

## FW: great barrier island walking trails [AS 6987]

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Monday 29 May, 2023 11:47 am

**To:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** FW: great barrier island walking trails [AS 6987]

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**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora both,

Can we discuss the proposal below later today – Teams meeting? [REDACTED] phoned last week and has followed up with email below. I want to get back to [REDACTED] asap with either “Thanks, we’re interested in talking further” or “no, sorry, cannot take on this work” response.

[REDACTED] I suggested that [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] to get a sense of the trails investigation work that could be achieved within the c. \$50K budget available...

Dot



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 29, 2023 11:37 AM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** great barrier island walking trails

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Looking forward to hearing back from you as soon as possible as we are aiming to get this project organised fast. I've copied in [REDACTED] who is our trust administrator.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Destination Great Barrier Island

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## Re: great barrier island walking trails

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**CC:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, trustee1@dgbi.co.nz <trustee1@dgbi.co.nz>

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- Tryphena with Okupu and Oruawharo/Medlands (from Tryphena Road and Puriri Bay and Schooner Bay Rd),
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- Okupu with Whangaparapara. These are legal roads that appear on Pocket Maps but one or two may involve some DOC land.
- The Rosalie Bay tracks that you mention below.

The top (north) half of the island is well catered for with all the DOC tracks, and there do not seem to be any obvious opportunities up there.

We will do as many tracks as we have funding for, keeping in mind there will be significant admin time to hold it all together. I'll see if the trustees can prioritise the tracks I've listed above. Meanwhile, lets press ahead with an on-line session soon. Say Wednesday?

Nga mihi

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Date:** Monday, 29 May 2023 at 1:39 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Ric Cullinane , "trustee1@dgbi.co.nz"

**Subject:** FW: great barrier island walking trails

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I'm happy to have an online session with you to draw the four main ULR routes you are wanting to pursue. Or just send me the names of the bays/localities you want to connect to, via the road name (if there is one) - and I can sketch up a map we can share with Ric to help inform the project discussion.

E.g.

- Rosalie Bay to Mulberry Reserve via Little Goat Road, Rosalie Bay Road
- Shoal Bay to Rosalie Bay via Jenny's Road
- Rosalie Bay to Ruahine Lookout Track
- Rosalie Bay Road via Little Goat Road & Cape Barrier Road to Island Bay Track

Ngā mihi,

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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Ric Cullinane

**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

Hi [REDACTED] greetings [REDACTED]

Thanks for the prompt. I spoke with our CE Ric Cullinane this morning (copied in). He is open to discussing your proposal, and interested in finding out more about which tracks you envisage the funds would be spent on - i.e. a brief project outline, with the four or so main routes that you are interested in collating detail on.

You've already listed track investigation, clearing & marking – but as I explained over the phone last week, vegetation clearance on unformed legal roads (ULRs) needs the permission of Auckland Transport, so one of the outputs needed will be a business case to AT for permission to clear/mark paths on ULRs (this is not very onerous, and there is a template we can use). There would be other deliverables that would be relatively low cost / high value to the project.

Here are some of the useful things that other community trails groups have invested in – with notes on how we might be able to assist (whether or not we take on the project funding administration):



- map of the proposed trail network (something we may be able to produce, depending on format, complexity, timeframe)
- Cultural landscape assessment – this is something that would likely be helpful in moving from current state of no engagement with mana whenua, and could highlight ways in which local iwi/hapū could lead, advise or support the trails work
- zone footage of the routes with cultural & historical narrative – this is something that might help build local enthusiasm and “ownership” of the connecting routes
- business case for clearing the trails (we may be able to assist with templates – meeting Auckland Transport’s requirements)
- presentation of findings to the Local Board and Auckland Transport (we may be able to assist – depending on our role in the project).

Once we provide Ric with a bit more detail, I will set up a meeting with you – do you use MS Teams, or Zoom?

Ngā mihi – regards,

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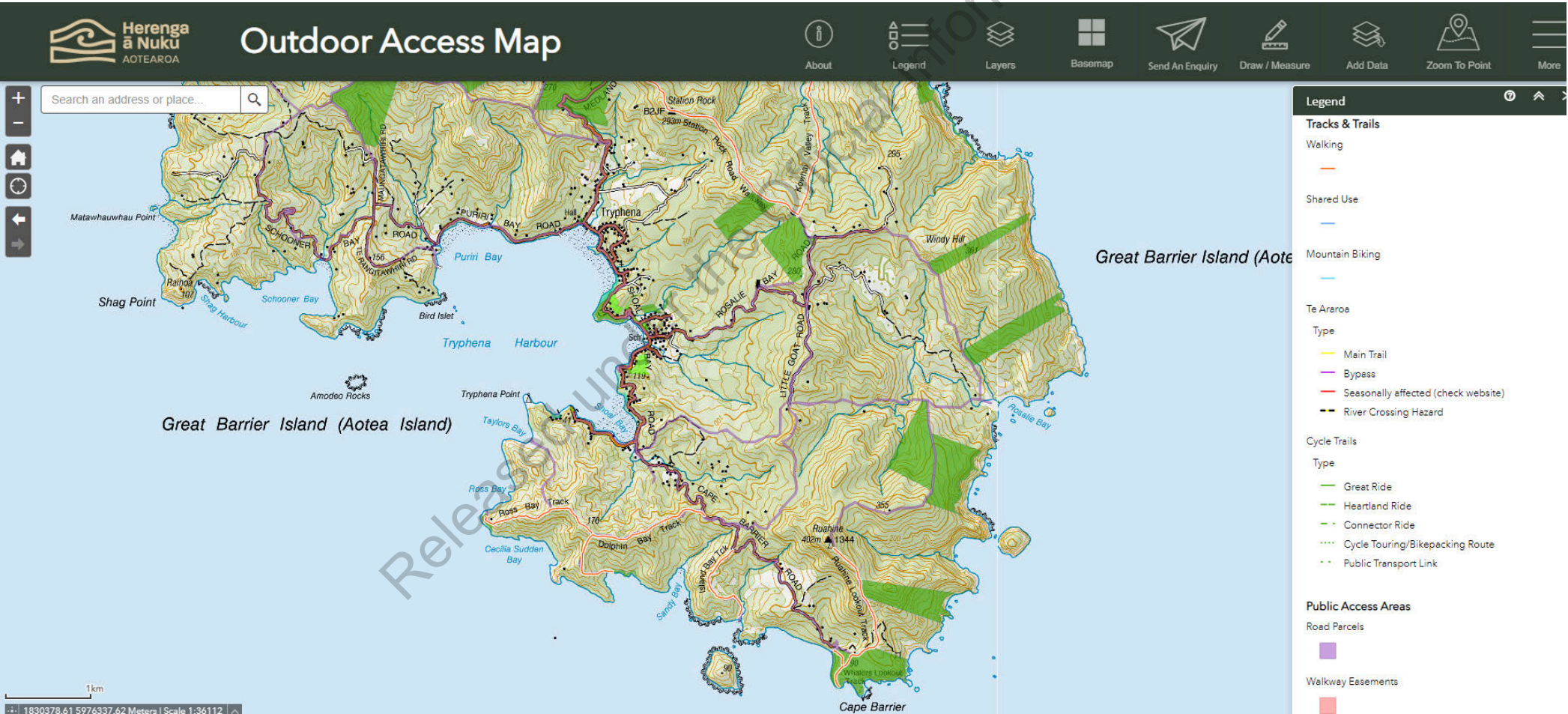
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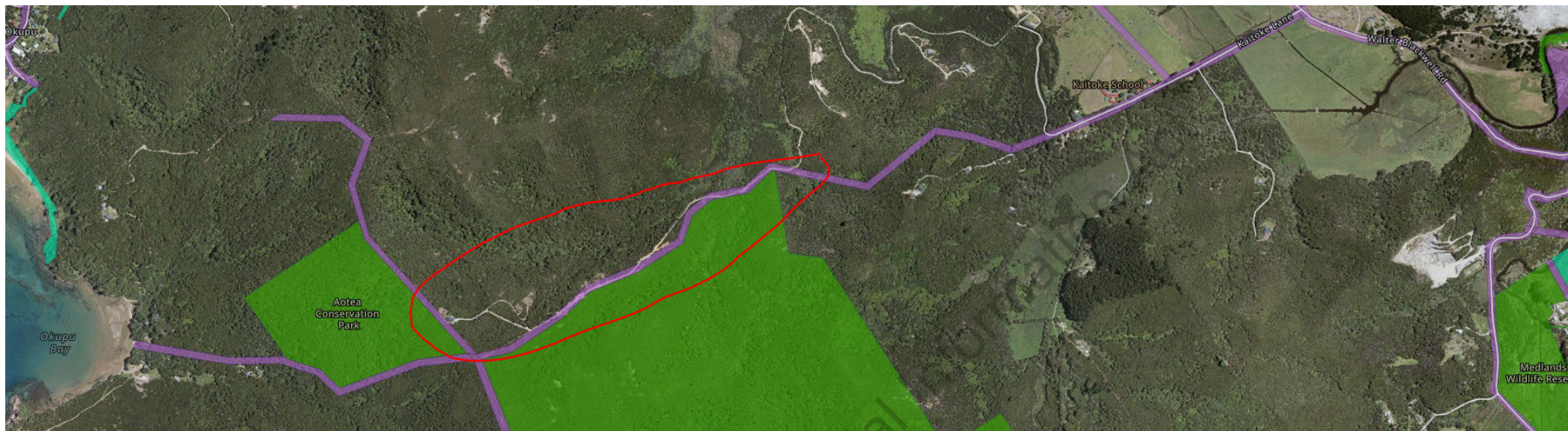
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2. and in other places the aerial basemap appears to show a track formed along the ULR (e.g. circled in red on map snip below - along the end of Kaitoke Lane ULR as far as the North-west corner of Tryphena Reserve).



I will check with Ric when he is available and get back to you with an online meeting invitation,

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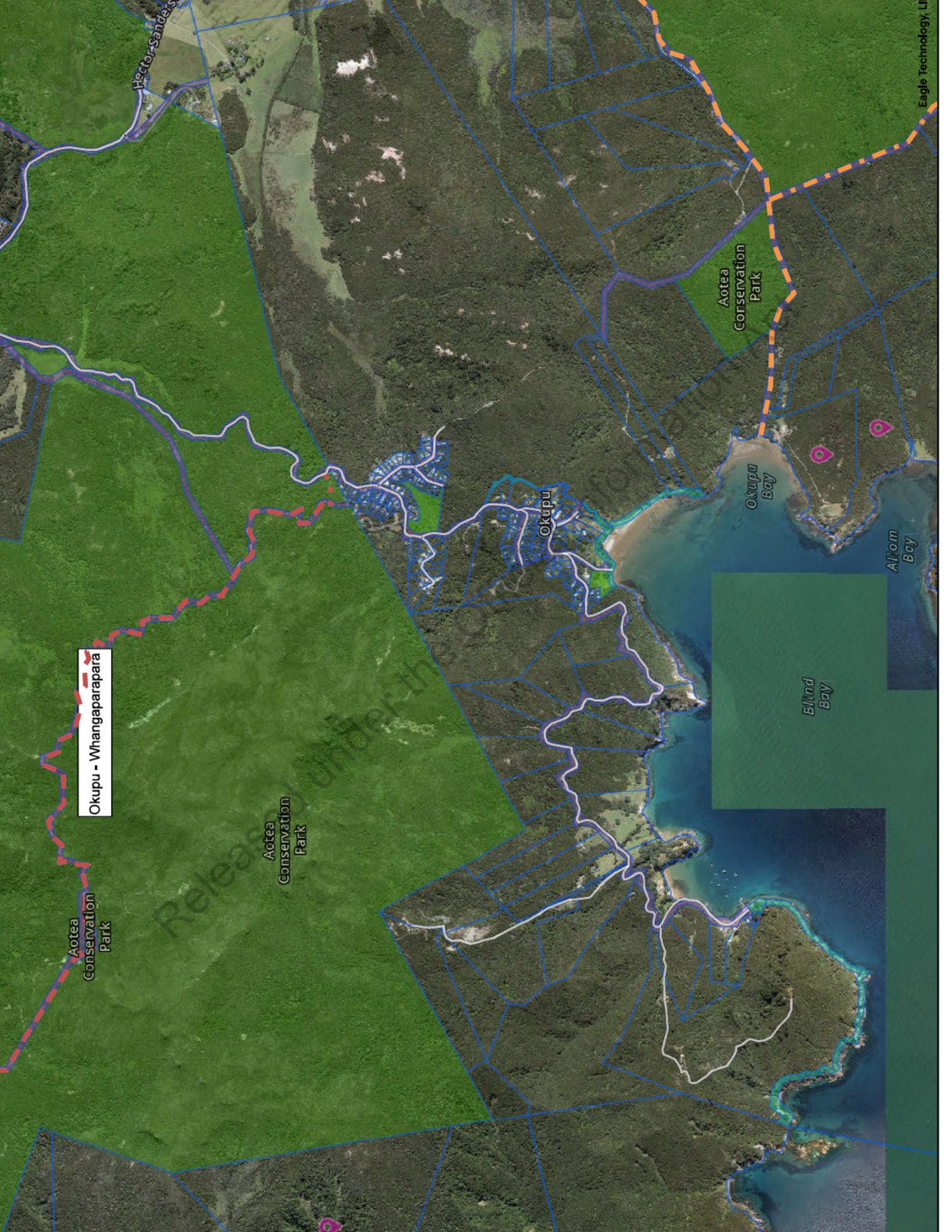
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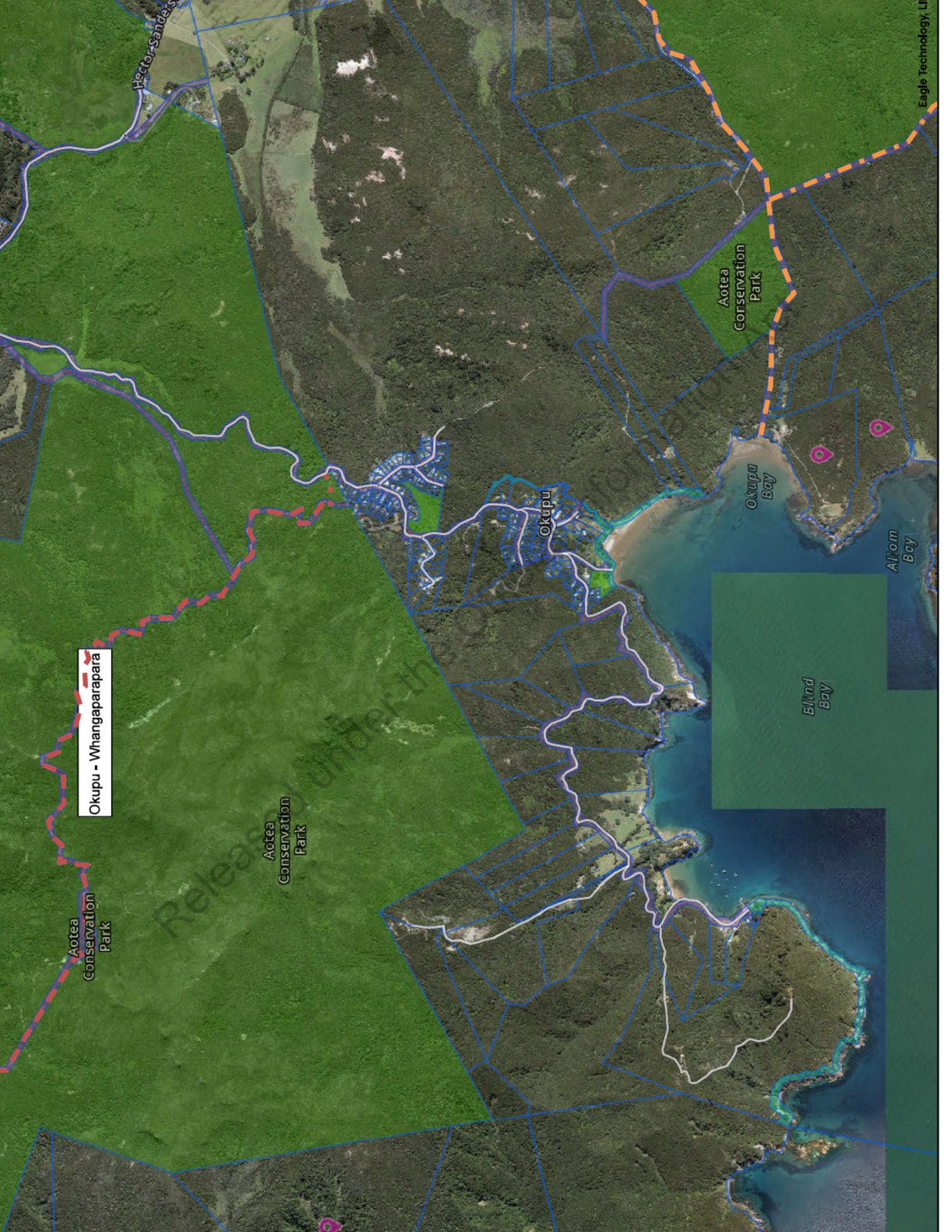
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Shoal Bay - Rosalie Bay

