



APPENDIX 4 MANA WHENUA CONSULTATION RECORD



TANGATA WHENUA CONSULTATION SUMMARY



**138 Hectare / 100 MW Agrivoltaic Development, including Battery
Energy Storage System**

3954A State Highway 2, Waingawa

29 February 2024

1.0 SITE DETAILS

Feature	Site
Address	3954A State Highway 2, Waingawa
Legal Description and Title	Pt Lot 2 DP 2099 (RT WNF1/1189) Pt Lot 3 DP 2099 (RT WNF1/1188) Pt Lot 1 DP 46533 (RT WN17B/749) Lot 1 DP 19148 (RT WN765/45) Pt Lot 4 DP 2099 (RT WND1/413) Lot 1 DP 17189 (WN638/13) Lot 1 DP 3447 (WN248/15) Pt Lot 4 DP 2099 (WN213/272)
Proposal Description	Construct and operate an agrivoltaic development that will occupy approximately 138ha of the subject site, and will include erecting photovoltaic modules, inverters, transformers, battery energy storage system (BESS), a substation, and a site office, as well as establishing a connection to the nearby Transpower Masterton Substation

2.0 CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

- 2.0.1. NZ Clean Energy (NZCE) on behalf of Masterton Solar and Energy Storage Ltd (the Applicant) has sought to engage with tangata whenua for this locality throughout the development of the concept design for the project. Tangata whenua, particularly those who have a direct historic relationship with an area as mana whenua, can provide insight to the proposal, through a combination of historic knowledge of the rohe through to sharing advice on how to incorporate kaitiakitanga and te ao Māori. Gaining an understanding of, and incorporating as much as practicable, the various cultural values, effects, and perspectives is for the betterment of the proposal.
- 2.0.2. As part of considering the effects of a proposal, only those iwi and/or hapu who are mana whenua are qualified to consider the cultural effects. This adds an additional impetus for undertaking consultation with all relevant iwi.
- 2.0.3. There are additional provisions of the RMA that require consultation with iwi in relation to those that have obtained status as a customary rights group. The RMA also requires consultation with those iwi who have reached settlement with the Crown in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi | the Treaty of Waitangi.

2.0.4. For this proposal, and in light of the above-mentioned different means of identifying relevant iwi for consultation, NZCE has undertaken consultation with the following iwi and post-Treaty settlement governance entities:

- Rangitāne o Wairarapa;
- The Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust;
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa; and
- The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Trust.

3.0 INITIAL DESKTOP REVIEW

3.1. Identifying Iwi Likely to be Mana Whenua for the Site

3.1.1 A number of sources are reviewed when seeking to identify if there are iwi identified as mana whenua for a proposal site. These consist of:

- Reviewing the “iwi by map” resource within the Te Puni Kōkiri | Ministry of Māori Development website ([TKM | Map | Te Kahui Mangai](#));
- Reviewing the relevant District and Regional Council websites, particularly the pages relating to resource consent applications and iwi engagement; and
- Reviewing the website for any iwi that are identified within the above steps to see if there are indications that the subject site is within their rohe.

3.1.2 As a result of the above steps, Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa have been identified as mana whenua for the site.

3.2. Customary Marine Title Groups and Customary Rights Groups

3.2.1 In addition to identifying the relevant mana whenua for the site to consult with them and to gain an understanding of the potential cultural effects associated with a proposal, there is a need under Section 95B of the RMA to specifically consider if there are any customary marine title groups and customary rights groups relevant to a proposal. Customary marine title groups are those that have obtained formal recognition as such in relation to a particular coastal area and/or marine resource. Protected customary rights relate to specific activities within or utilising a resource that is located within the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) that an iwi or hapu have obtained formal recognition of.

- 3.2.2 Identification of customary marine title groups and customary rights groups is undertaken through reviewing the map of such groups, which is accessible via the Te Arawhiti | office for Māori Crown Relations website ([Te Kete Kōrero a Te Takutai Moana Information Hub \(Kōrero Takutai\) \(arcgis.com\)](#)). While a site may not be located adjacent to the CMA, it may be located adjacent to an awa | watercourse which does flow into the CMA. As such, any proposal which may affect that watercourse may in turn affect the marine title and/or customary rights.
- 3.2.3 In this instance, the water race within the site is a tributary to the Waingawa River, which in turn flows into the Ruamahanga River. The Ruamahanga River is the main surface water source for Lake Onoke, which then discharges into the coastal marine area.
- 3.2.4 There are three iwi currently seeking recognition through the High Court as customary rights groups for this part of the CMA. Those three iwi are Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, and Ngāti Hinewaka. The applications for these iwi are currently part-way through the High Court hearing process. All three iwi are being heard in a joint hearing process. However, the High Court is yet to issue a decision regarding their status as customary rights groups. Therefore, for the purposes of this assessment, it is considered that there are no customary rights groups relevant to the proposal.

