

2. SUMMIT ROAD AUTHORITY: REQUEST FOR A MAORI NAME

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

At their meeting on 6 May, the Authority received a report from Mr Donald Couch, a member of the Summit Road 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 resolved:

"(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 proposal has been considered by Banks Peninsula and Selwyn District Councils and has been adopted by both local authorities.

The proposal has been endorsed by the Council's Maori Liaison Officer, Maria Tait, and also by the Hagley/Ferrymead and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has yet to consider the issue.

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 Authority would provide greater recognition of the tangata whenua's long historical and cultural links with the Port Hills.

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