Rosalie Bay - Ruahine Lookout Trk

Rosalie Bay - Island Bay Trk

Aotea Conservation Park

Sandy Bay

Shoal Bay

Mulberry Grove School

Johns Rd



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**Attachments:**  
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Either tomorrow at 1pm or Friday am are good for me.



Ric Cullinane

Tumuaki | Chief Executive  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dot Dalziell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023 4:54 PM  
**To:** Ric Cullinane  
**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails [AS 6987]

Hmmm. Part of the reason that this hasn't progressed earlier, even though the Trust has some money set aside for it, is that there has been some local pushback from landholders adjoining ULRs, who wish to continue to use the ULRs for their private access or who consider the ULR to be de facto part of their private landholding. But another part of the puzzle is that AT as landholders have not been engaging with Local boards about trails along ULRs, and Auckland Council staff don't have the resources to manage more tracks & trails. So the Trust feels blocked by a vocal local minority and completely let down by the authorities.

Another key question is what Mana whenua think about the proposed trails. [REDACTED] has mentioned that the iwi is very disorganised and doesn't respond to requests for engagement. I pointed out that it is a small group of people and they are oversubscribed, so setting aside budget for Cultural Landscape assessment type input might be the way to get the trails project into focus for Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai. I know the past-Chair of the iwi – Nicola MacDonald, but not the current trustees.

Re signage, maintenance: No money in Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board budgets that I can see. Auckland Transport not interested / no budget to develop trails along ULRs. It is possible that the regional trails programme approach Chris Charles is developing within Auckland Council might help attract support and channel resources... but I think we should assume that any costs for clearing vegetation off old overgrown tracks or new tracks along ULRs would have to be funded by the community.

Do you have time to meet online with [REDACTED] this week? **How about Thursday 1-2pm or some time on Friday morning?**

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

Kia ora Dot,

Any thoughts on who would form, signpost and maintain these tracks?

Is there support form the wider local community?

Nga mihi,

Ric



Ric Cullinane

Tumuaki | Chief Executive

**From:** Dot Dalziel <[Dot.Dalziel@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziel@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

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**To:** [REDACTED]

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Thanks Dot. These maps look like a great start.

I am available most times for an on-line session, but I'm not available at all this Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> June).

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re: great barrier island walking trails

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Thanks Dot

1pm tomorrow is great. [REDACTED] - are you able to join in?

[REDACTED]

On 31/05/2023, at 9:50 AM, Dot Dalziell wrote:

Are you available to meet online with Ric and me tomorrow (Thursday 1 June) at 1pm, or Friday morning?

Cheers,

Dot



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**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Tuesday 6 June, 2023 05:53 pm

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

**Attachments:** out of scope [REDACTED]

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for the prompt. I agree – a brief project plan is the next step.

Re: a template, I'm having a chat with Chris Charles about it tomorrow morning – I'll let him know that the project is being written up in strict confidence. He's a good place to start because he can navigate the AC/AT terrain very well when it comes to proposing tracks, trails, using ULRs etc. I'm thinking we can tune the project brief info to best engage with Local Board aspirations, expectations and limitations – and he likely has a template or example we can repurpose.

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In the attached Route marking for ULR sample doc put together to satisfy AT's requirements for a specific ULR route (within the wider Big Omaha Trail), it was a poled route across pasture, but the same sort of case needs to be made if the plan is to trim vegetation to daylight old trails.

AT also required a letter to adjoining landowners (example attached), and I think that this is simply good practice – as it clarifies for the community adjacent to ULRs that it is public space, that the community trails project team has a right to investigate the trail route along a ULR, and that they should get in contact if there are any concerns – eg about stock, structure built on ULRs, wayfinding (e.g. how to avoid trespass where a private driveway diverges from the public road parcel etc).

Hope these are all helpful.

Ngā mihi,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:01 PM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
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Kia ora Dot

Thanks for the on-line meeting with Ric last Thursday. While it is fresh in our minds, could we develop a project plan?

If you have a template from similar projects, we would be happy to help complete it. Please send anything on to us that you think will be helpful. We are meeting with a charitable trust consultant on Friday regarding the process of winding up Destination Great Barrier Island and it would be good to have as much information as possible.

Also, I bumped into [REDACTED] on Sunday and mentioned that we have this project under development. He is very interested in being involved and very happy at the idea of working with you.

Nga mihi

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Wednesday 7 June, 2023 10:40 am

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

**Attachments:** out of scope [REDACTED]

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Greetings [REDACTED]

Chris is very supportive, and though he has limited time available for new projects, he is signalling that he will help out where he can – particularly by rallying assistance from within Council, and requesting support from AT when needed. He is standing by.

Meanwhile, attached is the example short-form project Brief from Chris. This is obviously a much more detailed project example, but it has useful section headings.

- I can provide maps to illustrate connectivity objectives
- you may have images (slips over local roads?) to help readers understand the resilience objectives
- tourism/population info re who walks where now, and who might walk where given the option
- a photo or two of overgrown old tracks, and/or historic image of a ULR in use as a track in the past.

I understand that you are keen to differentiate between describing and publicising ULR routes, and creating or maintaining trails along ULRs. As I explained over the phone earlier on – vegetation trimming is likely covered within AT's policy document [Management of Unformed Legal Roads](#). In particular, these two clauses:

## 5.9 Trees, Crops and Vegetation

*Unformed legal roads sometimes feature illegally planted trees, grown and managed by the occupiers or owners of adjoining forestry and horticultural land. Adjoining landholders have no legal right to ownership or occupation of the unformed legal road. As trees are affixed to the land, any trees on a road are owned by Auckland Council and are under the management and control of Auckland Transport.*

## 5.10 Weed Control

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### Auckland Transport Principles:

- *Landowners adjoining an unformed legal road should take responsibility for keeping the road free of weeds if they are using the road for farming purposes.*
- *Weeds may be removed by road users for the purpose of continued access. However, working parties to clear large amounts of vegetation are not permitted without authorisation from Auckland Transport.*

That said, another piece of news from Chris is that he has recently met with AT and negotiated that the key requirement for a community trails project working in the road corridor is a letter from AT stating what work on which parts of the legal road network the group is permitted to carry out. Progress!

Ngā mihi,

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Thanks Dot. Those are really helpful documents.

Perhaps one very important aspect of our project is that it is not intended to include actual trail building and development – that would need to come as a second stage. What we are looking for initially, is a scoping study of certain local ULRs which would involve investigation and assessment of the route for its accessibility. This would involve a proper description of the URL (divided into practical sections) and only some minor clearing or rehabilitation of old tracks, and perhaps some trail markers in places where there is room for confusion. Once the URLs are described, it would be good to then gauge community interest in having improvements made.

I agree with the approach of letting adjoining landowners know about the project (I will be one of those adjoining owners) but it will be important to frame it as a scoping study. Wider publicity might mean that more people seek to use the ULRs but that no significant improvement work will be undertaken as part of this project.

I'm interested in how your meeting with Chris goes today.

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In the attached Route marking for ULR sample doc put together to satisfy AT's requirements for a specific ULR route (within the wider Big Omaha Trail), it was a poled route across pasture, but the same sort of case needs to be made if the plan is to trim vegetation to daylight old trails.

AT also required a letter to adjoining landowners (example attached), and I think that this is simply good practice – as it clarifies for the community adjacent to ULRs that it is public space, that the community trails project team has a right to investigate the trail route along a ULR, and that they should get in contact if there are any concerns – eg about stock, structure built on ULRs, wayfinding (e.g. how to avoid trespass where a private driveway diverges from the public road parcel etc).

Hope these are all helpful.

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:01 PM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: great barrier island walking trails

Kia ora Dot

Thanks for the on-line meeting with Ric last Thursday. While it is fresh in our minds, could we develop a project plan?

# Re: great barrier island walking trails

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Received** Friday 23 June, 2023 12:31 pm  
**To:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>  
**CC:** [REDACTED] <trustee1@dgbi.co.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: great barrier island walking trails  
**Attachments:** Walking Access Project Draft.docx  
**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Hi Dot

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Talk soon

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell  
**Date:** Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 10:40 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

Greetings [REDACTED]

Chris is very supportive, and though he has limited time available for new projects, he is signalling that he will help out where he can – particularly by rallying assistance from within Council, and requesting support from AT when needed. He is standing by.

Meanwhile, attached is the example short-form project Brief from Chris. This is obviously a much more detailed project example, but it has useful section headings.

- I can provide maps to illustrate connectivity objectives
- you may have images (slips over local roads?) to help readers understand the resilience objectives
- tourism/population info re who walks where now, and who might walk where given the option
- a photo or two of overgrown old tracks, and/or historic image of a ULR in use as a track in the past.

I understand that you are keen to differentiate between describing and publicising ULR routes, and creating or maintaining trails along ULRs. As I explained over the phone earlier on – vegetation trimming is likely covered within AT's policy document [Management of Unformed Legal Roads](#). In particular, these two clauses:

## DRAFT

Project Description = Scoping Study into the usefulness of ULRs on Aotea

### Overall aim

- To improve community awareness and understanding of ULRs on Aotea in order to re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between communities and to improve recreational walking opportunities.

### What this project will do

- Explore ULRs using Pocketmaps, GPS technology and survey information and then describe each URL in terms of accessibility and hazards.
- Mark routes over the ULRs where route-marking is required. Only simple trail marking and minimal bush clearing is envisaged, to allow safe passage of walkers
- Identify URLs that could be upgraded or improved to enable walking access
- Note: Significant track-formation is not included in this project but could come later if considered appropriate and important

### Background and Overview

- Aotea has numerous ULRs that can potentially provide alternative walking access between settlement communities and around Aotea. Many of these ULRs have been walking trails in the past and already have some track formation.
- Many walkers on Aotea (particularly the non-DOC areas) currently rely on use of the formed roads which are narrow and winding and unsafe for walkers. Increasing traffic volumes and size of vehicles contributes to safety concerns.
- Aotea has remarkable bush and forest which can be enjoyed from the ULRs
- Current walking tracks on Aotea are either short destination walks or formed tracks through the DOC estate which are not orientated towards simple connectivity nor conveniently located for residents.
- Improved connectivity will improve alternatives and resilience when road closures occur and can provide improved access for pest control activities and emergency responses.

### Key Principles

- Auckland Transport (CCO of Auckland Council) is the owner of ULRs and as such, is a key player in this project
- Mana whenua and the Local Board are key partners
- Adjoining land-owners will need to be informed of any activity on the URLs
- Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa (Outdoor Access Commission) is ideally positioned to lead this project through its dedicated purpose of “connecting people, connecting places”. The Commission creates and sustains public access to the outdoors, working with communities and across statutory boundaries and envisages a comprehensive and safe network of trails across Aotearoa New Zealand.

