



18 March 2022

File ref: 2022/508  
11013-043

Taumata Plantations Limited  
c/o Manulife Forest Management  
15 Braeside Ave  
TOKOROA 3420  
Attn: Robert Green

Tēnā koe Robert

**APPLICATION FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY UNDER HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA ACT 2014: Authority no. 2022/508, Archaeological Sites including Pā,  
Cave Rua, Midden/Oven, Pit/Terrace, Botanical Evidence (Taro), Harvest Areas 3932, 3933  
and 2939, Morrison's Forest, Morrison Road, Aotea, Waikato District**

Thank you for your application for an archaeological authority which has been granted and is attached.

In considering this application, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga notes that you wish to harvest trees and carry out earthworks to establish harvesting infrastructure within Morrison's Forest at Aotea. The south-eastern side of the forest is located within Hawaiki-iti, where Whakaotirangi, the principal wife of Hoturoa, established her gardens and settled. Today, descendent taro crops still grow in the area, and form part of a significant cultural and archaeological landscape. The significant heritage values of Hawaiki-iti are recognised in its inclusion on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rāangi Kōrero as a Wāhi Tapu Area (List No. 9829). The proposed activity includes the removal of trees on or surrounding several recorded archaeological sites that are a part of this landscape and in addition to the known archaeological sites, there is the potential that further subsurface archaeological evidence may be encountered during harvesting.

We understand that the intention throughout harvesting operations is to minimise or avoid impact on archaeology where possible. The conditions of this authority conditions require that earthworks are monitored as appropriate, and that specific felling and extraction strategies will be developed for archaeological sites where there is potential for damage to occur to archaeological features during harvesting activity. The conditions also require that a procedure to ensure the identification, notification and recording of previously unrecorded archaeological sites discovered during works is implemented.

The area is highly significant to Ngaati te Wehi and Ngaati Patupo and we appreciate the consultation you have undertaken.

Please inform Ngaati te Wehi and Ngaati Patupo, the approved archaeologist and the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeologist of start and finish dates for the work.

An appeal period from receipt of decision by all parties applies. Therefore, this authority may not be exercised during the appeal period of 15 working days or until any appeal that has been lodged is resolved.

If you have any queries, please direct your response in the first instance to:

Dr Rachel Darmody  
Senior Archaeologist  
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Tauranga Office  
PO Box 13339, Tauranga 3141

Phone 027 292 1588 Email [ArchaeologistLN@heritage.org.nz](mailto:ArchaeologistLN@heritage.org.nz)

Nāku noa, nā



Vanessa Tanner  
Manager Archaeology

- cc: Robert Green, Taumata Plantations Limited  
via email at [rbgreen@manulife.com](mailto:rbgreen@manulife.com)
- cc: Sarah-Jane Luoni, Manulife Forest Management  
via email at [sluoni@manulife.com](mailto:sluoni@manulife.com)
- cc: Lynda Walter, InSitu Heritage Ltd  
via email at [lynda@insitu-heritage.co.nz](mailto:lynda@insitu-heritage.co.nz)
- cc: Diane Bradshaw, Ngaati te Wehi  
via email at [d.bradshaw@gns.cri.nz](mailto:d.bradshaw@gns.cri.nz)
- cc: Shirley Stevenson, Ngaati Patupo  
via email at [shirleymay52@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymay52@gmail.com)
- cc: David Morrison  
via email at [dlnem@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dlnem@xtra.co.nz)
- cc: Planning Manager  
Waikato District Council  
via email at [publicenquiries@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:publicenquiries@waidc.govt.nz)

Pursuant to Section 51 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga must notify TLAs of any decision made on an application to modify or destroy an archaeological site. We recommend that this advice is placed on the appropriate property file for future reference.

- cc: Ministry for Culture and Heritage  
via email at [protected-objects@mch.govt.nz](mailto:protected-objects@mch.govt.nz)

Pursuant to Section 51 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

- cc: NZAA Central Filekeeper  
Attn: Mary O'Keeffe  
via email at [centralfilekeeper@archsite.org.nz](mailto:centralfilekeeper@archsite.org.nz)
- cc: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Senior Archaeologist, Dr Rachel Darmody
- cc: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Māori Heritage Advisor, Tharron Bloomfield
- cc: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Director Northern Region, Sherry Reynolds
- cc: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Kaiurungahoe Māori Heritage Team Leader Northern Region, Makere Rika-Heke



