

APPENDIX B - GORE DISTRICT PLAN: SITES AND AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO MĀORI INCORPORATING DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS

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Overview and Purpose

To ask how significant a specific site or area is for Ngāi Tahu whānui is a meaningless and redundant question. All landscapes and elements of the natural environment are significant, given that within a Ngāi Tahu worldview all landscapes hold stories, histories, and whakapapa links to atua Māori (deities). For this reason, no specific sites or areas of 'significance' to Māori are singled out and listed within the Gore District Plan, as this implies that non-listed sites and areas are places that Ngāi Tahu do not hold a relationship with. Instead, all lands, waters, and natural features within Gore District are recognised as culturally significant to Ngāi Tahu whānui – just at different intensities and for varied reasons. These reasons could include Māori concepts such as mana, tapu or mauri; relationships with Ngāi Tahu deities or creation narratives, historic events or cultural practices, sites recognised as part of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998, or contemporary Māori expressions of rangatiratanga or kaitiakitanga.

The Gore District Plan manages the impacts of ~~high-risk~~ certain activities on Ngāi Tahu cultural values, as outlined in policy within this chapter, as opposed to restricting a wide range of activities at specific locations. This allows decisions and, where relevant, controls to be meaningful and tailored to the relevant Ngāi Tahu cultural values that are being impacted. Where an activity (or approach to undertaking an activity) does not impact ~~place-based~~ Ngāi Tahu cultural values, then it will be enabled in the Plan, regardless of the location. For more information on Ngāi Tahu cultural values within the Gore District, please refer to the MW - *Mana Whenua* chapter.

The ~~SASM~~ Māori Cultural Values chapter consists of overarching objectives and policies that direct the ways the Gore District Plan recognises and protects the historic and contemporary relationship of *Māori* with the natural *environment* and places where cultural practices are undertaken within the Gore District. The rules that enable this recognition and protection are attached to specific activities throughout relevant chapters of this plan and reinforced with objectives and policies that refer to the underlying relationship that Ngāi Tahu hold with the natural *environment*, or references to the practicing of *Māori* cultural activities. As indicated in other chapters, the ~~below~~ chapter objectives and policies apply to activities throughout the district.

In particular, impacts on Ngāi Tahu cultural values will be considered in resource management processes associated with:

- *Buildings and structures within river and stream setbacks;*
- *Buildings and structures that exceed height limits in Zones outside urban areas;*
- *Buildings and land use activities that do not meet servicing standards;*
- *Quarrying and mining activities in Rural Zones that require a resource consent in accordance with this plan or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation;*
- *Earthworks activities that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation;*

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- Energy generating activities that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation;
- Works associated with maintaining, upgrading or establishing *infrastructure* that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan, or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation, or adversely affect:
 - the Maitai River and its margins;
 - outstanding natural features and landscapes; or
 - archaeological sites;
- Activities that impede existing legal *access* to waterways for *mahinga kai*, including within the Maitai River Floodway;
- New, or extension to existing, *significant hazardous facilities*;
- Activities impacting scheduled Historic Heritage associated with Ngai Tahu cultural values or impeding existing legal *access* to *mahinga kai*;
- *Indigenous vegetation clearance* that requires a resource consent in accordance with this plan or as part of a notice of requirement for a designation;
- Activities within an Outstanding Natural Feature or Landscape area that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation;
- *Subdivision* that is not a controlled activity;
- Activities on the surface of Maitai River and tributaries that require a resource consent in accordance with this plan or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation;
- *Cultural Markers (signage)* that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan;
- *Temporary commercial filming, military or emergency services* that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan; or
- Activities in the Gore West Residential Development Area (DEV2) that require a resource consent in accordance with this Plan or are proposed as part of a notice of requirement for a designation.¹

Objectives

SASM-O1 — All land, *waterbodies*, natural features, and *marae* within Gore District are recognised as *sites* and areas of cultural significance to *manawhenua* and/or *tangata whenua*, and are afforded appropriate considerations in relation to their management, development, and

¹ Decision 43, paragraph 3.3.9

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use.

~~SASM-O2~~ MCV-O1 Traditional and contemporary *mana whenua* and *tangata whenua* relationships with land, waterbodies, natural features, and cultural structures are recognised, retained, and strengthened.

~~SASM-O3~~ — ~~Recognise and provide for the mātauranga and kaitiakitanga of mana whenua in decision making relating to impacts on the underlying relationship Ngāi Tahu hold with the natural environment.~~

MCV-O2 Adverse *effects* on Ngāi Tahu cultural values are avoided, remedied or mitigated when providing for *subdivision*, use and development.
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Policies

~~SASM~~MCV-P1 Use, *subdivision*, and development is enabled where adverse *effects* on Ngāi Tahu cultural values, ~~including those listed in MW-2.31.2,~~ are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

~~SASM-P2~~ — ~~The impact of proposed activities on Ngāi Tahu cultural values, and their underlying relationship with the natural environment is determined in partnership with Hokonui Rūnanga.~~

MCV-P2 Impacts on Ngāi Tahu cultural values identified in MW-1.2 will be considered in resource management processes associated with:

- (a) discretionary and non-complying resource consent applications;
- (b) notices of requirement for a designation; and
- (c) and resource consent applications for controlled and restricted discretionary activities where Ngāi Tahu cultural values are listed as a matter of control or matter of restricted discretion.

~~SASM-P3~~ — ~~Mātauranga relating to Ngāi Tahu cultural values is cared for as a taonga by Hokonui Rūnanga, and shared with Gore District Council on a case-by-case basis, as needed to support Council decision making.~~

~~SASM-P4~~MCV-P3 The ability for *Māori* to engage in cultural practices in culturally appropriate places is recognised and provided for.

~~SASM-P5~~MCV-P4 Where appropriate, Ngāi Tahu cultural values and histories are incorporated into urban design of publicly accessible spaces.³

² Decision 43, paragraph 3.4.22

³ Decision 43, paragraph 3.5.36