- This project is not aligned with any particular tourism-related goal of attracting additional visitors to Aotea, but the ULRs are intended to be available for all people who wish to walk them as long as adequate public information is available
- Walking, as an alternative to driving, offers opportunities to reduce carbon footprint

Which ULRs will be considered for this project?

- Connection between Tryphena and Okupu
- Connection between Tryphena and Oruawharo/Claris
- Connection between Okupu and Claris
- Connection between Whanagaparapara and Okupu
- Connection between Cape Barrier, Rosalie Bay, Tryphena and Oruawharo
- Other ULRs depending on project progress

Detail of Project

- Funding for the project will come from Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) and will be directed to Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa
- Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa will be the “project manager” and will engage with Aotea residents, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, the Aotea Local Board, mana whenua and adjoining land-owners. Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) will not be the public face of this project.
- A suitably experienced person will be employed by Herenga a nuku to walk the ULRs, mark them with track markers where necessary, provide minor clearance of bush or obstacles to allow simple human passage. Each section of track to be carefully described in narrative and photographic form to build knowledge, identify hazards and identify further areas for potential track-improvement in the future. This information will be made available as public and safety information.
- A community group of interested parties and walkers will be formed and act as a community reference group for Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa as they proceed with the project.
- A timeline of six months from the start of the project
- Project to conclude with a set of recommendations for further trail development and an overall report on the project and its findings.

Maps.....

Budget.....

# RE: Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_04072023" with you.

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday 5 July, 2023 01:17 pm

**To:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_04072023" with you.

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Great! Thanks for the response Ric.

██████ has requested we give it some maps & a polish – will liaise with Stephen to help with the polish bit.

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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**From:** Ric Cullinane

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2023 1:16 PM

**To:** Dot Dalziell

**Subject:** RE: Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_04072023" with you.

Kia ora Dot,

Hey, that's pretty good. Need to mention under "Key Principles" that AT is responsible for the ULR and that AT's agreement is required for any work on the ULR.

I'm happy with this so far – A simple map(s) would add clarity.

This document would form the basis of a MoU or "other appropriate paper work" for Us to receive and spend the money.



Nga mihi,

Ric



**Ric Cullinane**

Tumuaki | Chief Executive  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:25 PM

**To:** Ric Cullinane <[ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_04072023" with you.



## Dot Dalziell shared a file with you

Kia ora Ric,  
[REDACTED] from Great Barrier sent me through the project description, to which I have made minimal tweaks (for clarity). Can you please review and let me know whether you want us to proceed on this basis, and what documentation you will need to take on the project (MOU with the outgoing Trust or the Local Board; financials etc.)



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## RE: great barrier island walking trails

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday 12 July, 2023 04:13 pm

**To:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED] <trustee1@dgbi.co.nz>

**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

**Attachments:** ProjectBrief\_Draft\_12072023\_for [REDACTED] Comment.pdf

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I have worked up the project brief (attached) – and my Comms colleague [REDACTED] has given it a polish. Is this the sort of thing you have in mind to present to the Local Board (and others)?

**Maps:** Can you look at the maps I've roughed up – what I am trying to communicate is how wonderfully connective the ULRs are in the central & southern portions of the island. Let me know if you think more detailed maps would help in this context – meanwhile I will work on the map quality.

**Budget:** We still need to collate budget information – not too detailed, but something that shows the value that you are leveraging with the Trust's funds, eg:

Total budget amount:

- Funding from the Trust
- In-kind support from Herenga ā Nuku
- In-kind support from community reference group

Proposed expenditure:

- professional services,
- mapping & publication (text, photos, map resources);
- track marking;
- recommendations report

I suggest that the following information may also be helpful in communicating with the Local Board and aiding their advocacy to Auckland Transport:

- Cost & benefits if AC investigates the tracks, then clears & maintains tracks along ULRs
- Costs & benefits if community (through the trust) investigates, clears & maintains the tracks along ULRs

**Timeframes:** I note that the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board meeting for July has been cancelled – are we planning to present at their 22<sup>nd</sup> August meeting?

Ngā mihi,

Dot

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: great barrier island walking trails

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**Subject:** RE: great barrier island walking trails

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**Herenga  
ā Nuku**  
AOTEAROA

Scoping the usability of unformed  
legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier  
Island for better connectivity and  
recreation

OUTDOOR ACCESS COMMISSION

## The goal

**Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.**

## Why connections matter

Trail connections are an important part of a community. Destination Great Barrier envisages a legacy of healthy Aotea/Great Barrier communities – where homes, reserves, beaches, schools, and other destinations are connected by safe walking routes. Such routes allow Aotea people a chance to enjoy the outdoors and get physical and mental health benefits.

Walking connectivity provides a low cost, low emissions transport option for many – in contrast with driving, which is particularly expensive on the island.

Improved connectivity will provide alternatives and increase community resilience when road closures occur and may enhance access for pest control activities and emergency responses.

This project is not aligned with any particular tourism-related goal of attracting more visitors to Aotea. The trail routes we would develop would be available for all people who wish to walk them – so long as adequate public information is available.

## Strategy

Improve community awareness and understanding of unformed legal roads. See the maps at the end of this project brief, which highlight in orange the network of unformed legal roads – connecting key places on Aotea.

**Unformed legal roads** (ULRs) are exactly what their name suggests – parcels of land designated as legal roads but not physically constructed. They can be a great recreational asset, providing public access to the outdoors. However, they're often indistinguishable from private land and aren't shown on Topo maps.

New Zealand has about 56,000km of ULRs. Most are one chain wide (an imperial measurement equivalent to about 20m).

## Why Herenga ā Nuku?

Herenga ā Nuku is ideally positioned to lead this project through its dedicated purpose of "connecting people, connecting places".

The Commission creates and sustains public access to the outdoors, working with communities and across statutory boundaries – and envisages a comprehensive and safe network of trails across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our work with communities to highlight and unlock the value of unformed legal roads is gaining recognition and momentum, as can be seen in Federated Mountain Clubs' #sameasSH1 social media campaign.

We are working with Local Government NZ and individual roading authorities (including Auckland Transport) to assist their understanding, recognition and protection of unformed legal roads as key infrastructure for connecting people and places.

### **Aotea ULRs at present**

- Aotea has numerous ULRs that may potentially provide alternative walking access between settlement communities and around the island. Many of these ULRs have been walking trails in the past and already have some track formation.
- Many walkers on Aotea, particularly in the non-DOC areas, currently rely on formed roads. These are narrow, winding, and unsafe for walkers. Increasing traffic volume and vehicle size contribute to safety concerns.
- Aotea has remarkable bush and forest which can be enjoyed from the ULRs.
- Current walking tracks on Aotea are either short destination walks or formed tracks through the DOC estate. In contrast, the ULRs are orientated towards simple connectivity and are conveniently located for residents.

### **Proposed work programme**

1. Explore Aotea ULRs using the Herenga ā Nuku Pocket Maps app, GPS technology and survey information.
2. Describe each section of track in narrative and photographic form to build knowledge, identify hazards and identify further areas for potential track improvement in the future. This information will be made available as public and safety information.
3. Mark routes over the ULRs where required (only simple trail marking and minimal bush clearing is envisaged, to allow safe passage of walkers).  
A suitably experienced person will be employed by Herenga ā Nuku to walk the ULRs, mark them with track markers where necessary and provide minor clearance of bush or obstacles to allow simple human passage.
4. Identify ULRs that could be upgraded or improved to enable walking access.  
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## **Which ULRs will be considered for this project?**

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- Other ULRs depending on project progress.

## **Project details**

### **Timeline**

6 months.

### **Funding**

Funding for the project will come from Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) and will be directed to Herenga ā Nuku.

### **Management and collaboration**

- Herenga ā Nuku will be the project manager and will engage with the Aotea Local Board, mana whenua, Aotea residents, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, and adjoining landholders. Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) will not be the public face of this project.
- A community group of interested parties and walkers will be formed and function as a community reference group for Herenga ā Nuku as they progress the project.
- Auckland Transport is the roading authority responsible for all legal roads, including the ULRs on Aotea. Their agreement is required for any work on the ULRs.
- Mana whenua and the local board are key partners.
- Adjoining landholders will need to be informed of any activity to signpost and publicise use of the ULRs.

### **ULR network maps**

The maps included here indicate the network of possible connections along unformed legal roads, focusing on central and southern Aotea/Great Barrier.

While the formed roading network shows in purple, the unformed sections of the network have been highlighted in orange.



### Aotea (south) ULR connections - topo

#### Map key

- DOC Campsites
- Road Parcels
- Esplanade Strip Titles
- Esplanade Reserves
- Reserve Land
- DOC Public Conservation Land

Map scale: 1:36,112

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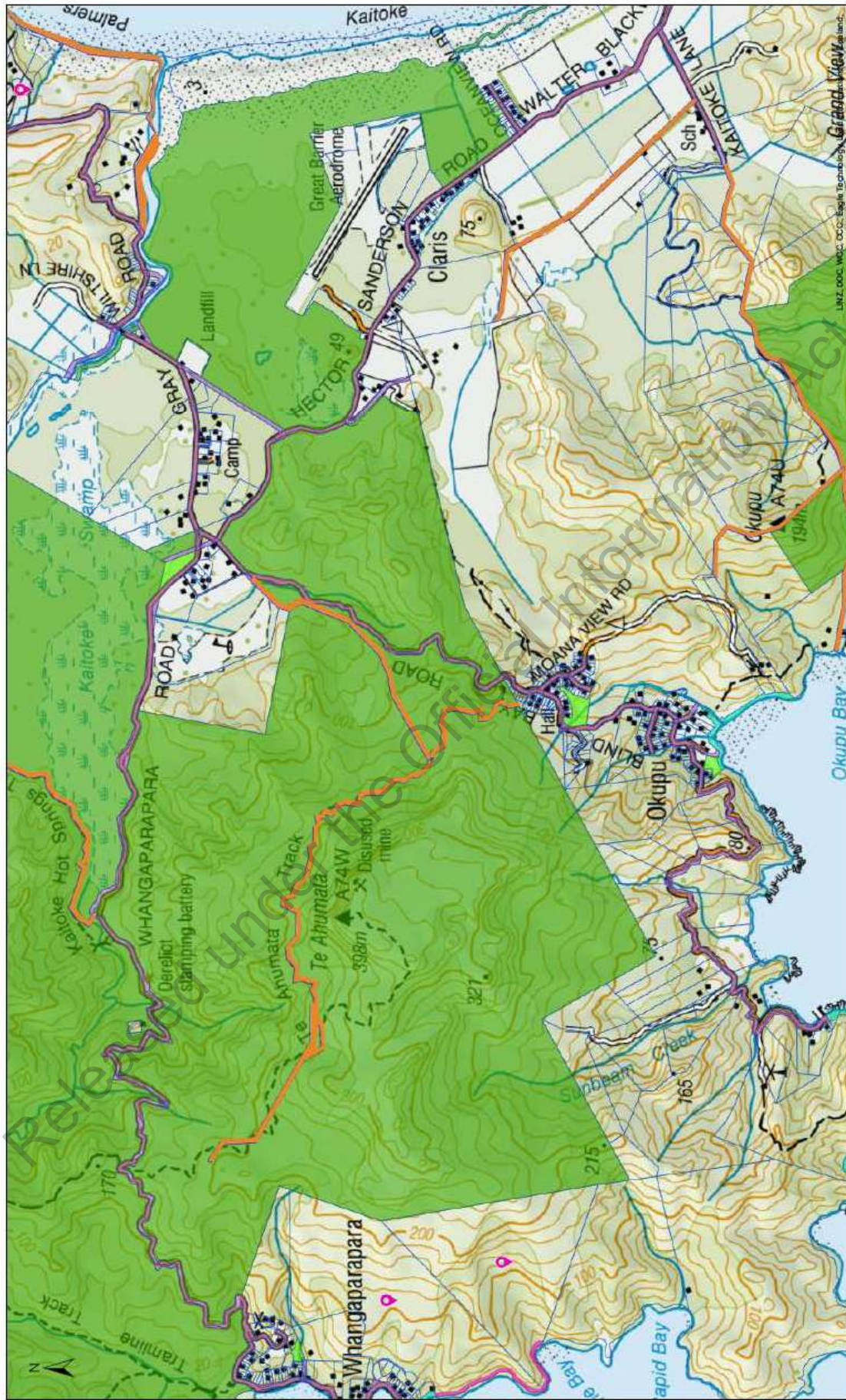


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## Map key

- Road Parcels
- Esplanade Strip
- Esplanade Strip Titles
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## Aotea (central) ULR connections - topo

Map scale: 1:18,056

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# RE: Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_05072023" with you.

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday 13 July, 2023 09:53 am

**To:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**CC:** Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_05072023" with you.

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Thanks for the feedback Ric. Indeed the orange lines are not in the key – they differentiate the ULR network from formed road parcels, and are drawn on top of our map. The key is generated automatically and doesn't include drawings (which therefore have to be self-explanatory or have additional text explaining them).

I think I'll add text label within the map – and/or maybe create my own legend (rather than using our map print widget).

██████ and his fellow trustees are meeting today to get the budget together. I suggested the following – but note after my discussion with Kirsti yesterday that we also need to identify what support we might provide and how we would fund that. ██████ is happy for the trust's funding to cover our reasonable costs, such as air travel to meetings on the Barrier, administration, documentation:

*Total budget amount:*

- *Funding from the Trust*
- *In-kind support from Herenga ā Nuku*
- *In-kind support from community reference group*

*Proposed expenditure:*

- *professional services,*
- *mapping & publication (text, photos, map resources);*
- *track marking;*
- *recommendations report*

*The following information may also be helpful in communicating with the Local Board and aiding their advocacy to Auckland Transport:*

- *Cost & benefits if AC investigates the tracks, then clears & maintains tracks along ULRs*
- *Costs & benefits if community (through the trust) investigates, clears & maintains the tracks along ULRs*

Ngā mihi

Dot

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**From:** Ric Cullinane**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:18 AM**To:** Dot Dalziell ; Kirsti Douglas**Subject:** RE: Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_05072023" with you.

