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TE ARA TUPUA – NGĀ ŪRANGA KI PITO-ONE PATHWAY PROJECT

Tēnā koe Allan,

1. The Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST) would like to note with positivity the partnered and collaborative approach the New Zealand Transport Agency has taken to date as it relates to Te Ara Tupua – Ngā Ūranga ki Pito-One pathway project (Te Ara Tupua).
2. In giving effect to the partnership, the Transport Agency and PNBST, have:
 - Established the Te Ara Tupua Steering Group (Steering Group) which acts as the overarching treaty-based mechanism to direct and guide Te Ara Tupua
 - Provided direction and guidance to key elements such as kaitiakitanga matters, sites of significance and other cultural matters, through the Steering Group and wider Taranaki Whānui project team members
 - Engaged Taranaki Whānui technical specialists and cultural experts to lead key elements of the Te Ara Tupua project, including cultural design, tikanga, narrative, resource management act considerations, communications and engagement, Steering Group co-ordination and other key components
 - Actively led engagement workshops with Taranaki Whānui iwi members
 - Embedded cultural design elements throughout the design of Te Ara Tupua
 - Created opportunities to give appropriate and meaningful recognition to sites of cultural significance
 - Enabled opportunities to share Taranaki Whānui stories and narratives with the broader community
3. PNBST continues to support Te Ara Tupua and the Taranaki Whānui representatives on Steering Group and look forward to the positive progression of the Te Ara Tupua project in partnership with the Waka Kōtahi.
4. This project is a model for how strong future facing partnerships between iwi and Crown can meaningfully operate to deliver positive outcomes that reflect the mutual aspirations of mana whenua and of the wider community. Our direct involvement through the Steering Group in the Te Ara Tupua project we are satisfied that our mana whenua interests and responsibilities have been provided for as we have been active in giving direction, guidance and making decisions where appropriate.

Nāku iti nei, na



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