## **NGATI TE ATA**

#### "Ka whiti te ra ki tua o rehua ka ara a Kaiwhare i te rua"

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1. Nga Tikanga O Ngati Te Ata Tribal Policy Document (1991) which states:

### Policy 5.7

All resource management agencies shall recognise and provide for the following;

- (a) That Ngaati Te Ata are the kaitiaki owners of all waters, waterways, waterbed and resources therein within its tribal territories.
- (b) That any other agency who presumes this authority is acting illegitimately.
- (c) That as kaitiaki owners only Ngaati Te Ata has the right to determine management preferences and make decisions about water resources within its tribal territories.
- (d) That only Ngaati Te Ata can define those areas which are of spiritual and/or cultural importance to it.
- (e) That once defined such areas as are referred to in (d) above shall be protected and managed in accordance with Ngaa Tikanga O Ngaati Te Ata.
- (f) That the discharge of sewage into any Ngaati Te Ata waterway shall be prohibited.

## 2. Te Kaitiakitanga o Ngati Te Ata, which states;

- To exercise kaitiakitanga; protection, guardianship and stewardship within the traditional rohe of Ngati Te Ata in accordance with its tikanga or customary values and practices regarding its spiritual, natural and physical resources, and;
- That the exercise of kaitiakitanga recognises and provides for the relevant provisions within the Nga Tikanga O Ngati Te Ata Tribal Policy Document.
- o To restore and enhance the mana of Ngati Te Ata throughout its rohe.
- To plan and implement long term sustainable usage of taonga, moana, awa and whenua.

- To protect sensitive features of the aquatic environment.
   To plan for the provision of kaimoana for future generations.
   To identify no compromise areas.
   To apply guidelines for resource sustainability or use.

We are in support of Proposed Plan Change 1. Proposed Plan Change 1 is one tool to improve water quality.

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Ngati Te Ata

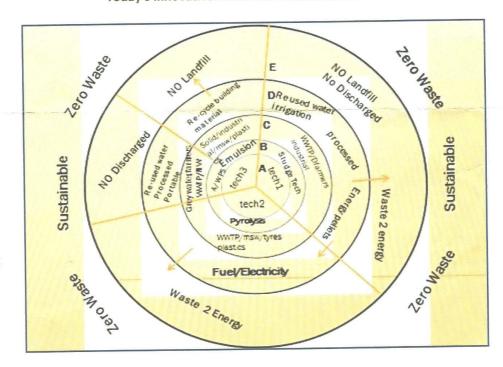
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