Kia ora,

Looking good!! Just a query, what are the orange lines on the map? They're not on the Key?

Nga mihi,

Ric

**Ric Cullinane**

Tumuaki | Chief Executive  
[Redacted]

**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 2:51 PM**To:** Kirsti Douglas <[kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>; Ric Cullinane <[ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>**Subject:** Dot Dalziell shared "AoteaULRs\_WalkingAccessProjectDraft\_DDedits\_05072023" with you.





## Dot Dalziell shared a file with you

Kia ora korua,  
With polishing from [REDACTED] I have prepared the Project brief for the Aotea ULR project that Destination Great Barrier Trust wants to fund us c. \$50K to carry out, Note that the idea is to use this document to communicate with the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board, Auckland Transport, Mana whenua and whoever else we need to connect with in the early stages.  
Please review before I send it to [REDACTED] for comment.  
Nga mihi - Dot



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# RE: Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project

**From:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Received** Thursday 3 August, 2023 02:26 pm

**To:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora Dot,

Yes, we can proceed. The key is getting the MoU sorted to everyone's satisfaction (especially ours!).

Nga mihi,

Ric



Ric Cullinane

Tumuaki | Chief Executive

**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 2:05 PM

**To:** Ric Cullinane ; Kirsti Douglas

**Subject:** FW: Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project

Kia ora Ric & Kirsti,

Please take a look at the budget provided by Destination Great Barrier Island Trust – in meeting notes attached.

Since the meeting I had on Monday with [REDACTED] I have confirmed the rate for professional services for the track specialist [REDACTED] section 9(2)(b)(ii), so the budget looks realistic in that regard.

Are you happy for us to proceed:

- presentation of project brief to Aotea GBI Local Board on 22 August
- MOU re working with DGBIT and using their funds appropriately (MOU in draft form – will get that to you asap)

Ngā mihi,

Dot

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[info@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:info@dgbi.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 11:28 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project

Hi [REDACTED] &amp; Dot,

Attached are my notes from yesterday's meeting.

Dot – I have produced this for the purposes of admin for DGBI and to distribute to the other trustees to keep them informed but please let me know if there is anything major that needs adding or correcting.

Looking forward to hearing the outcomes of action points this week.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Date:** 26 July 2023 at 1:22:44 PM NZST  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[trustee1@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:trustee1@dgbi.co.nz)>  
**Subject:** Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project

Kia ora [REDACTED] &amp; [REDACTED]

Looking forward to refining the project budget with you over Teams call.

Ngā mihi,

Dot

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# Aotea ULRs project - brief update and draft MOU to check

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

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**Subject:** Aotea ULRs project - brief update and draft MOU to check

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora kōrua,

Please follow link to the  [Draft MOU](#) between the Commission and Destination Great Barrier Island Trust. Are you happy for me to send this to [REDACTED] for his input at this stage?

I am sending a letter to Trust Board seeking their engagement on the project and suggesting a presentation at the Marae, at [REDACTED] suggestion – will copy you in.

As per the budget discussions I had last week with [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] from the DGBI, we may be wanting to talk about commissioning Cultural landscape assessment and the project budget may provide for cultural markers or the like. In the first instance there will need to be provision for koha for a hui at the Marae to discuss the project.

Ngā mihi,

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# Re: Presentation, iwi engagement letter attached

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Hi Dot

I think that the letter to the iwi trust board is excellent. No alterations to suggest. I think it should be sent now and a copy included in the material for the Local Board.

I'm not sure if we should have any visual (e.g. powerpoint) presentation for the Local Board. We only have 3 minutes each to talk and I think the images could be a distraction and take up precious time. It would be better to include it in the handouts that we prepare for the Board and Council staff – to distribute at the time of the meeting for their later consideration. I also suspect that the Board would not provide audio-visual assistance for public forum speakers. Hope you are OK with that?

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023 at 9:53 AM

**To:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Kirsti Douglas

**Subject:** Presentation, iwi engagement letter attached

Kia ora [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Please find attached the draft letter to the iwi trust board – please review and comment.

Also attached is draft presentation for LB on 22/8. Can you supply 2-3 suitable landscape photos that I can use instead of the Waikato pics (slides 2 & 9)? Keen to have images with local people walking on the island, example image of a narrow formed road unsuitable for walking, vistas from high points –

I'll work on new snips for Pocket Maps / visibility slide, and a good map.

Please also comment on anything in the preso - would like to compress the slide deck further: slide 6 unnecessary?

Conclusions slide 10 not quite right – need to emphasise active role for LB, to help shape project, advocate to AT.

Need more info on where, which ULRs/places being connected.

Draft MOU and updated Project Brief still to come this morning...

Ngā mihi,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 10:22 AM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Iwi engagement

Hi Dot

I've spoken to [REDACTED] who is the archaeologist out here and who works closely with iwi over cultural values assessments. He is favourable towards the project, being a keen walker himself. He thinks it is good timing as iwi have recently compiled a new map of Aotea with Maori names and this would give them a great opportunity, particularly with the use of Po and other trail markings, that could help tell the stories behind the Maori place names. They are wanting to develop more of a presence in the south part of the island so this would be seen as a good opportunity to do that. We would end up working with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

He suggest that we send a letter to the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea Trust Board and ask to do a presentation to them at the marae. They like presentations. He suggests that we do not talk money initially but find our way around providing a decent koha. He thinks that with this level of engagement, the Local Board would be supportive. I think that you might get one or two more trips out to Aotea to help kick start this project.

Did you manage to talk to Janet Shankland?

I'm not leaving until next Wed, so will have early next week to talk. Happy to talk at any time

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project [AS 6987]



Kia ora kōrua,

Thanks for the notes from Monday's meeting [REDACTED] – they look good. The only alteration I request is that it is made clear in your notes that the “in kind” support from the Commission we discussed is a proposal only, needs to go to our Ops Manager Kirsti Douglas and CE Ric Cullinane for decision.

I am forwarding the email to them now – I'm aware of the need to keep moving this through so that [REDACTED] and I have everything we need prepared for the Local Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, and bearing in mind that we are each away from next week until the day before that LB meeting.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Dot



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**Subject:** Re: Budget for Aotea Great Barrier ULR project

Hi [REDACTED] & Dot,

Attached are my notes from yesterday's meeting.

Dot – I have produced this for the purposes of admin for DGBI and to distribute to the other trustees to keep them informed but please let me know if there is anything major that needs adding or correcting.

Looking forward to hearing the outcomes of action points this week.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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# Request to present on a project to the Trust Board

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**Subject:** Request to present on a project to the Trust Board

**Attachments:** Letter to Ngati Rehua NgatiWai ki Aotea Trust Board 08082023.pdf

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Tēnā koutou e te iwi,

Please find attached our letter requesting to meet with the Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust Board. We would like to take the next convenient opportunity to provide a presentation on a connectivity project initiated by Destination Great Barrier Island Trust, and supported by [Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa](#), [The Outdoor Access Commission](#).

Ngā mihi o te Hōtoke nei,

Nāku noa, nā Dot Dalziell



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Ngāti Rehua - Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust Board  
ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com

8 August 2023

Tēnā koutou e ngā rau Rangatira,

Ko wai mātou? Ko Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa Outdoor Access Commission. Our role is to create and sustain public access to the outdoors. We work with communities and across statutory boundaries. We envision a comprehensive and safe network of tracks and trails across New Zealand, accessible from big cities and small towns as well as our wilder places.

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa has been invited by Destination Great Barrier Trust to scope and deliver a project with and for the Aotea community. The project focuses on utilising public land – unformed legal roads – in the southern part of Aotea to create community connectivity.

For the project to serve Aotea, the project team needs to understand and tautoko mana whenua interests and aspirations. We respectfully request time to discuss the proposed project with the Board – and would welcome the opportunity to present to you on the project brief at the marae.

Ngā mihi maioha,



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**Subject:** Re: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation  
**Attachments:** Aotea-MOU-draft v01[1].docx  
**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora Dot,

Attached is the MOU with some agreed additions and changes from our end. I have left these highlighted in yellow to make it easier to find the changes. The trustees agree with the concepts added but I understand you guys might like to rephrase in some places.

I have out Aotea Hīkoi as a placeholder project name. DGBI would obviously love Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, as mana whenua, to assign the project a name, but for the purposes of this MOU, accounting and admin our end, this should suffice.

[REDACTED] (Treasurer) and I discussed release of funds to Herenga ā Nuku. We can see no problem in releasing the \$50k in one go or alternatively half (\$25k) upon signing the MOU and the remainders half way in (3 months) to the project. The priority is ensuring that the funds are with you ahead of your expenditure.

Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

Great to meet you Dot! I hope your flight was as scenic on the return journey.

I am just about to send on the drafted MOU with the changes we discussed yesterday to DGBI's other trustees to confirm their. Its likely I'll have this amended copy to you tomorrow or at the latest – Friday.

I have added [REDACTED] into this correspondence so you can properly connect as well.

Thanks again Dot and I'll get the MOU to you shortly.

Ngā mihi nui,

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

Likewise – great to meet you [REDACTED], [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] (please forward to [REDACTED] as I don't have her email). Thanks to you all for your time yesterday, and for rearranging things to ensure we could make best use of the short time in front of the local board, with time to regroup afterwards. I thoroughly enjoyed the walks

██████ and what a stunning day to be out and about!

Attached is the handout given to the board, comprising of the project brief and two simple topo maps.

I gather the political realities for them have (in the past?) overwhelmed any duty they feel towards protecting public access on unformed legal roads. Our signal was clear – we'll undertake the project and draw any landholder heat that comes with it, but we do expect the board to advocate for the project to AT.

I let them know we have contacted Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust board and are awaiting a response.

Ngā mihi

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**From:** ██████  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Subject:** handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

Hi Dot

Great to meet you properly yesterday and thanks for all your great work to date. We'll get the MOU to you soon.

I don't seem to have a copy of yesterday's handout to the Local Board. Could you flick me a digital copy of what was handed out please?

Talk soon

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Aotea Hīkoi

## Memorandum of understanding

August 2023 v1.0

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(the Outdoor Access Commission)  
and  
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A memorandum of understanding recording the partnership for the implementation of Aotea Hīkoi, an initiative to scope the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation. While the project will be a multi-agency partnership, this memorandum of understanding records the key resourcing and reporting responsibilities for Herenga ā Nuku and Destination Great Barrier Island as primary investment partners in achieving the project aims.

Effective from [ DD August 2023 to 31 March 2024]

## Signatories

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Ric Cullinane, Chief Executive  
Herenga ā Nuku, the Outdoor Access Commission

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# 1 Purpose

## 1.1 Memorandum of understanding (MOU)

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to describe and document how Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa (the Commission) and Destination Great Barrier Island (the Trust) will work together and commit to **Aotea Hikoi** (the Project).

## 1.2 Project

- 1.2.1 The Project will assess unformed legal roads (ULRs) on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreational access.

# 2 Background

- 2.1.1 The Commission is a government agency with statutory responsibility to lead, support, negotiate, establish, maintain and improve walking (and similar) access over public and private land. The Commission was established under the Walking Access Act 2008 and has a number of powers delegated under this statute to support walking and related access (eg, cycling and bridle).
- 2.1.2 The Commission has been working with the Trust to support more strategic ways to deliver on the responsibility of the Walking Access Act 2008 on Aotea.
- 2.1.3 The Project is responding to the following problem statement:  
Many walkers on Aotea, particularly in the non-DOC areas, currently rely on formed roads. These are narrow, winding, and unsafe for walkers. Increasing traffic volume and vehicle size contribute to safety concerns.
- 2.1.4 Aotea has numerous ULRs that may potentially provide alternative walking access between settlement communities and around the island. Many of these ULRs have been walking trails in the past and already have some track formation.
- 2.1.5 Aotea has remarkable bush and forest which can be enjoyed from the ULRs.
- 2.1.6 Current walking tracks on Aotea are either short destination walks or formed tracks through the DOC estate. In contrast, the ULRs are orientated towards simple connectivity and are conveniently located for residents.
- 2.1.7 Trail connections are an important part of a community. The Trust envisages a legacy of healthy Aotea communities – where homes, reserves, beaches, schools and other destinations are connected by safe walking routes. These routes will enable Aotea people to enjoy the outdoors and get physical and mental health benefits.
- 2.1.8 In May 2023, the Trust invited the Commission to scope and implement a project highlighting the community connectivity potential of the ULR network on Aotea's southern part.

Commented [LS1]: It was confusing to introduce the Commission here without the Trust and it duplicates the party descriptions that come below. I changed the headings as it seems like this is all background.

Commented [DD2R1]: Great, thanks

Commented [LS3]: Sounds a bit vague/abstract.



### 3 Project outline

#### 3.1 Goal

- 3.1.1 Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.
- 3.1.2 The Project will explore Aotea ULRs using the Herenga ā Nuku Pocket Maps app, GPS technology and photography – with the intent to provide the community with access information. It will also inform a plan to further enhance walking connectivity along the ULR network.

#### 3.2 Deliverables

- 3.2.1 The Project will create and publish an atlas of the ULR network for the community and initiate a programme of work to improve accessibility. Specific outcomes could include:
- signage
  - route marking
  - cultural significance
  - mapping resources.

#### 3.3 Approach

- 3.3.1 Ground truthing: the Commission will engage a suitably experienced person/people to walk and describe each section of track in narrative and photographic form. The results will be made available as public and safety information.
- 3.3.2 While walking the ULRs, the project team will:
- mark the ULRs with track markers where necessary and provide minor clearance of bush or obstacles to allow simple human passage
  - identify ULRs that could be upgraded or improved to enable walking access
  - build knowledge, identify hazards and identify further areas for potential track improvement in the future.

### 4 Parties and roles

#### 4.1 Destination Great Barrier Island Trust

- 4.1.1 The purpose of Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) Trust is to facilitate a sustainable visitor industry on Aotea Great Barrier Island. Aotea Hikoi is to be a legacy project for DGBI, with the purpose of improving access and connectivity around the island for both the community and visitors alike.

Commented [LS4]: This seems like strategy rather than a goal.