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA

# **AUTHORITY**

## ***Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014***

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**AUTHORITY NO: 2022/508**

**FILE REF: 11013-043**

**DETERMINATION DATE: 18 March 2022**

**EXPIRY DATE: 18 March 2027**

**AUTHORITY HOLDER: Taumata Plantations Limited**

**POSTAL ADDRESS: C/o Manulife Forest Management, 15 Braeside Ave, TOKOROA 3420**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: R15/111, R15/112, R15/171, R15/172, R15/212, R15/213, R15/216, R15/217, R15/425, R15/426, R15/430, R15/433, R15/796, R15/797, R15/798, R15/799, R15/800, R15/803, R15/804, R15/806, R15/807, R15/809, R15/811, R15/812, R15/813, R15/814 and possible subsurface sites, to be determined.**

**LOCATION: Harvest Areas 3932, 3933 and 2939, Morrisons Forest, Morrison Road, Aotea, Waikato District**

**APPROVED ARCHAEOLOGIST: Lynda Walter**

**LANDOWNER CONSENT: Completed**

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**This decision does not ascribe mana whenua status.**

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### **DETERMINATION**

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga grants a general authority pursuant to section 48 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 in respect of the archaeological sites described above, within the area specified as PT Lot 1 DPS 75439 CT SA57B/14, 303 ha PT AOTEA STH 3A BLKS I, II, V and VI, Kawhia North SD CT SA 249/48; 3.93ha to Taumata Plantations Limited for the proposal to harvest a plantation forest and carry out harvest operations including earthworks for the construction of associated infrastructure within Harvest Areas 3932, 3933 and 2939, Morrisons Forest, Morrison Road, Aotea, Waikato District, subject to the following conditions:

### **CONDITIONS OF AUTHORITY**

1. Prior to the start of any on-site work, the authority holder must ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is advised of the date when work will begin. This advice

must be provided at least 2 working days before work starts. The authority holder must also ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga are advised of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, within 5 working days of completion.

2. The authority holder must ensure that all contractors working on the project are briefed on site by the s45 approved person, who may appoint a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf, prior to any works commencing on the possibility of encountering archaeological evidence, how to identify possible archaeological sites during works, the archaeological work required by the conditions of this authority, and contractors' responsibilities with regard to notification of the discovery of archaeological evidence to ensure that the authority conditions are complied with. If the s45 approved person appoints a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Lower Northern Archaeologist must be advised who that person is before the briefing takes place.
3. Any ground disturbing forestry operations including track and skid formation, tree felling and extraction must be carried out in accordance with the Operation Plan Maps for HA 3931, HA 3932 and HA 3933 attached to the authority application.

Any changes to work affecting archaeological sites in the plan require the prior written agreement of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

4. Specific felling and extraction strategies must be agreed, in consultation with the approved archaeologist, for archaeological sites where there is potential for damage to occur to archaeological features during harvesting activity.
5. All parties operating under the terms of this authority must be made aware of the harvest plan and any details and procedures documented and must retain copies of any such plan on site during any ground disturbing activities permitted under the terms of this authority.
6. Appropriate marking of sites and site features (including any buffer margins), with high visibility materials, must be undertaken in consultation with the s45 approved person prior to works commencing. Marking methods must be of sufficient durability and visibility to ensure they are effective through the period of any operational cycle (the sequence of physical ground disturbing activities that can reasonably be expected to occur in and around the sites within the term over which the authority will be current).
7. Any earthworks or machinery movement that may affect any archaeological sites must be monitored at the discretion of the s45 approved person who may appoint a person to carry out the monitoring on their behalf. Any archaeological evidence encountered during the exercise of this authority must be investigated, recorded and analysed in accordance with current archaeological practice.
8. Trees on visible archaeological features should be felled under appropriate supervision, leaving high stumps. Dragging of felled stems across archaeological features must be avoided. If stems cannot be removed without causing damage to archaeological features they should be felled to waste, ensuring good ground contact to facilitate decomposition.

9. A procedure to ensure the identification, notification and recording of previously unrecorded archaeological sites discovered during works is to be implemented and communicated to those operating in the area.
10. If any kōiwi (human remains) are encountered, all work should cease within 10 metres of the discovery. The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Lower Northern Archaeologist, New Zealand Police and Ngaati te Wehi and Ngaati Patupo must be advised immediately in accordance with Guidelines for Kōiwi Tangata/Human Remains (Archaeological Guideline Series No.8) and no further work in the area may take place until future actions have been agreed by all parties.
11. Ngaati te Wehi and Ngaati Patupo shall be informed if any possible taonga or Māori artefacts are identified to enable appropriate tikanga to be undertaken, so long as all statutory requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected Objects Act 1975 are met.
12. Any archaeological work must be undertaken in conformity with any tikanga agreed to by the authority holder and Ngaati te Wehi and Ngaati Patupo, so long as the legal requirements of the authority are met.
13. A post-harvest inspection must be carried out by the s45 approved person who may appoint a person to carry out this activity on their behalf, immediately after harvesting has been completed. The results of this inspection are to be included in the final report and must inform any land preparation or future planting.
14. An establishment plan developed in consultation with the s45 approved person shall confirm and demarcate those areas that are not to be replanted following harvesting, and any other post-harvest interventions appropriate to conserve any archaeological sites identified through the operational cycle.
15. That within 12 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, the authority holder shall ensure that a final report, completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, is emailed to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Lower Northern Archaeologist for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library. Digital copies of the final report must also be sent to the NZAA Central Filekeeper, Ngaati te Wehi and Ngaati Patupo and the landowner.

