach should be taken to activities with potentially significant adverse effects on ancestral effects on ancestral taonga (Policy IW8D).

CULTURAL EFFECTS

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The Karapango Stream (also known as Karaiwhango Stream) is an area of interest to Ngāti Rangitihi. In close proximity is Pukeroa, an ancient settlement of Ngāti Rangitihi. The Karaiwhango Stream feeds into the Mangaone Stream which ends up flowing into the Tarawera River. The Tarawera River is a taonga (treasure) of the Ngāti Rangitihi iwi.

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

It is understood that Karaponga Power Ltd are applying to renew their current consents to Dam water (024433), Take surface water (024434), Discharge water to water (024435) and Discharge water to water (024437) upon the Karaponga (Karaiwhango) Stream.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust have reviewed the current consents in their entirety and the Hydro Ecological Report by Sight Consulting, noting that opportunity exists to provide simple improvements to enhance fish passage over the dam and consider that there are no adverse effects upon the environment.

CONCLUSION

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust does not want to hinder economic progress and therefore accepts that the renewal for continued operation of the power scheme to continue and that the renewal application will not interfere with the cultural spatial characteristics of the landscape and waterways. Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust also accepts that there is no variation to the existing consent so therefore Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust accept and support this application.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Nga mihi

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NGATI TUWHARETOA (BOP) SETTLEMENT TRUST

PROTOCOLS

for the

ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY OF

KOIWI OR OTHER TAONGA

**Karaponga Hydro Limited
AGREEMENT: November 2015**

1. *Unearthing of Koiwi or other Taonga*

The following procedures will be adopted in the event that koiwi, taonga or archaeological features are unearthed or are reasonably suspected to have been unearthed during the course of operations.

- (i) The On-Site Supervisor will have initial control of and responsibility for all Taonga or archaeological features (excluding koiwi) contained in the discovery area and shall ensure that the provisions of the Protected Objects Act 1975 are complied with. The On-Site Supervisor will also be responsible for notifying the Historic Places Trust as soon as reasonably practicable of any discovery.
- (ii) Immediately it becomes apparent or is suspected by workers at the site that koiwi, taonga or archaeological features have been uncovered, all activity in the immediate area will cease.
- (iii) The plant operator will shut down all machinery or activity in the area immediately, leave the area and advise the On-Site supervisor of the occurrence.
- (iv) The On-Site Supervisor shall take steps immediately to secure the area in a way that ensures that koiwi, taonga and/or archaeological feature remain untouched as far as possible in the circumstances and shall notify the Site Manager.
- (v) The Site Manager may authorise minor works to secure the site and to ensure that the site does not pose a health or safety risk to members of the public or other persons who may have access to the site. Best endeavours shall be used to seek to ensure that any such work shall not further damage or disturb any koiwi, taonga or archaeological feature which has been uncovered.
- (vi) The Site Manager will immediately notify the Trust Manager, (telephone 021 73 4164 or 07 323 4164) or at Maori Investments House, Waterhouse Street Extension, PO Box 334, Kawerau that it is suspected that koiwi, taonga and/or archaeological features have been uncovered at the site.
- (vii) It should be noted that Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust hold statutory acknowledgements in respect of Protocols of engagement with the Historic Places Trust.
- (viii) Subject to any directions from the Police or any other legal requirements to the contrary, all koiwi are expected to come into the temporary custody of Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust who will be responsible for immediate placement, in consultation with the Police and / or Coroner.

- (ix) The Trust Manager will contact kaumatua to act on their behalf in this matter in order to guide and advise the operators and any other parties as to the appropriate course of action and will immediately advise the Site Manager such details as may be appropriate in the circumstances.
- (x) The Site Manager will notify the New Zealand Police and NZ Historic Places Trust if it is suspected that koiwi has been uncovered at the site.
- (xi) Kaumatua are vested with discretion to request the attendance of a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist in the event that the Historic Places Trust is unable to send an officer to the site.
- (xii) The Site Manager will ensure that all site staff are available to meet and guide Kaumatua, Police, or Historic Places Trust staff to the site, assisting with any requests that they may make (within reason and relevant to the recovery and recording of significant items and features).
- (xiii) If Kaumatua are satisfied that the koiwi, taonga and/or features are of significance to them, they will make a consensus decision as to how they are requirements for the koiwi, taonga or archaeological features are to be dealt with and will communicate such decisions to the land owner, NZ Police and such other parties as are considered appropriate.
- (xiv) The Site Manager shall ensure that kaumatua are given the opportunity to undertake karakia and such other cultural ceremonies and activities at the site in accordance with tikanga Maori.
- (xv) Activity in the relevant area will remain halted until kaumatua, the Police, and Historic Places Trust (as the case may be) have given approval for operations in that area to recommence. In the event that rua (caves) pits or other archaeological features are discovered, a comprehensive archaeological report shall be prepared at the expense of the applicants and copies sent to Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust, and the Historic Places Trust, NZ Archaeological Association file keeper and the Heritage Co-ordinator at Environment Bay of Plenty.
- (xvi) Before any decision can be reached as to the destination or custodianship of artefacts it will be necessary for the archaeologist to complete their report and provide copies to Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust. It will then be necessary for Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust to consider the report and discuss the destination and custodianship of the artefacts.