Commented [DD5R4]: I agree

Commented [LS6]: Feels narrower than outcomes, which would include health, etc.

Commented [DD7R6]: nice addition

Commented [LS8]: Implementation/Method/Process?

Commented [DD9R8]: approach is fine

Commented [LS10]: Are some of these 'project partners' and others just parties?

Commented [DD11R10]: I think parties and roles is fine. some may choose to become partners - at this early stage the MOU allows for transfer of funds to the commission, and for us to engage in conversations with other parties (and potential partners)

- 4.1.2 Through this MOU the Trust will provide funding to the Commission to scope and implement the project as outlined in section 3 above. The partners will agree the budget outline for \$50,000 plus in-kind contributions.
- 4.1.3 The Trust will assist the Commission in convening a project governance group, with project partners, mana whenua, local community and relevant recreation groups. This group may also include an appointee from the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board to oversee the project.

## **4.2 Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission**

- 4.2.1 Herenga ā Nuku is the Crown agency protecting and enhancing public access to the outdoors for everyone in New Zealand – walkers, mountain bikers, anglers, horse riders, landholders, trail runners and more.
- 4.2.2 The Commission works with communities to create new connections to and across the whenua, resolve disputes and care for the land and the people who live, work and play on it.
- 4.2.3 The Commission provides leadership on outdoor access issues and administers a national strategy on outdoor access, including tracks and trails. It maps outdoor access, provides information to the public, oversees a code of responsible conduct, helps to resolve disputes and negotiates new access.
- 4.2.4 The Commission has a small team in Wellington and a network of regional field advisors. It is governed by an independent board.
- 4.2.5 Through this MOU, the Commission will take on responsibility for implementing the project – including engagement of professional services, administration and coordination, project accounting and reporting.
- 4.2.6 The Commission will provide GIS support for mapping and communications support (eg, notices about project dates, press releases, letters to adjoining landowners and engagement with Local Board and Auckland Transport).

## **4.3 Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai Trust Board**

- 4.3.1 The Commission has contacted Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai Trust Board requesting an opportunity to present the project brief and engage with mana whenua guidance on shared objectives, local aspirations and the project's interactions with the cultural landscapes of Aotea.

## **4.4 Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board**

- 4.4.1 The Project partners will present to the Local Board and request assistance and advocacy for the project – in particular advocating for the Project to Auckland Transport.

## 4.5 Auckland Transport

4.5.1 Auckland Transport (AT) is the roading authority responsible for managing public roads in the region, including unformed legal roads. AT's Policy on Management of Unformed Legal Roads states that any clearance of vegetation or ground work on ULRs is by way of permit from AT. As of April 2023, AT has a process in place for community entities to apply for permission to mark tracks on ULRs. The Project will follow the prescribed process for any such work.

## 5 Project Timelines & Milestones

### 5.1 Timeline

The steering group will be established to provide project governance as soon as possible after the MOU is signed.

The Project partners intend to proceed with contracting professional services to walk the ULRs and compile route information over spring and the following summer (2023 / 2024).

Route information gathered will enable a connectivity plan. Decisions regarding the scope of the plan (e.g. signage, route marking, cultural significance and interpretation, mapping resources) will be made by the Commission, with advice from the steering group.

The initial ground truthing work is to be completed during Spring 2023. With the full report from this completed and published by 1 March 2024.

It is likely that DGBI will cease to exist upon the completion of this project. The hope is that by this time there will be a walking reference/advisory group.

However, should this not be the case, the office bearers of the existing trust; [REDACTED] agree to form a reference group on a personal basis should decisions need to be made around any residual funds.

## RE: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

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Kia ora – thanks for sending this through [REDACTED] Your edits look good – I'm forwarding the draft with your edits to CE Ric Cullinane and Ops Manager Kirsti Douglas for final input.

The next step – once the MOU is signed – is to engage the ground-truthing team. I have the Project brief to work from, but would be keen to get feedback on how you see (Aotea) local guidance and input working to shape this phase of the project. That will in turn shape how we write the Request for Quotation. If the answer is we should just go ahead with engaging a suitable contractor and they find the extra person to work with on-island, then that's fine.

We did briefly discuss offering the opportunity to provide personnel to work with the contractor to Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea – how about I sound [REDACTED] out on this?

Ngā mihi,

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# 2 Background

- 2.1.1 The Commission is a government agency with statutory responsibility to lead, support, negotiate, establish, maintain and improve walking (and similar) access over public and private land. The Commission was established under the Walking Access Act 2008 and has a number of powers delegated under this statute to support walking and related access (eg, cycling and bridle).
- 2.1.2 The Commission has been working with the Trust to support more strategic ways to deliver on the responsibility of the Walking Access Act 2008 on Aotea.
- 2.1.3 The Project is responding to the following problem statement:  
Many walkers on Aotea, particularly in the non-DOC areas, currently rely on formed roads. These are narrow, winding, and unsafe for walkers. Increasing traffic volume and vehicle size contribute to safety concerns.
- 2.1.4 Aotea has numerous ULRs that may potentially provide alternative walking access between settlement communities and around the island. Many of these ULRs have been walking trails in the past and already have some track formation.
- 2.1.5 Aotea has remarkable bush and forest which can be enjoyed from the ULRs.
- 2.1.6 Current walking tracks on Aotea are either short destination walks or formed tracks through the DOC estate. In contrast, the ULRs are orientated towards simple connectivity and are conveniently located for residents.
- 2.1.7 Trail connections are an important part of a community. The Trust envisages a legacy of healthy Aotea communities – where homes, reserves, beaches, schools and other destinations are connected by safe walking routes. These routes will enable Aotea people to enjoy the outdoors and get physical and mental health benefits.
- 2.1.8 In May 2023, the Trust invited the Commission to scope and implement a project highlighting the community connectivity potential of the ULR network on Aotea's southern part.

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### 3 Project outline

#### 3.1 Goal

- 3.1.1 Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.
- 3.1.2 The Project will explore Aotea ULRs using the Herenga ā Nuku Pocket Maps app, GPS technology and photography – with the intent to provide the community with access information. It will also inform a plan to further enhance walking connectivity along the ULR network.

#### 3.2 Deliverables

- 3.2.1 The Project will create and publish an atlas of the ULR network for the community and initiate a programme of work to improve accessibility. Specific outcomes could include:
- signage
  - route marking
  - cultural significance
  - mapping resources.

#### 3.3 Approach

- 3.3.1 Ground truthing: the Commission will engage a suitably experienced person/people to walk and describe each section of track in narrative and photographic form. The results will be made available as public and safety information.
- 3.3.2 While walking the ULRs, the project team will:
- mark the ULRs with track markers where necessary and provide minor clearance of bush or obstacles to allow simple human passage
  - identify ULRs that could be upgraded or improved to enable walking access
  - build knowledge, identify hazards and identify further areas for potential track improvement in the future.

### 4 Parties and roles

#### 4.1 Destination Great Barrier Island Trust

- 4.1.1 The purpose of Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) Trust is to facilitate a sustainable visitor industry on Aotea Great Barrier Island. Aotea Hikoi is to be a legacy project for DGBI, with the purpose of improving access and connectivity around the island for both the community and visitors alike.

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Commented [DD5R4]: I agree

Commented [LS6]: Feels narrower than outcomes, which would include health, etc.

Commented [DD7R6]: nice addition

Commented [LS8]: Implementation/Method/Process?

Commented [DD9R8]: approach is fine

Commented [LS10]: Are some of these 'project partners' and others just parties?

Commented [DD11R10]: I think parties and roles is fine. some may choose to become partners - at this early stage the MOU allows for transfer of funds to the commission, and for us to engage in conversations with other parties (and potential partners)

- 4.1.2 Through this MOU the Trust will provide funding to the Commission to scope and implement the project as outlined in section 3 above. The partners will agree the budget outline for \$50,000 plus in-kind contributions.
- 4.1.3 The Trust will assist the Commission in convening a project governance group, with project partners, mana whenua, local community and relevant recreation groups. This group may also include an appointee from the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board to oversee the project.

## **4.2 Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission**

- 4.2.1 Herenga ā Nuku is the Crown agency protecting and enhancing public access to the outdoors for everyone in New Zealand – walkers, mountain bikers, anglers, horse riders, landholders, trail runners and more.
- 4.2.2 The Commission works with communities to create new connections to and across the whenua, resolve disputes and care for the land and the people who live, work and play on it.
- 4.2.3 The Commission provides leadership on outdoor access issues and administers a national strategy on outdoor access, including tracks and trails. It maps outdoor access, provides information to the public, oversees a code of responsible conduct, helps to resolve disputes and negotiates new access.
- 4.2.4 The Commission has a small team in Wellington and a network of regional field advisors. It is governed by an independent board.
- 4.2.5 Through this MOU, the Commission will take on responsibility for implementing the project – including engagement of professional services, administration and coordination, project accounting and reporting.
- 4.2.6 The Commission will provide GIS support for mapping and communications support (eg, notices about project dates, press releases, letters to adjoining landowners and engagement with Local Board and Auckland Transport).

## **4.3 Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai Trust Board**

- 4.3.1 The Commission has contacted Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai Trust Board requesting an opportunity to present the project brief and engage with mana whenua guidance on shared objectives, local aspirations and the project's interactions with the cultural landscapes of Aotea.

## **4.4 Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board**

- 4.4.1 The Project partners will present to the Local Board and request assistance and advocacy for the project – in particular advocating for the Project to Auckland Transport.

## **4.5 Auckland Transport**

4.5.1 Auckland Transport (AT) is the roading authority responsible for managing public roads in the region, including unformed legal roads. AT's Policy on Management of Unformed Legal Roads states that any clearance of vegetation or ground work on ULRs is by way of permit from AT. As of April 2023, AT has a process in place for community entities to apply for permission to mark tracks on ULRs. The Project will follow the prescribed process for any such work.

## **5 Project Timelines & Milestones**

### **5.1 Timeline**

The steering group will be established to provide project governance as soon as possible after the MOU is signed.

The Project partners intend to proceed with contracting professional services to walk the ULRs and compile route information over spring and the following summer (2023 / 2024).

Route information gathered will enable a connectivity plan. Decisions regarding the scope of the plan (e.g. signage, route marking, cultural significance and interpretation, mapping resources) will be made by the Commission, with advice from the steering group.

The initial ground truthing work is to be completed during Spring 2023. With the full report from this completed and published by 1 March 2024.

It is likely that DGBI will cease to exist upon the completion of this project. The hope is that by this time there will be a walking reference/advisory group.

However, should this not be the case, the office bearers of the existing trust; [REDACTED] agree to form a reference group on a personal basis should decisions need to be made around any residual funds.

# RE: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

**From:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Received** Tuesday 29 August, 2023 10:04 am

**To:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**CC:** Doug Macredie <Doug.Macredie@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Thanks Dot,

Getting very close



**Ric Cullinane**

Tumuaki | Chief Executive

**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2023 5:05 PM

**To:** Ric Cullinane ; Kirsti Douglas

**Cc:** Doug Macredie

**Subject:** FW: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

Kia ora Ric & Kirsti,

Following my visit last Tuesday to Aotea Great Barrier, presentation to the Local Board on the ULR project and detailed discussions over the MOU with DGBI trust, the trust has come back with some more detail for the MOU. Please review attached.

Ric, you suggested timelines and deliverables to help tie things down more firmly. Hopefully the additions suggested provide more of that structure you wanted.

I am drafting the Request for Quotation for ground-truthing the ULR trails – and have asked for guidance from DGBI trust on how they see local (Aotea) involvement playing out. I suggested offering to resource a partnership approach to mana whenua entity – Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai Ki Aotea Trust. DGBI trust committee thought that approach has merit. That might look like [REDACTED] Trails expert, contractor) walking the ULRs with a paid person from the iwi, so that the cultural landscape aspects are woven through with the practical trail description, photos, GPX data capture and initial route marking.



However, we have yet to hear back from our letter requesting to meet with Ngāti Rēhua NgātiWai Ki Aotea – I will try following up (the trust website doesn't have a phone number, but I know people who might have a contact number).

Ngā mihi,

Dot



Dot Dalziell

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[info@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:info@dgbi.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2023 4:48 PM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: handouts from yesterdays LB presentation

Kia ora Dot,

Attached is the MOU with some agreed additions and changes from our end. I have left these highlighted in yellow to make it easier to find the changes. The trustees agree with the concepts added but I understand you guys might like to rephrase in some places.

I have out Aotea Hikoi as a placeholder project name. DGBI would obviously love Ngāti Rēhua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, as mana whenua, to assign the project a name, but for the purposes of this MOU, accounting and admin our end, this should suffice.

[REDACTED] (Treasurer) and I discussed release of funds to Herenga ā Nuku. We can see no problem in releasing the \$50k in one go or alternatively half (\$25k) upon signing the MOU and the remainders half way in (3 months) to the project. The priority is ensuring that the funds are with you ahead of your expenditure.

Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]

Destination Great Barrier Island

## RE: Aotea Great Barrier ULR project [AS 6987]

**From:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Received** Thursday 7 September, 2023 12:07 pm

**To:** Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Aotea Great Barrier ULR project [AS 6987]

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora Korua,

Yes, I'm happy with both the timeframes and for [REDACTED] to be engaged.

I also think that it is vital that Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Ki Aotea is engaged before we press play.

Nga mihi,

Ric



**Ric Cullinane**

Tumuaki | Chief Executive  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kirsti Douglas

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 12:38 PM

**To:** Ric Cullinane

**Subject:** FW: Aotea Great Barrier ULR project [AS 6987]

**Importance:** High

Kia ora Ric, was going to cover the below with you at our catch-up today in person, but unfortunately have had an adverse reaction to some steroids I had on Monday afternoon so managing side-effects at home.

Just on Dot's questions below:

Are you happy with timeframes?

Are you also happy that [REDACTED] is offered the contract or do you want to see the contract advertised?



