

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly please accept my apologies for TRAK/Council hui and Presentation of Taonga on Tuesday 10 November 20.

We are hosting week 3 of the hearings at Parewahawaha next week.

I have an agenda item I would like to be tabled at either next weeks hui or our next planned hui.

The agenda item is as follows with some background information:

**Exemption for Building Works (temporary structure)**

For the upcoming hearings (Waitangi Tribunal) to be held at Parewahawaha we wanted to erect a marquee at the marae for catering purposes.

We were advised by the marquee hire company that because the marquee exceeds 100 or 125 square meters in size we have had to apply for an exemption for building works (temporary structure). We have never had to apply for this in the past, so assumed it must be a new rule. There was an online form to complete which we did immediately and we filed the papers in person with the Rangitikei District Council on 13 October. We were charged a fee of \$225 for the application.

We contacted the council on 19 October to see how our application was going. We were then told they needed additional information and we provided this immediately on the same day.

On the 27 October we received an email requesting missing information, which was resent the same day.

Contact was made again on 29 October as to outcome. We were advised that their recommendation to approve was waiting for approval which would likely be the following week which wasn't satisfactory.

Contact was made again on 30 October and was advised that the application had been approved and paperwork would follow in due course.

This process took 13 days with constant checking in on process and outcome.

This has not been an easy process or a timely one. This can become an issue for all of us in the future, particularly for tangihanga where at short notice we may wish to erect a marquee or tent to shelter and feed manuhiri and whanau.

Large events such as the Ratana 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations will now have extra work and costs.

**Is it possible for all marae to have exemption without having to go through this NEW process.**

Nga manaakitanga

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