

# IMAGINE WAINUIWHENUA

## A once in a generation opportunity for Kāpiti

A major opportunity for our Kāpiti community is coming, in the southern part of our district.

After the Transmission Gully highway is completed in 2020, a large block of land will be declared surplus by NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency) and offered for sale.

To get an idea of the opportunity here, the land involved (approximately 550 hectares) is almost as large as Queen Elizabeth Park and over 6 times the size of Paekākāriki.

**It offers important possibilities for Kāpiti.**



**The Council  
needs to take  
a lead. You can  
help to make  
this happen.**



# Wainuiwhenua

## Kāpiti District Opportunity from Surplus NZTA Land at Transmission Gully

### Economic opportunity

- Increased regional tourism
- Small scale business development
- Local food production
- Hospitality and accommodation



### Erosion and flood control

- Protecting highway and railway
- Protecting Paekākāriki



### Biodiversity restoration

- Native forest
- Wetlands
- Waterways
- Eels and Native fish
- Connected
- Community driven



### Affordable local housing

- Community resilience
- Opportunity for whole community

### District “gateway”

Transmission Gully exit; the new arrival point for Kāpiti  
*“You are now entering a district prepared for the future”*

### Regional recreation hub

- Multiple activities and levels of ability
- Circuits from public and private transport hubs
- Economic opportunities from local tourism



### Climate change

- Greater protection from storms
- Carbon forests to offset greenhouse gases
- Renewable energy



### Ngāti Haumia ki Paekākāriki

1. Obtaining and retaining local control of these lands.
2. Looking after the environment – protecting and restoring environmental values of the area
3. Providing opportunity for housing for Ngāti Haumia and the community, where this can be supported by the wider environment.

*Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua*  
As man disappears from sight, the land remains





# The Council needs to lead

The most straightforward way to achieve this is to have the lands transferred to another public agency for a range of “public works”, under the Public Works Act.

This range includes: flood protection, carbon sequestration, public reserves for conservation and/or recreation, housing, and electricity generation. These aims fit with and are supported by different government agencies, but the site as a whole is not enough of a priority for any one of them to want to step up and take the lead.

The key, then, is an integrated approach, with one public agency taking the coordination role. **Because the whole suite of these ‘public works’ is a priority for Kāpiti, the most logical coordinating agency is KCDC.** After all, the benefits (and the risks reduced, such as flooding) would mainly come to the Kāpiti District.

The Wainuiwhenua Working Group (WWG) has been formed with representatives from a wide range of community interests. It is well on the way to developing a community and iwi-based proposal for how these lands could be used (to be finished by October 2019 after community consultation).

It is not the working group’s intention that the KCDC pay for this land. But we do need the Council to take on leadership of investigating this opportunity and working with other government and funding agencies to bring it to life.

## How you can help

We need the Council to lead on this process. To make that happen, we need your help to get a commitment from the candidates standing in the local body elections to support the council taking this leadership.

Raise this with candidates you know. Ask them about their commitment to this project at public meetings. Share these ideas on social media, with friends, and through your other networks.

For more information, please visit [paekakariki.nz/wainuiwhenua](http://paekakariki.nz/wainuiwhenua)

Together we can secure these opportunities for Kāpiti.

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