**Kirsti Douglas**

Pouwhakahaere ā-motu - Kōkiri | National Operations Manager  
[027 815 8530](tel:0278158530)

**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:25 PM  
**To:** Kirsti Douglas <[kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Ric Cullinane <[ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Aotea Great Barrier ULR project [AS 6987]  
**Importance:** High

Kia ora Kirsti,

As discussed earlier in the week, can you please cover off the following points in your discussion with Ric tomorrow (Weds)?

I'll be around – any clarification / more info needed, let me know.

- Attached MOU – edits from Destination Great Barrier Island Trust – does this cover off the timeframes/deliverables Ric asked for after reviewing the first draft?
- Contracting: our suggestion is to contract [REDACTED] to do the ground truthing and report writing, on the basis that he has the professional experience of assessing public access, vegetation clearance and potential track construction – and has worked on Aotea Great Barrier in the past, so is familiar with the area. Can we proceed with that approach (i.e. sending scope to our preferred supplier, requesting a quote?)
- Please see the attached draft Scope of Works / request for Proposal – comments welcome. I envisage this will form the basis of a contract with the supplier.

Please note that I have still not heard back from Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Ki Aotea – will keep trying...

Ngā mihi,

Dot



**Dot Dalziell**

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# RE: Aotea

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Tuesday 12 September, 2023 11:14 am

**To:** Leona White <lewhite@doc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Aotea

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora Leona – kāhore anō, haven't yet heard from Aotea colleagues, but I'll follow up on your email today with specifics.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dot



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**From:** Leona White

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 7:57 AM

**To:** Dot Dalziell

**Subject:** Aotea

Kia ora Dot,

Just a follow up that the team has reached out to you from Aotea?

**Leona White**

Kairahi Matua | Senior Treaty Engagement Ranger

Te Papa Atawhai | Department of Conservation

**E:** [lewhite@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lewhite@doc.govt.nz)

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## RE: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent** Tuesday 12 September, 2023 03:49 pm

**To:** chair@ngatirehua.iwi.nz <chair@ngatirehua.iwi.nz>

**CC:** Karl Fisher <kfisher@doc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

**Attachments:** Letter to Ngati Rehua NgatiWai ki Aotea Trust Board 08082023.pdf

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Tēnā kōrua! He mihi tēnei ki a koe e te Rangatira, e [REDACTED] Kia ora also to you Karl for the introduction.

I've attached the letter I sent last month to [ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com](mailto:ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com). Please let me know if the proposed project is of interest to you – and if so, what would be the best way for us to meet to discuss the matter.

He mihi maioha tēnei,

Nāku noa, nā Dot



**Dot Dalziell**

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**From:** Karl Fisher

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:34 PM

**To:** chair@ngatirehua.iwi.nz

**Cc:** Dot Dalziell

**Subject:** FW: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I hope all is well with you.

I received the email below from Dot Dalziell seeking to connect with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, to that end this email serves as an introduction, if you could assist Dot in any way I am sure she will appreciate it.

**Nāku iti nei nā**

**Karl Fisher**

Senior Ranger, Community, Heritage and Visitors | Kaitiaki Matua, Ao Hāpori, Ao Tuku Ihu, Ao Hākinakina  
Department of Conservation | Te Papa Atawhai  
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**From:** Leona White <[lewhite@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lewhite@doc.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 10:36 AM

**To:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Janet Shankland <[jshankland@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jshankland@doc.govt.nz)>; Karl Fisher <[kfisher@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kfisher@doc.govt.nz)>; Cara Fraider <[cfraider@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cfraider@doc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

Kia ora Dot,

I like to introduce you to our 2 rangers on island Karl Fisher and Cara Fraider.

They both hold relationships with our iwi and are happy to support with engaging.

Happy to support on this side team, with Dot just let me know.

Ngā mihi

**Leona White**

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**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:56 PM  
**To:** Leona White <[lewhite@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lewhite@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Janet Shankland <[jshankland@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jshankland@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

Kia ora Leona, kei te pēhea koe? It's another wet day here in west Auckland – but the weekend is promising better weather for getting out in the garden!

I'm reaching out for some assistance. We've been approached by a local community trust on Aotea/Great Barrier to take on a project utilising unformed legal roads (aka ULRs or paper roads) to reconnect Aotea communities. The trust envisages marking walking routes across the southern part of the island along the ULRs.

Some of these are old horse-pack tracks, and some/all have older lineage as ancestral trails. I note that several of the legal road parcels connect with reserves with which Ngāti Rehua - Ngāti Wai have associations, and/or to Statutory Acknowledgement Areas.

I advised the local trust that we need to connect with mana whenua and understand what their aspirations might be in using ULRs, or about public access in their rohe. The trust's connection has been through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advice was to write to Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Trust Board requesting a meeting. I emailed a letter a month ago to [ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com](mailto:ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com), but have yet to hear back.

Can you suggest a better way of connecting with the hapū? Do you have a regular forum with mana whenua on Aotea?

FYI I've had an initial phonecall with Janet Shankland, to alert DOC to the project, and I've undertaken to reconnect with her about findings where the ULR trails connect with PCL.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Dot



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# FW: PLEASE READ & REPLY: Scoping the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday 13 September, 2023 10:49 am

**To:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] <info@dgbi.co.nz>

**Subject:** FW: PLEASE READ & REPLY: Scoping the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Greetings,

I am available 15<sup>th</sup> November to attend workshop with local board and mana whenua, BUT as we have yet to talk with Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea I think we should be cautious about our response.

On that note, Karl Fisher (DOC) e-introduced me to [REDACTED] yesterday, and I've forwarded [REDACTED] the letter requesting an opportunity to present on the project at the marae. Will let you know when I get a reply.

I'm thinking of responding to Guia along the lines of – yes, *I'm available for workshop with Local Board o the afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> November. I've emailed Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai chair [REDACTED] – but have yet to connect with him - and would prefer to wait until that conversation has taken place before confirming the workshop.*

**Your thoughts on responding to Guia?**

Dot



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**From:** Guia Nonoy

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 7:10 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]; DGBI Chair (chair@dgbi.co.nz); [REDACTED]; Dot Dalziell

**Cc:** Info Destination Great Barrier Isl ; Jacqui Fyers ; Anna Davis

**Subject:** PLEASE READ & REPLY: Scoping the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation

Kia ora koutou

Thank you, [REDACTED] and Dot for your presentation and attendance at the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's business meeting on Tuesday 22 August 2023.

At the local board's workshop on Tuesday 5 September, I have been requested to arrange a workshop with you and mana whenua to discuss the project presented to the board.

I have pencilled this item for workshop on **Tuesday 15 November from 2pm to 3.30pm**, at the local board office and available via Microsoft Teams.

Can you please confirm that the date and time suits you all and if you could also let me know who to invite from mana whenua.

*Best wishes / Ngā manaakitanga*

**Guia Nonoy**

**Kaitohutohu Manapori | Democracy Advisor - Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board**

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# FW: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday 14 September, 2023 02:43 pm

**To:** [REDACTED]@ngatirehua.iwi.nz>

**Subject:** FW: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

**Attachments:** Letter to Ngati Rehua NgatiWai ki Aotea Trust Board 08082023.pdf

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED] – just forwarding my email to your [REDACTED]@ngatirehua.iwi.nz address. I'll follow up with a phonecall this afternoon.

Ngā mihi,



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**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:49 PM

**To:** chair@ngatirehua.iwi.nz

**Cc:** Karl Fisher

**Subject:** RE: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

Tēnā kōrua! He mihi tēnei ki a koe e te Rangatira, e [REDACTED] Kia ora also to you Karl for the introduction.

I've attached the letter I sent last month to [ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com](mailto:ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com). Please let me know if the proposed project is of interest to you – and if so, what would be the best way for us to meet to discuss the matter.

He mihi maioha tēnei,

Nāku noa, nā Dot



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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:34 PM

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**Subject:** FW: Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I hope all is well with you.

I received the email below from Dot Dalziell seeking to connect with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, to that end this email serves as an introduction, if you could assist Dot in any way I am sure she will appreciate it.

**Nāku iti nei nā**

**Karl Fisher**

Senior Ranger, Community, Heritage and Visitors | Kaitiaki Matua, Ao Hāpori, Ao Tuku Ihu, Ao Hākinakina  
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**From:** Leona White <[lewhite@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lewhite@doc.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 10:36 AM

**To:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Janet Shankland <[jshankland@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jshankland@doc.govt.nz)>; Karl Fisher <[kfisher@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kfisher@doc.govt.nz)>; Cara Fraider <[cfraider@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cfraider@doc.govt.nz)>

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Kairahi Matua | Senior Treaty Engagement Ranger

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**E:** [lewhite@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lewhite@doc.govt.nz)

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**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:56 PM  
**To:** Leona White <[lewhite@doc.govt.nz](mailto:lewhite@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Janet Shankland <[jshankland@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jshankland@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea - seeking contact

Kia ora Leona, kei te pēhea koe? It's another wet day here in west Auckland – but the weekend is promising better weather for getting out in the garden!

I'm reaching out for some assistance. We've been approached by a local community trust on Aotea/Great Barrier to take on a project utilising unformed legal roads (aka ULRs or paper roads) to reconnect Aotea communities. The trust envisages marking walking routes across the southern part of the island along the ULRs.

Some of these are old horse-pack tracks, and some/all have older lineage as ancestral trails. I note that several of the legal road parcels connect with reserves with which Ngāti Rehua - Ngāti Wai have associations, and/or to Statutory Acknowledgement Areas.

I advised the local trust that we need to connect with mana whenua and understand what their aspirations might be in using ULRs, or about public access in their rohe. The trust's connection has been through [REDACTED] Don's advice was to write to Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Trust Board requesting a meeting. I emailed a letter a month ago to [ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com](mailto:ngatirehuatrustboard@gmail.com), but have yet to hear back.

Can you suggest a better way of connecting with the hapū? Do you have a regular forum with mana whenua on Aotea?

FYI I've had an initial phonecall with Janet Shankland, to alert DOC to the project, and I've undertaken to reconnect with her about findings where the ULR trails connect with PCL.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Dot



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**From:** Guia Nonoy <Guia.Nonoy@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>  
**Received** Thursday 14 September, 2023 09:10 am  
**To:** [REDACTED], Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>  
**CC:** Info Destination Great Barrier Isl <info@dgbi.co.nz>, Jacqui Fyers <Jacqui.Fyers@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>, Anna Davis <anna.davis@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: PLEASE READ & REPLY: Scoping the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation  
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Mōrena [REDACTED] and Dot

Thanks for your prompt reply.

Firstly, I'd like to correct an error I made, the date should read **Tuesday 14 November**, time remains the same - from 2pm to 3.30pm.

I will keep this item pencilled in the workshop schedule as TBC until I hear from you again.

Please note that I will be away on leave from Tuesday 19 September and will be back on board on Tuesday 24 October. When responding to this email, kindly ensure Jacqui and Anna are copied in so they can get back to you as soon as they can.

Noho ora mai,

*Guia*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:38 AM  
**To:** Guia Nonoy

**Cc:** Dot Dalziell ; Info Destination Great Barrier Isl

**Subject:** FW: PLEASE READ & REPLY: Scoping the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation

Kia ora Guia

DGBI representatives will also be available for this proposed workshop. We'd also like to await the outcome of Dot's efforts to engage with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea before confirming. We will stay in touch.

**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 12:57 PM

**To:** Guia Nonoy <[Guia.Nonoy@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Guia.Nonoy@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>, [REDACTED] "DGBI Chair ([chair@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:chair@dgbi.co.nz))" <[chair@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:chair@dgbi.co.nz)>, [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Info Destination Great Barrier Isl <[info@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:info@dgbi.co.nz)>, Jacqui Fyers <[Jacqui.Fyers@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Jacqui.Fyers@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>, Anna Davis <[anna.davis@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:anna.davis@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: PLEASE READ & REPLY: Scoping the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation

Kia ora Guia,

Thanks for your email. I'm available for workshop with Local Board on the afternoon of 15th November. However, I've emailed Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai [REDACTED] - but have yet to connect with him. I would prefer to wait until that conversation has taken place before confirming the workshop.

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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**To:** [REDACTED]; DGBI Chair ([chair@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:chair@dgbi.co.nz)) <[chair@dgbi.co.nz](mailto:chair@dgbi.co.nz)>; [REDACTED]; Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>

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Kia ora koutou

Thank you, [REDACTED] and Dot for your presentation and attendance at the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's business meeting on Tuesday 22 August 2023.

At the local board's workshop on Tuesday 5 September, I have been requested to arrange a workshop with you and mana whenua to discuss the project presented to the board.

I have pencilled this item for workshop on **Tuesday 15 November from 2pm to 3.30pm**, at the local board office and available via Microsoft Teams.

Can you please confirm that the date and time suits you all and if you could also let me know who to invite from mana whenua.

*Best wishes / Ngā manaakitanga*

**Guia Nonoy**

**Kaitohutohu Manapori | Democracy Advisor - Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board  
Local Board Services**

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Ēnei ngā mahere e rua (he whakaahua mō te Project Brief).

Ngā mihi,

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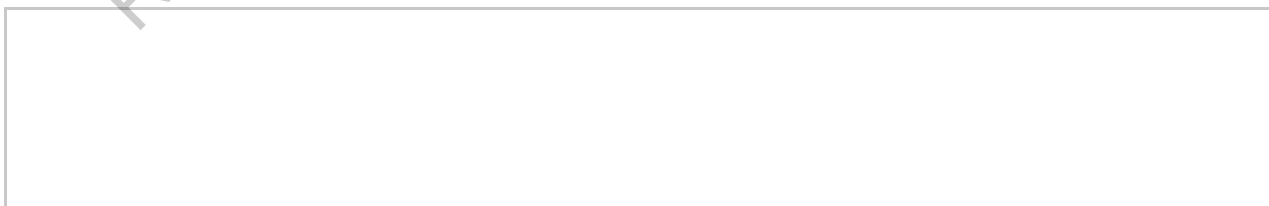
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**Sent:** Friday 15 September, 2023 01:28 pm

**To:** Leona White <lewhite@doc.govt.nz>, Karl Fisher <kfisher@doc.govt.nz>, Cara Fraider <cfraider@doc.govt.nz>

**CC:** Janet Shankland <jshankland@doc.govt.nz>

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Kia ora for the introductions Leona and Karl – really appreciate it!