3.3. Statutory Acknowledgements

- 3.3.1 In addition to identifying the relevant mana whenua for the site to consult with them and to gain an understanding of the potential cultural effects associated with a proposal, there is a need under Section 95B of the RMA to specifically consider if there are any statutory acknowledgements relevant to a proposal. Statutory acknowledgements relate to iwi who have reached a settlement with the Crown in relation to a historic grievance under Te Tiriti o Waitangi | the Treaty of Waitangi.
- 3.3.2 Identification of statutory acknowledgements is undertaken through reviewing the list of settlements, which is accessible via the Te Arawhiti | office for Māori Crown Relations website ([Te Arawhiti - Find a Treaty settlement](#)). If the iwi identified in Subsection 3.1 are included within the list of Treaty Settlements, details of that settlement must be reviewed to determine if there is a statutory acknowledgement relating to the subject site.
- 3.3.3 In this instance, both Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa have statutory acknowledgements for the area including the subject site. The following provides a consideration of the subject site and proposal in relation to each of these statutory acknowledgements.

3.3.a Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

3.3.4 With regards to the statutory acknowledgements for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa pertaining to this area, the Ruamahanga River and its tributaries are subject to a statutory acknowledgement. As mentioned with regards to customary rights groups, the water race within the site was a former nature watercourse, that is a tributary to the Waingawa River. The Waingawa River is in turn a tributary to the Ruamahanga River. Therefore, the proposal must consider the potential impact on the water race, and downstream potential impact on the Ruamahanga River.

3.3.5 As part of the Treaty settlement with the Crown by Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa (and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua), the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Trust was established as their post-Treaty settlement governance entity.

3.3.b Rangitāne o Wairarapa

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3.3.7 As part of the Treaty settlement with the Crown by Rangitāne o Wairarapa (and Rangitāne o Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua), the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust was established as their post-Treaty settlement governance entity.

3.4. Summary of Identification of Tangata Whenua Groups for Consultation

3.4.1 As a result of the above processes under Subsections 3.1 to 3.3 to identify different tangata whenua groups and other representative entities that may be affected by the proposal, the following have been identified for consultation in relation to this proposal:

- Rangitāne o Wairarapa;
- The Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust;
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa; and
- The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Trust.

4.0 TANGATA WHENUA GROUPS CONSULTATION PROCESS

4.1. Consultation and Communication Records

4.1.a Rangitāne o Wairarapa

4.1.1 The Applicant has been engaged with Rangitāne o Wairarapa in relation to this proposal since 9 August 2023. A complete record of communications between Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust, and Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia (a hapu within Rangitāne o Wairarapa) is outlined below in Table 1.

Table 1: Communication Record between Rangitāne o Wairarapa and NZCE

Date of Contact	Iwi and Contact Name	Notes
09/08/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Mihirangi Hollings Rangitāne Tu Mai Rā Trust - Matiu Taurau	<p>A kanohi ki te kanohi hui, coordinated by a cultural consultation specialist engaged by NZCE at that time (Maru Consulting), held at Rangitāne o Wairarapa’s office in Masterton. From NZCE, attended by Harry Simpson (a director of NZCE) and Oliver Jordan (NZCE National Land Development Manager), and Mahanga Maru (Maru Consulting).</p> <p>Key points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Rangitāne o Wairarapa’s history provided by Mihirangi and Rangitāne Tu Mai Rā Trust (Matiu). • Matiu proposed starting with a small solar option (1 MW) to benefit the community, help Rangitāne o Wairarapa, whanau and a goal for the project. NZCE advised that a development of that scale is not part of their approach, more large-scale developer. • Mihirangi advised that the region was impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle, which had led to a change in view within the community. • There was conversation about training for rangatahi by Te Pukenga and options for NZCE to support this. Another example of this is that KiwiRail trains (electrified) will be stored at Masterton, looking to train local people to maintain these assets. • Mihirangi did not consider there were significant cultural issues in relation to the Harmony site (adjacent to the NZCE site). This finding would likely be applicable to the NZCE site too. • Mihirangi lived nearby the NZCE site, so is familiar with the site and its history. • Mihirangi advised that her team would undertake the CIA on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa who also have mana whenua over the NZCE site. • Mihirangi recommended NZCE engage with them, and advised that she would provide contact details to Mahanga.