- (xvii) The applicant will cover all expenses relating to the implementation of this protocol that are incurred by NTST and kaumatua.

Signed:



Elaine August
Trust Manager
Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust



James Berryman
on behalf of Karaponga Hydro Limited



24 November 2015

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**RC 024433, 024434, 024435 and 024437-Karaponga Stream Hydro Scheme Application
Karaponga Hydro Limited**

Tena koe

Thank you for engaging in Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust's (NTST) consultation process and for providing the time to allow us to visit the site.

An assessment relating to any cultural values and potential impacts has been undertaken in relation to the site and existing activities which are to be considered for re-authorisation on the Karaponga Stream. It is understood that the application, which is currently being prepared, will not cover anything other than the existing and historical activities consented.

NTST understand that this letter will be used to proceed through Council's regulatory process and specifically relates to the renewal of consent for the Karaponga Hydro Scheme.

The following is an outline and summary of the information provided:

- 1 Initial contact and copy of the existing consents- 3 September 2015;
- 2 Engagement received- 10 September 2015; and
- 3 Site visit- 24 September 2015.

It is understood that the application is to renew existing activities which are authorised by RC 024433, 024434, 024435 and 024437, which are due to expire March 2016.

Cultural and Historical Significance

The Karaponga Stream is within NTST's area of cultural, historical, traditional and spiritual significance and an integral part of the catchment which ultimately supports the Tarawera River that NTST hold Statutory Acknowledgement over.

As Kaitiaki, NTST has obligations and responsibilities to ensure the activity on, within and around this area, avoids any negative impact on the natural, historical and cultural values of Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP). Preserving customary use and protection of this area and it's Taonga is taken seriously by NTST. NTST views the cultural landscape in a wholistic manner, not in part and not according to the legal titles and boundaries as this ensures the cultural, spiritual and customary values remain in tact.

Cultural Impact Assessment

An assessment relating to the cultural values has been undertaken for the continuation of activities related to the Karaponga Hydro Scheme. The activities are within NTST's area of cultural, historical, traditional and spiritual values and specifically relate to the connection with the Karaponga Stream, Mangaone Stream and Statutory Acknowledgement with the Tarawera River. A site visit enabled NTST to assess the specific area where the infrastructure exists and any potential and actual cultural effects.

During the cultural assessment and site visit, no specific concerns were identified in relation to the activity. It is acknowledged that the infrastructure is existing in nature and has been in place and operation for many years.

The following points were raised as part of the overall assessment:

- 1 The Karaponga Stream holds high cultural significance to NTST and therefore, must be assessed and managed appropriately to avoid, mitigate or remedy any potential effects;
- 2 The infrastructure is existing and the site has been highly modified over time;
- 3 The application proposes to re-consent and does not propose any activities other than those already in operation;
- 4 The infrastructure is permanent and to remove would cause further effects;
- 5 Any future works which would result in disturbance of the bed of the stream would require further consultation and consideration of effects from a cultural perspective;
- 6 It is understood that the consent holder is required to ensure appropriate fish passage measures are in place;
- 7 It is important that any signs of erosion caused by the existence and operation of the scheme warrant remediation and protection measures be put in place to avoid detrimental effects on the stream and any sites of cultural significance;
- 8 The flow, managed as part of the hydro scheme, at all times ensures that sufficient flows reach the Tarawera River and downstream tributaries;
- 9 The wider area encompasses a number of sites of cultural significance however, none of these are directly impacted by the continuation of the activities;

As Kaitiaki, NTST expect that the consenting authority, Bay of Plenty Regional Council in this case, will ensure that an assessment and appropriate conditions are imposed on the consent holder to address the points raised above and to ensure that any actual and potential effects from the continuation of the Karaponga Hydro Scheme are avoided, remedied or mitigated. NTST continue to hold strong concerns over whether cumulative impacts of activities and allocation will impact the Karaponga Stream, Mangaone Stream and Tarawera River/ Catchment as a whole and how these may impact over time, to sites of cultural significance, to the Taonga itself and the fish and tuna habitat. NTST expect that flows are considered during the re-consenting process and that at all times are considered in a whole catchment approach to manage and allocate flows in a wholistic and integrated manner.