I had a phonecall with [REDACTED] yesterday and we now have a way forward via the Kaumātua hui at end of September. I'll let you know what transpires.

Me ngā mihi maioha hoki,

Dot



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# Aotea ULR project - [REDACTED] conversation & revised project brief

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday 20 September, 2023 04:40 pm

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <info@dgbi.co.nz>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Aotea ULR project - [REDACTED] conversation & revised project brief

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Kia ora koutou – greetings all,

Good news, I've had an email exchange and phonecall with [REDACTED] of Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Ki Aotea on Friday.

I've been sick since then, and just getting back into work today – apologies for the delay.

[REDACTED] is interested in the project. He thinks the most obvious concern would be where any proposed tracks bring walkers into contact with wāhi tipuna / wāhi tapu – sites of significance to the iwi. He suggests the way to mitigate & manage that risk is to have someone with the cultural landscape knowledge walk the ULRs – and he has someone in mind, who is working for the iwi on the tracks in the north of the island. Also, we discussed having a separate cultural impact assessment which would inform the project, so that tracks avoid such sites - but it would need to be kept confidential (ie. not published as part of the project).

[REDACTED] has signalled that the appropriate next step is to provide the project brief to the kaumātua committee, which meets monthly (next meeting is at the end of September). He thinks their main interest will be in protecting sites of cultural significance, but there may be other direction from the group. I have offered to attend, but it is up to the kaumātua whether they consider that appropriate.

Please review the amended Project Brief – which I plan to send to [REDACTED] for the discussion with the kaumātua committee. I've highlighted the additional bits which respond to matters raised by [REDACTED]

Ngā mihi,

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## The goal

**Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.**

## Why connections matter

Trail connections are an important part of a community. Destination Great Barrier envisages a legacy of healthy Aotea/Great Barrier communities - where homes, reserves, beaches, schools, and other destinations are connected by safe walking routes. Such routes allow Aotea people a chance to enjoy the outdoors and get physical and mental health benefits.

Walking connectivity provides a low cost, low emissions transport option for many – in contrast with driving, which is particularly expensive on the island.

Improved connectivity will provide alternatives and increase community resilience when road closures occur and may enhance access for pest control activities and emergency responses.

This project is not aligned with any tourism-related goal of attracting more visitors to Aotea. The trail routes we would develop would be available for all people who wish to walk them – so long as adequate public information is available.

## Strategy

**The project approach is to build community support for re-connecting communities. To do that the project team will:**

1. **Seek to understand the cultural landscape of Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Ki Aotea, and be guided by mana whenua in protecting their cultural landscapes.**
2. **Improve community awareness and understanding of unformed legal roads. See the maps at the end of this project brief, which highlight in orange the network of unformed legal roads – connecting key places on Aotea.**

**Unformed legal roads (ULRs)** are exactly what their name suggests – parcels of land designated as legal roads but not physically constructed. They can be a great recreational asset, providing public access to the outdoors. However, they're often indistinguishable from private land and aren't shown on Topo maps.

New Zealand has about 56,000km of ULRs. Most are one chain wide (an imperial measurement equivalent to about 20m).

## Why Herenga ā Nuku?

Herenga ā Nuku is ideally positioned to lead this project through its dedicated purpose of “connecting people, connecting places”.

The Commission creates and sustains public access to the outdoors, working with communities and across statutory boundaries - and envisages a comprehensive and safe network of trails across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our work with communities to highlight and unlock the value of unformed legal roads is gaining recognition and momentum, as can be seen in Federated Mountain Clubs’ #sameasSH1 social media campaign.

We are working with Local Government NZ and individual roading authorities (including Auckland Transport) to assist their understanding, recognition and protection of unformed legal roads as key infrastructure for connecting people and places.

## History of Unformed Legal Roads (ULRs)

Herenga ā Nuku acknowledges the history of legal roads is intertwined with the process of colonisation. Across the motu, some road parcels were surveyed following existing foot or horse-trails. Others traverse obvious features such as ridgelines and along awa, the coastline or edges of lakes. Others were laid out to connect planned future settlements.

Some roads were surveyed and never formed – these are the Unformed legal roads we have today.

The historical process of laying out legal road parcels may not have taken into account places of significance for mana whenua. Care must be taken to enhance protection of mana whenua values through this work – e.g. avoiding wahi tapu as required; enabling cultural reconnection along with recreation.

## Aotea ULRs at present

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- Many walkers on Aotea - particularly in the non-PCL (Public Conservation Land) areas - currently rely on formed roads. These are narrow, winding, and unsafe for walkers. Increasing traffic volume and vehicle size contribute to safety concerns.
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Scoping unformed legal roads on Aotea  
Great Barrier Island for better  
connectivity and recreation

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## The goal

**Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.**

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Walking connectivity provides a low cost, low emissions transport option for many – in contrast with driving, which is particularly expensive on the island.

Improved connectivity will provide alternatives and increase community resilience when road closures occur and may enhance access for pest control activities and emergency responses.

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## Strategy

The project approach is to build community support for re-connecting communities. To do that the project team will:

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**Unformed legal roads (ULRs)** are exactly what their name suggests – parcels of land designated as legal roads but not physically constructed. They can be a great recreational asset, providing public access to the outdoors. However, they're often indistinguishable from private land and aren't shown on Topo maps.

New Zealand has about 56,000km of ULRs. Most are one chain wide (an imperial measurement equivalent to about 20m).

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Herenga ā Nuku is ideally positioned to lead this project through its dedicated purpose of “connecting people, connecting places”.

The Commission creates and sustains public access to the outdoors, working with communities and across statutory boundaries - and envisages a comprehensive and safe network of trails across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our work with communities to highlight and unlock the value of unformed legal roads is gaining recognition and momentum, as can be seen in Federated Mountain Clubs’ #sameasSH1 social media campaign.

We are working with Local Government NZ and individual roading authorities (including Auckland Transport) to assist their understanding, recognition and protection of unformed legal roads as key infrastructure for connecting people and places.

## History of Unformed Legal Roads (ULRs)

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**Sent:** Thursday 21 September, 2023 01:09 pm

**To:** [REDACTED]@ngatirehua.iwi.nz>

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Subject: Re: Aotea ULR project - [REDACTED] conversation & revised project brief

Associations: Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Just one further comment. There are no real lakes on Aotea and the reference to lakes could be changed to “wetlands”

On 21/09/2023, at 10:45 AM, Dot Dalziell wrote:

Kia ora all,

Thanks for your careful review and the suggested changes [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] I've amended the third bulleted route to read “Okupu to Claris and Kaitoke Lane”. I've also ensured we are using the name *Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea* throughout the document - as per the Trust's website.

In response to your question [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] and I discussed funding the cultural impact work – specifically assessment of culturally significant sites along the routes. I made it clear that we would expect to fund this – should the assessment and report be what Kaumātua require to safeguard mana whenua. The budget will need to be updated to reflect this additional work.

Please see the updated draft Project Brief attached. I will send this to [REDACTED] for him to share with the Kaumātua committee – and reiterate that I am available to attend their hui.

Ngā mihi,

Dot

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 6:32 AM

To: Dot Dalziell

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Aotea ULR project - [REDACTED] conversation & revised project brief

Hi Dot. This is great progress. I'm very happy with the amended project brief. Could we change the third bullet point in the list of identified URLs to read “Okupu to Claris and Kaitoke Lane”.

Just wondering if you mentioned to [REDACTED] that we are happy to provide koha for iwi to assess cultural significance?

On 20/09/2023, at 4:40 PM, Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora koutou – greetings all,

Good news, I've had an email exchange and phonecall with [REDACTED] of Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai Ki Aotea on Friday.

I've been sick since then, and just getting back into work today – apologies for the delay.

[REDACTED] is interested in the project. He thinks the most obvious concern would be where any proposed tracks bring walkers into contact with wāhi tīpuna / wāhi tapu – sites of significance to the iwi. He suggests the way to mitigate & manage that risk is to have someone with the cultural landscape knowledge walk the ULRs – and he has someone in mind, who is working for the iwi on the tracks in the north of the island. Also, we discussed having a separate cultural impact assessment which would inform the project, so that tracks avoid such sites - but it would need to be kept confidential (ie. not published as part of the project).

[REDACTED] has signalled that the appropriate next step is to provide the project brief to the kaumātua committee, which meets monthly (next meeting is at the end of September). He thinks their main interest will be in protecting sites of cultural significance, but there may be other direction from the group. I have offered to attend, but it is up to the kaumātua whether they consider that appropriate.

Please review the amended Project Brief – which I plan to send to [REDACTED] for the discussion with the kaumātua committee. I've highlighted the additional bits which respond to matters raised by [REDACTED]

Ngā mihi,

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## Re: Aotea ULR project - Opo Ngawaka conversation & revised project brief

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**Subject:** Re: Aotea ULR project - [REDACTED] conversation & revised project brief

**Attachments:**

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Kia ora Dot,

This is great news, very clear and totally understandable. I've had a quick look through of the highlighted areas – the only thing I can spot is correction for is for a find and replace:

Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea/Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea. → Ngāti Rehua **Ngātiwai** ki Aotea – [Trust website for reference](#)

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 4:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Aotea ULR project - [REDACTED] conversation & revised project brief

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**Sent:** Tuesday 26 September, 2023 02:29 pm

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

I sent this through last week to your [REDACTED] [ngatirehua.iwi.nz](mailto:chair@ngatirehua.iwi.nz) address. Just checking that you have received the information for the Kaumātua committee.

Whatever else kaumātua might need to inform their discussions, please ask.

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Aotea Hīkoi

## Memorandum of understanding

August 2023 v1.0

Between  
Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa  
(the Outdoor Access Commission)  
and  
Destination Great Barrier Island Trust

A memorandum of understanding recording the partnership for the implementation of Aotea Hīkoi, an initiative to scope the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation. While the project will be a multi-agency partnership, this memorandum of understanding records the key resourcing and reporting responsibilities for Herenga ā Nuku and Destination Great Barrier Island as primary investment partners in achieving the project aims.

Effective from [ DD November 2023 to 30 June 2024]

## Signatories

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Ric Cullinane, Chief Executive  
Herenga ā Nuku, the Outdoor Access Commission

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Destination Great Barrier Island

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# 1 Purpose

## 1.1 Memorandum of understanding (MOU)

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to describe and document how Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa (the Commission) and Destination Great Barrier Island (the Trust) will work together and commit to **Aotea Hikoi** (the Project).

## 1.2 Project

- 1.2.1 The Project will assess unformed legal roads (ULRs) on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreational access.

# 2 Background

- 2.1.1 The Commission is a government agency with statutory responsibility to lead, support, negotiate, establish, maintain and improve walking (and similar) access over public and private land. The Commission was established under the Walking Access Act 2008 and has a number of powers delegated under this statute to support walking and related access (eg, cycling and bridle).
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- 2.1.8 In May 2023, the Trust invited the Commission to scope and implement a project highlighting the community connectivity potential of the ULR network on Aotea's southern part.

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### 3 Project outline

#### 3.1 Goal

- 3.1.1 Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.
- 3.1.2 The Project will explore Aotea ULRs using the Herenga ā Nuku Pocket Maps app, GPS technology and photography – with the intent to provide the community with access information. It will also inform a plan to further enhance walking connectivity along the ULR network.

#### 3.2 Deliverables

- 3.2.1 The Project will create and publish an atlas of the ULR network for the community and initiate a programme of work to improve accessibility. Specific outcomes could include:
- signage
  - route marking
  - cultural significance
  - mapping resources.

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  - build knowledge, identify hazards and identify further areas for potential track improvement in the future.

### 4 Parties and roles

#### 4.1 Destination Great Barrier Island Trust

- 4.1.1 The purpose of Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) Trust is to facilitate a sustainable visitor industry on Aotea Great Barrier Island. Aotea Hikoi is to be a legacy project for DGBI, with the purpose of improving access and connectivity around the island for both the community and visitors alike.

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- 4.1.2 Through this MOU the Trust will provide funding to the Commission to scope and implement the project as outlined in section 3 above. The partners will agree the budget outline for \$50,000 plus in-kind contributions.
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## Re: Apologies- unable to get MOU / contract to you this week

From: [REDACTED]

Received Tuesday 24 October, 2023 08:39 am

To: Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Apologies- unable to get MOU / contract to you this week

Attachments:

Associations: Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Hi Dot

The MOU looks good thanks. We have consulted our local te reo teacher ([REDACTED]) about the proposed name of Aotea Hikoi. [REDACTED] apparently works closely with [REDACTED] and has suggested the name be altered to "Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea". This apparently comes close to "walking access Aotea".

Would you be able to replace Aotea Hikoi throughout the document to this new name?

Looking forward to signing the MOU this week. Thanks for all your work on it.

[REDACTED]

From: Dot Dalziell

Date: Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 5:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Apologies- unable to get MOU / contract to you this week

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Ric has OKed the latest version of the MOU attached. I have made edits to reflect new timeframes (highlighted in blue, your earlier edits in yellow).

Please let me know if these are OK. I am on leave for the rest of the week – but back in the office on Tuesday and keen to progress.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dot



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 9:33 AM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Apologies- unable to get MOU / contract to you this week

Hi Dot

All good – I hope you have got your tech failures sorted? Our trust has made its resolution to wind up, on the basis of the MOU being signed. We have a formal meeting with the Local Board on the 30<sup>th</sup> at which we lay out all our intentions. For this, we need the MOU (and the other contract with [REDACTED] all signed up, so we need to get the MOU sorted by then. Do you think that looks likely?

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Date:** Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 12:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Apologies- unable to get MOU / contract to you this week

Hi [REDACTED]



5/6/25, 8:05 AM

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I've had a week of tech failure, with my laptop developing a charging fault on Monday, and my phone dying on Tuesday!