03/10/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Mihirangi Hollings	Email introduction of Tracey Morse (NZCE Senior Planner, hereon primary contact between Rangitāne o Wairarapa and NZCE) to continue conversation initiated at hui held on 09/08/23. No response received.
11/10/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene and Taiao team	NZCE call and email to Horipo Rimene, as the RMA contact listed on Te Puni Kōkiri website for iwi, to continue conversation initiated at hui held on 09/08/23. Sent an additional email to Taiao team within iwi, to increase potential for response. No response to either email received.
19/10/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Mihirangi Hollings, Horipo Rimene, and Taiao team	NZCE email to advise that will be visiting site / Masterton 27/10/23 and to offer to visit for hui. Response received from Horipo Rimene same day, advising that he will not be available, and requesting that other members of the Taiao team get in touch to schedule a hui.
20/10/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Mihirangi Hollings, Horipo Rimene, and Taiao team	NZCE email to follow up previous correspondence to attempt to arrange hui with remaining members of Taiao team. Response received from Horipo Rimene same day, advising that he will not be available, and requesting that other members of the Taiao team get in touch to schedule a hui.
24/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene and Taiao team	NZCE call to follow up earlier email and to arrange a hui. Jemma Voice confirmed that, based on their online calendars, Tai Gemmel and Rawiri Smith had potential ability to attend. Jemma then sent NZCE a meeting request for a hui at their office in Masterton and encouraged NZCE to share with Rangitāne o Wairarapa invitation to attend. NZCE emailed Horipo Rimene and Taiao team to advise of meeting and extend invitation. Horipo advised that Amber Craig was intending to attend, with potentially Paikea Te Whare also attending.
25/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Amber Craig	Jemma Voice sent updated meeting request for hui on 27/10/23 and included Amber Craig as invited attendees. NZCE confirmed meeting invitation electronically.
27/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Amber Craig	Amber Craig emailed 1 hour prior to hui to advise that she would be unable to attend hui due to location of prior commitments and would not be able to reach venue on time. Jemma Voice called 30 minutes prior to hui to advise NZCE that hui was cancelled (Tai Gemmel unwell, Rawiri Smith unaccounted for). NZCE sent further email to Rangitāne o Wairarapa Taiao team to see if an impromptu hui could be arranged while in Masterton that day. None of the Taiao team were available.
30/10/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene and Taiao team	NZCE email to request an online hui to progress matter. Response received 06/11/23, as noted below.

06/11/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene	Horipo Rimene emailed NZCE (returned from leave), to advise agreeable to an online hui, but not yet in a position to schedule a specific time and date for hui. NZCE acknowledged email and sought to request a meeting prior to 15/11/23. NZCE also advised that a public drop-in session for the wider community had been scheduled for the evening of 15/11/23, so offered to have a kanohi ki te kanohi hui either earlier that day, or early the following day.
07/11/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene	Horipo Rimene emailed NZCE to agree to just a kanohi ki te kanohi hui on/around NZCE staff being in Masterton on 15/11/23, although no specific time was agreed. NZCE acknowledged email and requested Rangitāne o Wairarapa confirm a time for the hui.
14/11/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene and Taiao team	NZCE emailed through preliminary project information for discussion at hui informally arranged for following day. No response received.
15/11/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene and Paikea Te Whare	NZCE emailed urgently seeking time for hui. Horipo Rimene replied shortly thereafter advising that, due to a scheduling error, he was out of town (had weeks confused), and deeply apologetic. Advised that Paikea Te Whare would be available to discuss project any time during the day. NZCE confirmed that they would meet Paikea at the Rangitāne o Wairarapa office later that morning. Key matters discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paikea was not aware of any areas or artefacts of significance on this site for the iwi, which isn't surprising given the site's history. • Paikea advised that ecology is a big focus for the iwi. NZCE advised that the draft copy of the Ecological Assessment for the proposal is pending. NZCE confirmed that, once available, they would forward the report onto the Taiao team at Rangitāne o Wairarapa to familiarise themselves with and consider any input they may wish to make. • Paikea advised that he would contact Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa staff to arrange preparation of a combined cultural impact assessment.
21/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – all contacts available Rangitāne o Wairarapa – all contacts available	NZCE sent a combined email to both iwi, taking the lead from discussions with staff from each iwi the previous week that indicated they were agreeable to a collaborative approach. The email sought to arrange a combined hui to progress consideration of the proposal by both iwi. No response received.
28/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – all contacts available Rangitāne o Wairarapa – all contacts available	NZCE sent a further combined email to both iwi, following from unanswered email the previous week, with latest iteration of the site plan and draft ecological assessment. Horipo Rimene responded 29/11/23 to advise that, due to current workload challenges, they would not be able to attend a hui prior to the Christmas break.

