

## Te Ātiawa in Te Tau Ihu

Te Tau Ihu has a rich and colourful pre-European history and was the focus of much travel and conflict between different iwi. The area was nationally renowned among Māori for its bountiful animal life, resources and trails to other parts of Te Waipounamu.

Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui Trust is the statutory authority representing Te Ātiawa members across Te Tau Ihu.

Whilst only one of the 9 iwi within Te Tau Ihu, Te Ātiawa has defined rohe where the iwi holds manawhenua, manamoana, and kaitiaki status (guardianship) over land, water and sea within its tākiwa or territory.

There are three separate rohe of Te Ātiawa in Te Tau Ihu. Each rohe is managed by a different Resource Management Office but governed by Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui Trust. For that reason, local rohe offices are the primary points of contact in the resource consent process.

Iwi interests as a whole may also be affected where an activity is to occur within, adjacent to, or affecting an area recognised in the Ngāti Kōata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama ki Te Tau Ihu, and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Claims Settlement Act 2014 as a Statutory Acknowledgement Area. In those circumstances, it would be prudent to make contact with the relevant rohe office of Te Ātiawa as the Iwi will be involved in the management of the area.

## Process for applicants

1. Research iwi planning document and online tools
2. Prepare a draft application
3. Determine extent of effects (less than minor, minor, more than minor)
4. Consult with Te Ātiawa or mandated offices
5. Modify the application as needed
6. Lodge application with relevant Council
7. Council assess the application for completeness
8. Once complete, council decides whether to process with or without notification
9. Further consultation, as needed
10. Council determines the application

## Questions to answer when drafting an application

1. Which rohe cover the site where the activity is to be located? (see map)
2. Is the activity within, adjacent to, or likely to directly affect a statutory acknowledgement area?
3. Is the activity within a cultural area or sensitive area of Te Ātiawa?
4. What matters of importance to Te Ātiawa are likely to be affected by the activity?
5. What is the best way to avoid, remedy, or mitigate effects on Te Ātiawa values?
6. How does the activity fit within Part 2 of the RMA?
7. Is the activity consistent with the policies and objectives of Iwi and Council planning documents?

## Statutory Acknowledgement areas

Statutory Acknowledgement areas are listed in the Ngāti Kōata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama ki Te Tau Ihu, and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Claims Settlement Act 2014, Schedules 1 to 3, as areas of particular significance to Te Ātiawa.

An applicant will need to consider whether the activity is within, or adjacent to a Statutory acknowledgment area, or whether the area could be directly affected even if the activity is outside the immediate area.

For more details of Statutory Acknowledgement areas you should contact either the head office of Te Ātiawa or the delegated rohe office. You can also identify these areas using the regional council maps (Statutory Acknowledgement Areas of Te Tau Ihu) with the layer labelled 'Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui'.

## Cultural areas

Cultural areas are identified as requiring special protection due to the presence of significant wāhi tapu (sacred places) or wāhi taonga (treasured possessions) in the area. Where activities occur in these areas, consultation with Te Ātiawa is particularly important in order to identify effects of the activity and avoid, remedy or mitigate those effects. Cultural areas can be identified using the Cnat maps. Absence of a cultural area on GIS does not mean there are no wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga sites in the area. Rather, indication of an area should indicate to an application an issue of wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga.

## Sensitive areas

In addition to cultural areas, locations have been identified to highlight there are cultural values that may be more sensitive to adverse effects. These areas are a guide only, but provide some more direction to likely areas of concern.

## The RMA and planning documents

Part 2 of the RMA, through sections 5 to 8, makes specific reference to cultural values, the relationship of Maori to land and water, kaitiakitanga (guardianship by mana whenua), and the treaty of Waitangi. An application must meet the purpose of the RMA, which incorporates these elements for consideration. Iwi and council planning documents provide guidance, through policies and objectives, about what needs to be considered in relation to Te Ātiawa values, in order to satisfy Part 2 of the RMA.

Some of the sensitive areas of Te Ātiawa can be identified using the council maps (Statutory Acknowledgement Areas of Te Tau Ihu) with the layer labelled 'Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui'.

## Effects on Te Ātiawa values

Te Ātiawa has produced planning and reference documents which are available to help applicants identify matters of importance to iwi. They are called Iwi Environment Management Plans (IEMP). They also provide direction on how best to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on cultural values.

Further guidance material for applicants on resource management can be provided by the head office of Te Ātiawa or its mandated office within the rohe.



### Affected Party Status

Te Ātiawa as an iwi, and specifically representing mana whenua, are considered an affected party where effects on cultural values are minor or more than minor, in accordance with Section 95E of the RMA.

Obtaining written approval is an important step for an application to proceed without notification, and required direct consultation with Te Ātiawa.

### Costs

If iwi consultation is required as part of your application, you may be charged on a cost recoverable basis for the time involved in providing advice or approval in relation to your application. You can expect to be advised regarding any costs and timeframes when you make contact.

Engaging with Te Ātiawa – Contact us

Contact details for Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui at November 2016

The following are the contact details for the Te Ātiawa head office if you need to consult them over your resource consent application.

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