**Signed for and on behalf of Heritage New Zealand.**



**Claire Craig**  
**Deputy Chief Executive Policy, Strategy and Corporate Services**  
**Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga**  
**PO Box 2629**  
**WELLINGTON 6140**

**Date 18 March 2022**

## **ADVICE NOTES**

### **Contact details for Heritage New Zealand Archaeologist**

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### **Current Archaeological Practice**

Current archaeological practice may include, but is not limited to, the production of maps/ plans/ measured drawings of site location and extent; excavation, section and artefact drawings; sampling, identification and analysis of faunal and floral remains and modified soils; radiocarbon dating of samples; the management of taonga tūturu and archaeological material; the completion of a final report and the updating of existing (or creation of new) site record forms to submit to the NZAA Site Recording Scheme. The final report shall include, but may not be limited to, site plans, section drawings, photographs, inventory of material recovered, including a catalogue of artefacts, location of where the material is currently held, and analysis of recovered material.

Please note that where one is required, an interim report should contain a written summary outlining the archaeological work undertaken, the preliminary results, and the approximate percentage of archaeological material remaining *in-situ* and a plan showing areas subject to earthworks, areas monitored and the location and extent of any archaeological sites affected or avoided.

### **Reporting Conditions**

In relation to the creation of reports as required by the authority conditions, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga supports transparent reporting processes. It therefore is expected that all relevant directly affected parties have reviewed the report in question, are happy with its contents, and understand that it will be made publicly available via the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga has the right to make available any report produced under an authority where the distribution of the report is for the purpose of providing archaeological information about the place in question for research or educational purposes.

### **Rights of Appeal**

An appeal to the Environment Court may be made by any directly affected person against any decision or condition. The notice of appeal should state the reasons for the appeal and the relief sought and any matters referred to in section 58 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. The notice of appeal must be lodged with the Environment Court and served on Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga within 15 working days of receiving the determination, and served on the applicant or owner within five working days of lodging the appeal.

**Review of Conditions**

The holder of an authority may apply to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for the change or cancellation of any condition of the authority. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga may also initiate a review of all or any conditions of an authority.

**Non-compliance with conditions**

Note that failure to comply with any of the conditions of this authority is a criminal offence and is liable to a penalty of up to \$120,000 (Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, section 88).

**Costs**

The authority holder shall meet all costs incurred during the exercise of this authority. This includes all on-site work, post fieldwork analysis, radiocarbon dates, specialist analysis and preparation of interim and final reports.

**Assessment and Interim Report Templates**

Assessment and interim report templates are available on the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga website: [archaeology.nz](http://archaeology.nz)

**Guideline Series**

Guidelines are available on the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga website: [archaeology.nz](http://archaeology.nz)

**The Protected Objects Act 1975**

The Ministry for Culture and Heritage (“the Ministry”) administers the Protected Objects Act 1975 which regulates the sale, trade and ownership of taonga tūturu.

If a taonga tūturu is found during the course of an archaeological authority, the Ministry or the nearest public museum must be notified of the find within 28 days of the completion of the field work.

Breaches of this requirement are an offence and may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 for each taonga tūturu for an individual, and of up to \$20,000 for a body corporate.

For further information please visit the Ministry’s website at <http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/protected-objects>.

**Land Owner Requirements**

If you are the owner of the land to which this authority relates, you are required to advise any successor in title that this authority applies in relation to the land. This will ensure that any new owner is made aware of their responsibility in regard to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.





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# **APPROVED ARCHAEOLOGIST**

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### **APPROVAL**

Pursuant to section 45 of the Act, **Lynda Walter**, is approved by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to carry out any archaeological work required as a condition of authority 2022/508, and to compile and submit a report on the work done. Lynda Walter will hold responsibility for the current archaeological practice in respect of the archaeological authority for which this approval is given.

**Signed for and on behalf of Heritage New Zealand.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig', written over a horizontal line.

**Claire Craig**  
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