

6. MAORI NAME FOR THE SUMMIT ROAD PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from the Summit Road Protection Authority for the Council to approve the Authority's adoption of an additional name in te reo Maori.

At its meeting on 6 May 2002, the Authority received a report from Mr Donald Couch, a member of the Summit Road Protection Authority Advisory Committee, nominated by Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Te Papatipu Runanga o Rapaki. Mr Donald Couch recommended that the Authority adopt an additional name in te reo Maori. The name "Te Mana Kaitiaki Ara Tihi" was suggested which, roughly translated, means "Guardianship of the road on the summit of the area". In response, the Authority unanimously approved the following clause:

"(iii) That the Authority approach the three constituent Councils with a view to seeking approval for the addition of a Maori name for the Authority. On acceptance by the three Councils, the Authority then submit the name "Te Mana Kaitiaki Ara Tihi" for the approval of the tangata whenua."

The clause has been considered by Banks Peninsula and Selwyn District Councils and has been adopted by both local authorities.

Adoption of dual naming of organisations and geographical features is a growing practice in New Zealand. Adoption of a Maori name by the Summit Road Protection Authority would provide greater recognition of the tangata whenua's long historical and cultural links with the Port Hills.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the adoption of an additional name for the Summit Road Protection Authority in te reo Maori be supported.
 2. That the Summit Road Protection Authority consult with tangata whenua as to an appropriate additional name for the Authority.