Humble apologies - I haven't got the MOU sorted for you. That is top of my list to get done once I have the replacement laptop up & running.

I'm still chasing [REDACTED] re Kaumātua cttee discussion on the project.

Ngā mihi,

Dot

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# MOU for Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - ULR trails project on Great Barrier Aotea [AS 6987]

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**Sent:** Wednesday 25 October, 2023 06:11 pm

**To:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**CC:** Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, [REDACTED]

**Subject:** MOU for Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - ULR trails project on Great Barrier Aotea [AS 6987]

**Attachments:** MOU Herenga ā Nuku.pdf

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora Ric,

[REDACTED] of Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI), has signed the MOU covering the project work we are taking on to ground-truth and mark walking tracks along ULRs on the southern parts of Aotea Great Barrier. See signed MOU attached.

Note that the project has a new name – DGBI checked with local te reo Māori teacher and the name was adjusted to better encapsulate the purpose of the project: It is now Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea. Otherwise the MOU is the version you reviewed last week.

An you please review and sign.

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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# Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea

## **Memorandum of understanding**

October 2023

Between

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa  
(the Outdoor Access Commission)

and

Destination Great Barrier Island Trust

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A memorandum of understanding recording the partnership for the implementation of Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea, an initiative to scope the usability of unformed legal roads on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreation. While the project will be a multi-agency partnership, this memorandum of understanding records the key resourcing and reporting responsibilities for Herenga ā Nuku and Destination Great Barrier Island as primary investment partners in achieving the project aims.

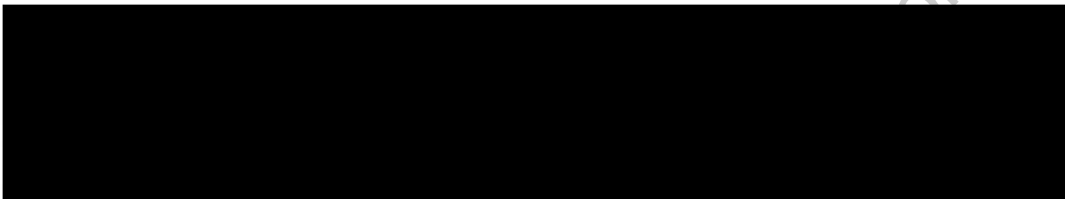
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**Effective from November 2023 to 30 June 2024**

## Signatories

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Ric Cullinane, Chief Executive  
Herenga ā Nuku, the Outdoor Access Commission



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# **1 Purpose**

## **1.1 Memorandum of understanding (MOU)**

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to describe and document how Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa (the Commission) and Destination Great Barrier Island (the Trust) will work together and commit to Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea (the Project).

## **1.2 Project**

- 1.2.1 The Project will assess unformed legal roads (ULRs) on Aotea Great Barrier Island for better connectivity and recreational access.

# **2 Background**

- 2.1.1 The Commission is a government agency with statutory responsibility to lead, support, negotiate, establish, maintain and improve walking (and similar) access over public and private land. The Commission was established under the Walking Access Act 2008 and has a number of powers delegated under this statute to support walking and related access (e.g., cycling and bridle).
- 2.1.2 The Commission has been working with the Trust to support more strategic ways to deliver on the responsibility of the Walking Access Act 2008 on Aotea.
- 2.1.3 The Project is responding to the following problem statement:  
Many walkers on Aotea, particularly in the non-DOC areas, currently rely on formed roads. These are narrow, winding, and unsafe for walkers. Increasing traffic volume and vehicle size contribute to safety concerns.
- 2.1.4 Aotea has numerous ULRs that may potentially provide alternative walking access between settlement communities and around the island. Many of these ULRs have been walking trails in the past and already have some track formation.
- 2.1.5 Aotea has remarkable bush and forest which can be enjoyed from the ULRs.
- 2.1.6 Current walking tracks on Aotea are either short destination walks or formed tracks through the DOC estate. In contrast, the ULRs are orientated towards simple connectivity and are conveniently located for residents.
- 2.1.7 Trail connections are an important part of a community. The Trust envisages a legacy of healthy Aotea communities – where homes, reserves, beaches, schools and other destinations are connected by safe walking routes. These routes will enable Aotea people to enjoy the outdoors and get physical and mental health benefits.
- 2.1.8 In May 2023, the Trust invited the Commission to scope and implement a project highlighting the community connectivity potential of the ULR network on Aotea's southern part.

### **3 Project outline**

#### **3.1 Goal**

- 3.1.1 Re-establish and enhance pedestrian connections between Aotea communities and improve the island's recreational walking opportunities.
- 3.1.2 The Project will explore Aotea ULRs using the Herenga ā Nuku Pocket Maps app, GPS technology and photography – with the intent to provide the community with access information. It will also inform a plan to further enhance walking connectivity along the ULR network.

#### **3.2 Deliverables**

- 3.2.1 The Project will create and publish an atlas of the ULR network for the community and initiate a programme of work to improve accessibility. Specific outcomes could include:
- signage
  - route marking
  - cultural significance
  - mapping resources.

#### **3.3 Approach**

- 3.3.1 Ground truthing: the Commission will engage a suitably experienced person/people to walk and describe each section of track in narrative and photographic form. The results will be made available as public and safety information.
- 3.3.2 While walking the ULRs, the project team will:
- mark the ULRs with track markers where necessary and provide minor clearance of bush or obstacles to allow simple human passage
  - identify ULRs that could be upgraded or improved to enable walking access
  - build knowledge, identify hazards and identify further areas for potential track improvement in the future.

### **4 Parties and roles**

#### **4.1 Destination Great Barrier Island Trust**

- 4.1.1 The purpose of Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) Trust is to facilitate a sustainable visitor industry on Aotea Great Barrier Island. Ngā ara hikoi ki Aotea is to be a legacy project for DGBI, with the purpose of improving access and connectivity around the island for both the community and visitors alike.

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**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [AS 6987]: MOU for signing - attached

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Received, thank you [REDACTED]

I will forward to Ric.

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:51 AM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Subject:** Re: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [AS 6987]: MOU for signing - attached

Thanks Dot. I have printed, signed and scanned the MOU.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell <[Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 11:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Ric Cullinane <[ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>, Kirsti Douglas <[kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz](mailto:kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz)>  
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Kia ora [REDACTED] – I've made that change to the project name throughout the MOU doc. See attached the final pdf version.

Can you please either sign digitally - or print, sign, scan - and send us the result. I will arrange for Ric to sign it.

Me he mihi maioha – grateful thanks,

Dot



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# RE: MOU for Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - ULR trails project on Great Barrier Aotea [AS 6987]

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**Sent:** Thursday 26 October, 2023 09:44 am

**To:** Ric Cullinane <ric.cullinane@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**CC:** Kirsti Douglas <kirsti.Douglas@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: MOU for Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - ULR trails project on Great Barrier Aotea [AS 6987]

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora Ric - keen to provide you with summary for Board, can do that next week.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Dot



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**From:** Ric Cullinane  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:43 AM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Cc:** Kirsti Douglas ; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MOU for Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - ULR trails project on Great Barrier Aotea [AS 6987]

Kia ora Dot,

Nice work and thank you. I'll sign and return tomorrow.

Would you mind compiling a summary of the project (background and outcomes) that I can pass on to the board?

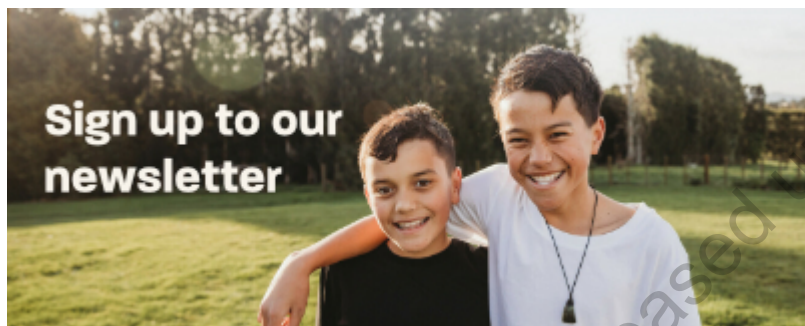
Nga mihi,

Ric



**Ric Cullinane**

Tumuaki | Chief Executive  
[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** MOU for Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - ULR trails project on Great Barrier Aotea [AS 6987]

Kia ora Ric,

# Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - An idea

**From:** [REDACTED] <info@dgbi.co.nz>

**Received** Wednesday 8 November, 2023 12:51 pm

**To:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**CC:** DGBI - Chair <chair@dgbi.co.nz>

**Subject:** Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - An idea

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Hi Dot,

Hope all is well in your world and you are getting some walks in the sunshine!

I just wanted to bring this to your attention. Tu Mai Taonga (TMT) presented to Auckland Council last week. Their project lead [REDACTED] gives a really good outline of long term plans for the project and the aim to eradicate cats from the island. [REDACTED]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=FUGOIN5qcKI&fbclid=IwAR2kdGRzeKEqpwkjT7hg4wY8j1KHXd6kiCmSWCv7KfSQ-UEFX4sgFIUWEFA>

We are very aware that the NRNWKA Trust board are going through changes as they seek out a new CEO and are obviously very preoccupied. My thoughts are that if you were to have a discussion with [REDACTED] focusing on how the walking access project would likely support accessibility for TMT, she may well just start whispering in the ear of [REDACTED] if she can see the benefits. TMT is a NRNWKA lead project.

[REDACTED] details:

Finally, DGBI have formally met with the local board to express that they will be dissolving as a trust. From my angle, in terms of accounting, I will be working with the accountant in the new year to finalise all the returns and filing for this to all happen. We therefore would need to aim to funds for the Herenga ā nuku project paid out by Christmas ideally. Keen to understand if this timeline is possible.

Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]

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# RE: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - An idea

**From:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday 8 November, 2023 01:04 pm

**To:** [REDACTED] <info@dgbi.co.nz>

**CC:** DGBI - Chair <chair@dgbi.co.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea - An idea

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** Publicising access along ULRs, Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea [6987]

Kia ora [REDACTED] – thanks so much for the heads-up. I had been keeping a weather eye on Tu Mai Taonga and where it is heading, so it is really timely to have a reason to connect with the project team. Thanks for the contact info – I will follow up immediately.

I have left several phone messages and sent follow-up emails to [REDACTED] but no response. Perhaps not surprising given what the organisation is dealing with at present.

## RE TIMELINE

I will get back to you to clarify timelines for paying the funds over. From our perspective the MOU is sufficient basis to accept the funding – we know what we have all agreed the funding is for, and there is a clause for what happens if there is funding left over for implementing further work on the trails.

The contract(s) for the ground-truthing phase are on hold, awaiting project input from Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea. It could be that two contracts are needed, one for track survey, marking and description; the second for cultural landscape research, reporting & implementation. I'll talk to Ric (our CE) about the option to set aside half of the budget to cover the latter, while proceeding with the first contract, but there is a risk because both inform the other – and I think both contracts need to be performed in a synchronised way.

Ngā mihi,

Dot



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## Re: Tū Mai Taonga - synergy in southern Aotea?

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Received Wednesday 8 November, 2023 02:53 pm

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Thanks Dot for following through so quickly!

I wonder if, for the future, you could insert the name for the project (Ngā ara hīkoi ki Aotea) somewhere into the project brief? What do you think?

Hope things are all good with you

[REDACTED]

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From: Dot Dalziell

Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 at 2:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Subject: Tū Mai Taonga - synergy in southern Aotea?

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

My name is Dot Dalziell, and I am a regional field advisor at [Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission](#). We are working with Destination Great Barrier Island Trust (DGBI) on a community connectivity project across southern Aotea.

I have attached the project brief and maps that illustrate the walking routes that our project is focused on. The goal is to investigate unformed legal roads on southern Aotea for re-establishing and enhancing pedestrian connections between Aotea communities - while improving the island's recreational walking opportunities. **I would appreciate your feedback, particularly on ways the project could contribute to the aims of Tū Mai Taonga.**

I have spoken with [REDACTED] of Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust. He identified the need to safeguard and uphold the cultural landscape the project traverses. [REDACTED] offered to take the project information to the Kaumātua committee for them to consider - but I don't know if that has happened yet.

We are keen to be guided about ways that the project can uphold mana whenua in all aspects. Ideas include cultural landscape research & reporting, interpretation & signage, improved access for predator control, and providing safe passage for locals and visitors on foot - but there will be other things we haven't considered.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Nā Dot



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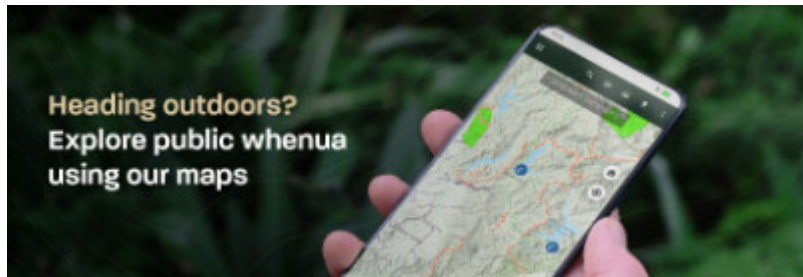
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## Re: Tū Mai Taonga - synergy in southern Aotea?

**From:** [REDACTED] <info@dgbi.co.nz>

**Received** Thursday 9 November, 2023 03:25 pm

**To:** Dot Dalziell <Dot.Dalziell@herengaanuku.govt.nz>, [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Tū Mai Taonga - synergy in southern Aotea?

**Attachments:**

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Good call Dot



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**From:** Dot Dalziell

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 November 2023 at 4:40 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Tū Mai Taonga - synergy in southern Aotea?

I thought about it – but I would be more comfortable once we've had the opportunity to talk about the name with [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** Dot Dalziell  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Tū Mai Taonga - synergy in southern Aotea?

Thanks Dot for following through so quickly!

I wonder if, for the future, you could insert the name for the project (Ngā ara hikoi ki Aotea) somewhere into the project brief? What do you think?

Hope things are all good with you

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dot Dalziell  
**Date:** Wednesday, 8 November 2023 at 2:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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