01/12/23	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene	<p>NZCE sent an email acknowledging that Rangitāne o Wairarapa would not be available for a hui prior to their intended lodgement date (late December 2023). NZCE requested a letter from Rangitāne o Wairarapa that confirmed consultation had commenced, as a possible means to address not having progressed the matter beyond the initial consultation phase. The request from NZCE was supported by background information of the site, and commentary around potential means to address anticipated cultural effects.</p> <p>Horipo Rimene responded 04/12/23 to confirm that Rangitāne o Wairarapa would be agreeable to providing a letter confirming preliminary consultation had commenced, they had no immediate concerns regarding the proposal, and were progressing consultation with NZCE. An email, in lieu of a letter, to address this was provided by Horipo on 05/12/23.</p>
22/01/24	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene	<p>NZCE email seeking to re-engage with Rangitāne o Wairarapa and advising that will be in town the following week.</p> <p>Horipo Rimene responded 23/01/24, advising of availability for an online hui to recommence engagement with iwi.</p> <p>Online hui scheduled for 24/01/24.</p>
24/01/24	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene	<p>NZCE held an online hui with Horipo Rimene to reintroduce NZCE, discuss proposal, and how a working relationship with Rangitāne o Wairarapa could be established to ensure cultural effects addressed.</p> <p>Following meeting, NZCE sent an email summarising matters discussed, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both NZCE and Rangitāne o Wairarapa are on the same page around the key issues for this project, and making sure that the whenua, taiao, and hapori whānui are all kept safe. • To help the Rangitāne o Wairarapa team ensure that these outcomes are all achieved, NZCE emailed through an information sheet from the manufacturer of the likely panel model to be utilized, the Stormwater Management Plan, the Assessment of Ecological Effects, the latest version of our site plan, and a project summary document. • NZCE also requested an indication of costs for consultation with Rangitāne o Wairarapa within the email.
26/01/24	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene	<p>Email from Horipo Rimene seeking to schedule a kanohi ki te kanohi / face to face hui while NZCE in town. Email also requested that Rangitāne o Wairarapa support staff contact NZCE regarding estimated costs for consultation process (Elaine Rimene). The email also advised of the Rangitāne o Wairarapa hapu relevant to the proposal, who would be responsible for preparing a CIA, and who to contact with regards to that process.</p> <p>NZCE responded the same day to confirm times and dates that they will be available in Masterton.</p>

		<p>Hui was scheduled for 31/01/24, and electronic meeting invite sent by NZCE, and accepted immediately by Rangitāne o Wairarapa.</p> <p>Elaine Rimene provided hourly rates and estimated costs for Rangitāne o Wairarapa involvement in consultation process.</p>
26/01/24	Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia – Amber Craig	<p>NZCE email to Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia to engage with them for CIA preparation and advise that NZCE will be in town the following week and to seek a hui.</p> <p>Email included an information sheet from the manufacturer of the likely panel model to be utilized, the Stormwater Management Plan, the Assessment of Ecological Effects, the latest version of our site plan, and a project summary document.</p> <p>No response received.</p>
31/01/24	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo and Elaine Rimene Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia – Amber Craig	<p>Hui held between NZCE and Rangitāne o Wairarapa plus Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia at Rangitāne o Wairarapa’s office in Masterton. Key matters discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZCE reintroduced themselves to Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia. • NZCE provided a detailed description regarding the proposal, and findings of specialist reports (particularly ecology, contamination, stormwater, and landscaping). • Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia discussed employment opportunities for hapu associated with bat monitoring, landscape planting, and pest management. • NZCE discussed key unresolved matter of water supply for firefighting purposes, and there was a conversation regarding potential solutions to this matter. NZCE shared comments from Greater Wellington Regional Council with regards to water supply / groundwater availability.
20/02/24	Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia – Amber Craig	<p>NZCE email to follow up on hui in late Jan, and see what, if any, actions were outstanding from either party, and noting some of the key matters discussed.</p> <p>Rangitāne o Wairarapa responded 21/02/24 noting the mention of the opportunity for assistance with bat monitoring and seeking to arrange a site visit.</p> <p>NZCE responded 21/02/24 advising that a site visit can happen whenever suits Rangitāne o Wairarapa, however a NZCE representative likely won’t be able to attend in person but could possibly attend electronically.</p> <p>Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia responded 22/02/24 advising that NZCE had agreed to share the updated Ecological Assessment during the hui, which was outstanding. Also provided an update on the actions that the hapu were taking to progress towards preparing a CIA for the proposal, and that a fee estimate would be provided in the near future.</p> <p>NZCE provided the ecological assessment 22/02/24 with apologies for delay.</p>