Mitigation Measures:

Based on the above points the following comments would need to satisfy and assist in the protection of NTST cultural values:

- 1 That the applicant/consent holder ensure that any future modifications to the existing infrastructure continue to address the desire for removable and non-obstructive use of the stream;
- 2 That impediment to fish/tuna within the Karaponga Stream, Mangaone Stream and Tarawera River Catchment are managed;
- 3 That there be a continual flow and connection between the upper and lower catchment maintained at all times and that the scheme not impede fish passage;
- 4 That there be further monitoring imposed to ensure that an integrated management approach between the Karaponga Stream, Mangaone Stream and Tarawera River Catchment can be applied by the consent holder and consenting authority;

- 5 That any potential or future erosion issues are managed not only for infrastructure protection but to prevent downstream affects caused from the scheme;
- 6 Should any Koiwi or Taonga be discovered in the vicinity of the scheme including pipeline, that this be subject to notification and return to NTST (see attached protocols);
- 7 It is requested that these discovery protocols be agreed to and appended to consent conditions to safe guard for future reference and to ensure that NTST's concerns can be mitigated;
- 8 That NTST be consulted with should further changes to the proposed activities or consent be made, to avoid potential adverse effects to NTST's cultural values and Kaitiaki responsibilities.

NTST support the applicant's proposed replacement consent to continue to operate the Karaponga Hydro Scheme and the utilisation of the Karaponga Stream however, caution that this is subject to the assurance that any effects or cumulative flows do not compromise or cause effects on the downstream reaches of the Karaponga, Mangaone and Tarawera River including the linkages to customary areas used for gathering Kaimoana.

NTST request that the consenting authority consider the aforementioned points and provide a copy of draft conditions for consideration. Should this application be notified then NTST would consider themselves a potentially affected party and would seek to be involved. A final copy of the decision will also be required to close NTST's internal processes.

NTST wish to thank and commend the applicant in its approach to engage and consult in advance of lodgement and wish them well in their endeavours.

Nga mihi na



Elaine August
Trust Manager



Jessica Wiseman
Environmental Manager



14th December 2015

James Berryman
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Dear James Berryman,

Affected Party Written Approval, s95E RMA, The continued operation of a dam on the Karaponga Stream and the use of water for electricity generation purposes (this includes water take and water discharge).

I have considered your request for approval in terms of s95E RMA and am pleased to advise that I grant my approval as an affected person.

My approval is granted on the basis that the proposal is as described, is for the purposes described, and will have the effects on the Department's interests as described in the documentation received by the Department.

- *The proposal includes the following features: The continued operation of a dam on the Karaponga Stream and the use of water for electricity generation purposes (this includes water take and water discharge).*

This approval is limited to the likely adverse effects of the proposal on the Department's interests and should not be construed as approval to effects on the environment generally.

This approval is specific to the above application and is for the purposes of s95E RMA only. It is not indicative of any associated concession or other statutory approval which may be required from the Department in regard to this proposal.

This approval will be rendered null and void if the proposal to which it refers is changed between the date of this approval and its consideration by the consent authority without referral back to me for my further assessment.

Yours faithfully

Clint Savage

Acting Partnerships Manager, Eastern Bay of Plenty District Office
Pursuant to delegated authority.



File: 2.01.06

16 December 2015

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Attn: James Berryman

Dear James,

Resource Consent Renewal – Karaponga Hydroelectric Power Scheme

Thank you for forwarding information relating to the above application for resource consent. Fish & Game NZ, Eastern Region has reviewed the proposal and advises that we have no objections.

In accordance with Section 95E(3)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Fish & Game NZ, Eastern Region gives its approval to an application;

By: Karaponga Hydro Limited

For Resource Consent to; operate a hydroelectric power scheme within the Karaponga Stream, as outlined in the application.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Meikle', is written over a large, faint, stylized graphic element that resembles a fish or a bird.

John Meikle
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Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

Eastern Region

28 September 2015



James Berryman
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Dear Sir

Landowner Support

Following your request, Whakatāne District Council is happy to provide support, as landowner, to your application to renew the resource consent with Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Karaponga Hydro has a long term lease arrangement with Whakatane District Council, due to expire in 2028 to use the reserve for the generation of electricity, as per its classification as a Reservoir Reserve. The lease is registered against the property title.

To date, Council has had very few concerns about the rebuild of the operation and continue to work the business to ensure it can achieve its aims. There is growing interest in the reserve with the development of several walking tracks aimed at allowing the public safe access to view the historic power generation scheme.

If you require anything further from Council please do not hesitate to contact staff.

Yours sincerely

Julie Gardyne
General Manager
Strategy and Community