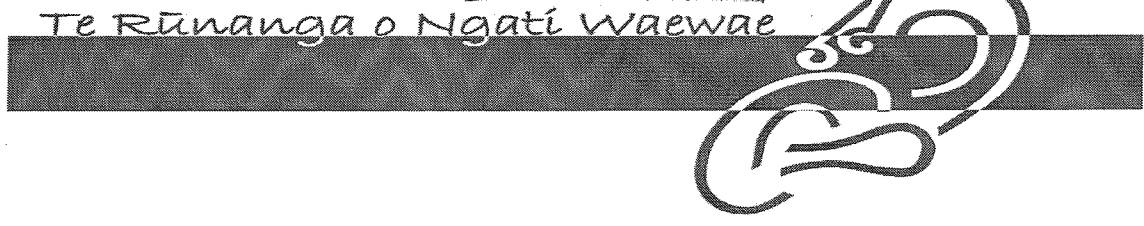
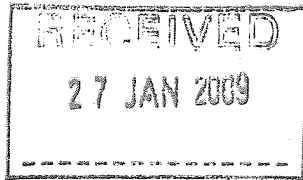


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Board of Inquiry – Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
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**Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
Submission of behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae Inc**

Tena koe, Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae Inc is an incorporated body representing the interests of the tangata whenua, Poutini Ngai Tahu of Te Tai o Poutini within our rohe. Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae is the Papatipu Runanga forming, via union, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu as defined in the TRONT act.

Our submission is that the NPS fresh water must primarily be consistent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi and as such recognise primarily that sub tribes / hapu as the tangata whenua holding a basket of rights including Tino Rangatiratanga manifested by their tangata whenua, manawhenua, kaitiaki tanga obligations in relation to their taonga, fresh water, in this NPS instance, and taonga associations of life supporting properties, mauri of Papatuanuku.

We contend this is enshrined in Tiriti o Waitangi Article 2:

*[The Second Article
The Queen of England agrees to protect the chiefs, the subtribes and all the people of New Zealand in the unqualified exercise of their chieftainship over their lands, villages and all their treasures. But on the other hand the chiefs of the Confederation and all the chiefs will sell land to the Queen at a price agreed to by the person owning it and by the person buying it (the latter being) appointed by the Queen as her purchase agent.]*

Bestows the management, our obligations to our wai within our rohe via our subtribe / hapu associations.

As such it is Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae submission that:

The primary interest and kaitiaki relationship with our fresh water taonga within our rohe¹ / tribal area and rests within the Tino Rangatiratanga as embodied in the tangata whenua, Te Tai Poutini via and as represented by Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae Inc, and by whakapapa and association inclusive of the hapu / sub tribe of Waewae and hence chief Tuhuru.

All Crown - Central Government and Local / Regional Territorial authorities will effectively foster (citizenship right) and enable article 2 of Tiriti o Waitangi via this Kaupapa and via their plans policies and actions.

Ngati waewae supports the inclusive development of a NPS fresh water so long as Tiriti o Waitangi is a primary pillar of its framework, and tangata whenua are enabled to meet their obligations.

Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae would like to korero / be heard in order to complete its submission .

Also please bring the hearing to Te Tai O Poutini – West Coast – Te Wahi Pounamu.

Our whare Wananga at Arahura will be available.

Na Haku noa na

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Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae

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