27/02/24	Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust – Shontelle Peeti	NZCE call followed by email to follow up regarding initial hui with Trust on 09/08/23.
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4.1.b Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

4.1.2 The Applicant has attempted to engage with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa in relation to this proposal since 10 August 2023. Unfortunately, due to several reasons, actual contact with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa was not made until 10 October 2023 (over phone), and 15 November 2023 (in person).

4.1.3 With regards to consultation with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa post-Treaty settlement trust, it's noted that the contact details for the Trust on their website are the same as those for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. Therefore, it was considered that the consultation being undertaken with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa also incorporates consultation being undertaken with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Trust. This has now been found to be incorrect, and consultation has also been, belatedly, commenced with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Trust.

4.1.4 A complete record of communications between Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa is outlined below in Table 2.

Table 2: Communication Record between Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and NZCE

Date of Contact	Iwi and Contact Name	Notes
10, 11, 14, & 29/08/23	(not with iwi) Maru Consulting – Mahanga Maru	Repeated requests from Tracey Morse (NZCE Senior Planner) to Maru Consulting, seeking contact details for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa so that we may begin consultation with them. Either no response received or did not acknowledge this part of correspondence.
11, 28/09/23	Maru Consulting – Mahanga Maru	Further requests from NZCE to Maru Consulting, seeking contact details for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. On 28/09/23, via call, NZCE obtained from Maru Consulting confirmation of name for initial contact (Rawiri Smith) and a mobile number.
29/09/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Rawiri Smith	NZCE attempted to call Rawiri Smith via phone number provided by Maru Consulting. Unfortunately, when called the following day, the number is no longer utilised by the contact.
02/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Rawiri Smith	NZCE made a further attempt to call Rawiri Smith, left voicemail on work landline number, introducing themselves and seeking to arrange a hui. No return call received.
10/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice	NZCE made further attempt to contact Rawiri Smith on his work landline number. Following an unsuccessful attempt, spoke with Jemma Sands and followed up with detailed email.

19/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice	NZCE email to advise that will be visiting site / Masterton 27/10/23 and to offer to visit for hui. No response received.
24/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice Rangitāne o Wairarapa – Horipo Rimene and Taiao team	NZCE call to follow up earlier email and to arrange a hui. Jemma Voice confirmed that, based on their online calendars, Tai Gemmel and Rawiri Smith had potential ability to attend. Jemma then sent NZCE a meeting request for a hui at their office in Masterton and encouraged NZCE to share with Rangitāne o Wairarapa invitation to attend. NZCE emailed Horipo Rimene and Taiao team to advise of meeting and extend invitation. Horipo advised that Amber Craig was intending to attend, with potentially Paikea Te Whare also attending.
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30/10/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice	NZCE email to request an online hui to progress matter. No response received.
06/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice and Rawiri Smith	NZCE sent email to request a meeting prior to 15/11/23. NZCE also advised that a public drop-in session for the wider community had been scheduled for the evening of 15/11/23, so offered to have a kanohi ki te kanohi hui either earlier that day, or early the following day. Given that there had been no hui at all between NZCE and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa prior to this point, NZCE sought to have both an online hui and kanohi ki te kanohi hui, to ensure that a meaningful relationship could be established and to allow the information regarding the project to be properly communicated. No response was received.
06/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice and Rawiri Smith	NZCE attempted to call Jemma Voice several times to follow up earlier email to request a meeting around 15/11/23. NZCE was unsuccessful in contacting Jemma. NZCE forwarded email from 06/11/23 to Rawiri Smith to schedule a hui while NZCE staff were in Masterton around 15/11/23. No response was received.

10/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Mariana Mutu	NZCE called Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa reception to follow up on earlier correspondence and spoke with Mariana Mutu. Shortly following call, Mariana provided an electronic meeting request for the morning of 16/11/23, which was accepted by NZCE.
14/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Jemma Voice	NZCE emailed through preliminary project information for discussion at hui scheduled for following day. No response received.
15/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Mariana Mutu	NZCE staff visited Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa office for hui, however upon arrived Mariana Mutu advised that hui could not proceed as their attendees were unavailable (Tai Gemmell unwell, Rawiri Smith unaccounted for). In lieu of the scheduled hui, NZCE staff agreed with Mariana’s suggestion to discuss the proposal with her. Key matters discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana was struck that this was the first time NZCE were sitting down with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa to discuss this project. NZCE staff explained the key delays (issues with getting contact details from Maru Consulting, and then the delays in contact with Rawiri Smith, and the failed previous meeting). • Mariana determined that she would coordinate with Paikea Te Whare at Rangitāne o Wairarapa to arrange a combined on-site hui to try and progress the conversation. • Mariana was not aware of any areas or artefacts of significance on this site for the iwi, which isn’t surprising given the site’s history. • Mariana advised that ecology is a big focus for the iwi. NZCE advised that the draft copy of the Ecological Assessment for the proposal is pending. NZCE confirmed that, once available, they would forward the report onto herself to provide to Rawiri and Tai to familiarise themselves with and consider any input they may wish to make.
21/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – all contacts available Rangitāne o Wairarapa – all contacts available	NZCE sent a combined email to both iwi, taking the lead from discussions with staff from each iwi the previous week that indicated they were agreeable to a collaborative approach. The email sought to arrange a combined hui to progress consideration of the proposal by both iwi. No response received.
28/11/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – all contacts available Rangitāne o Wairarapa – all contacts available	NZCE sent a further combined email to both iwi, following from unanswered email the previous week, with latest iteration of the site plan and draft ecological assessment. No response from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa was received.
04/12/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Mariana Mutu	NZCE called and spoke with Mariana Mutu to see if there was a possibility to have a hui with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa prior to the end of the year. The conversation included a suggestion from NZCE that, as an alternative to a hui before the end of the year, a letter could be

		<p>provided that advised that preliminary consultation with NZCE had been undertaken.</p> <p>Mariana indicated that it was likely that such a letter could be provided to NZCE.</p> <p>The phone conversation was followed up the same day by an email from NZCE summarising the key points of the conversation.</p> <p>No response was received.</p>
14/12/23	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Mariana Mutu	<p>NZCE email to follow up on previous call and email from 04/12/23.</p> <p>Response email received 19/12/23 that confirmed Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and NZCE had commenced consultation but advising that their current focus was working on existing Kaupapa / tasks, as opposed to this project. Recommended NZCE to continue to communicate with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa regarding consultation for this project as project progressed.</p> <p>Response acknowledged 20/12/23 by NZCE, advising that they would seek to pick up engagement process in the New Year.</p>
22/01/24	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Mariana Mutu	<p>NZCE email seeking to re-engage with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and advising that will be in town the following week. NZCE followed up email with a call on 23/01/24, successfully connected with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, although time and date for a hui not confirmed.</p>
31/01/24	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Rawiri Smith	<p>NZCE visited Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Masterton office with hope of catching Rawiri Smith – was able to have a successful kōrero with Rawiri regarding the project.</p> <p>Key matters discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa generally supportive of this proposal. • Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa would be interested to see how this project could possibly benefit rangitahi / youth of iwi through assisting with employment experience / opportunities. • Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa would be interested in involvement in plant supply for landscaping. • Rawiri advised that he would provide a letter of support and with request from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa for NZCE within the coming week.
20/02/24	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Rawiri Smith	<p>NZCE call to follow up on letter from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, which was yet to be received. Rawiri Smith advised that it would be received by the end of this week (23/02).</p>
27/02/24	Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa – Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Trust – Renee Clark	<p>NZCE call followed by email regarding consultation, following realising that, despite same postal address, operates as a separate entity to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa (iwi).</p>

5.0 OUTCOME OF TANGATA WHENUA GROUPS CONSULTATION PROCESS

5.1. Outcome of Consultation – Rangitāne o Wairarapa and the Tū Mai Rā Trust

5.1.1 All discussions between the Applicant and Rangitāne o Wairarapa have been positive to-date. However, there is still a lot of ground to cover before it can be considered that this consultation process has been concluded.

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To: [Tracey Morse](#)
Cc: [Ra Smith](#); [Tai Gemmell](#)
Subject: RE: Path Forward Around Hui for Masterton Solar Project - 3954 SH2, Waingawa
Date: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 2:46:07 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

Kia ora Tracey

Thank you for the email I am writing to confirm that Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and NZ Clean energy have started the consultation process, however at this stage our priority is with current Kaupapa. Please continue to keep in touch with us for future consultation.

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From: Tracey Morse <tracey@nzcleanenergy.nz>
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To: Mariana Mutu <mariana@kahungunuwairarapa.iwi.nz>
Subject: Path Forward Around Hui for Masterton Solar Project - 3954 SH2, Waingawa

Ahiahī mārie Mariana,

Ngā mihi for your time on the phone this afternoon – I totally appreciate that it's getting really tight for fitting this in with Ra and Tai. This is always the busiest time of year, with everyone rushing to meet a pre-Christmas deadline.

Is there anything we can have as an interim measure, to indicate to council that we've begun consultation with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa? We can still acknowledge within such a document that it is part of an ongoing process, including preparing a CIA, but takes a bit of the pressure off us all in terms of timing.

I have some thoughts about where you could focus on this project, to help reduce feeling like you need to put time aside to know everything about the project and read all of the inputs. These thoughts come from my perspective as a mere pākehā who is not local, but who was worked with various mana whenua up and down the motu (from Rakiura to the Waitakere Ranges) pretty regularly since I started my career in late 2006. So, while I can't say I have any idea of the position Ra is in as a pou-tiaki whenua, I have dealt with a lot of mana whenua who

are similarly as under-resourced and have lots of external pressures coming onto them from the RMA process. From that experience, I'd like to think I have a healthy amount of appreciation and empathy for how those pressures affect you and your team. So, I make the below comments with the best of intentions – please feel free to ignore them or tell me to tai ho and stick to planning, if they're not helpful or I'm being too pushy.

The site has a history of being heavily modified, not just from use as a farm, but also associated with the tannery effluent management occurring across a large area of the site for at least 60 years. Because of this, it's likely that any artefacts and areas of unrecorded significance have been damaged or lost, so there's not much we can do to protect those other than following standard accidental discovery protocol and including contacting Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa as part of that. I think the findings from our ecological assessment and also possibly in our proposed landscaping, and incorporating mātauranga where we can in those, are where you can probably have the greatest impact for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa with this project.

We have not engaged an archaeologist, largely due to the heavily modified nature of the site and were hoping to get some guidance from yourselves and from the team at Rangitāne o Wairarapa on whether you wanted us to have an archaeological assessment undertaken. If that would also help to get the process moving, we are happy to get that going, and can also consider your preferred archaeologists (as I know some work better with certain iwi than others).

As I've said, I am open to doing what we can to assist you with ensuring that we include Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa's voice with us in our proposal.

Noho ora mai,

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Ata marie Tracey

Rangitāne o Wairarapa (ROW) are one off two mandated iwi authority in the Wairarapa Region, Ngati Kahungunu is the other iwi.
Rangitāne have lived in the Wairarapa region for hundreds of years, initially settling in coastal regions then gradually moving inland.

Over the last 180 odd years Māori had fought hard to have an equal partnership with the new coloniser that had confiscated Māori land so that the settlers could clear the land for farming, settlements, and infrastructure which left Māori with very little possessions.

Today Rangitāne have completed their treaty settlements, ROW now has a wide range of roles and responsibilities which includes but not limited to those roles such as the taiao (environment), cultural initiatives/impacts of RMA, plans/policy and so much more important issue/Kaupapa to deal with.

Rangitāne have been in discussions with NZ Clean Energy (NZCE) regarding the development of the proposed solar farm since August 2023. During that time, we have had a number a hui in person, a lot of correspondents (emails) and have received a few documents from NZCE.

ROW is still having conversations with NZCE, the impact of the solar panels on the environment, a proposal for a CIA/CVA by the hapu and so forth, Just take time to get there.

We are very supportive of the propose NZCE energy project in principle.

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