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Port Nicholson Settlement Act - alteration of place names

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of new place names resulting from the Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Claims Settlement Act 2009 (the Settlement Act) and to discuss how these will be recognised by Greater Wellington.

2. Significance of the decision

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Background

The Settlement Act gives effect to certain provisions of the Deed of Settlement that settles the historical claims of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika.

The following eight place names were changed in the Settlement Act. The process of recognising the name changes involved New Zealand Geographic Board publishing a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the new place names and their locations. The new names took immediate effect on the date the notice was published in the *Gazette* (3 September 2009).

Existing place name	Altered place name
Ngauranga Stream	Waitohi Stream
Mount Misery	Mount Wai-ariki
Sinclair Head	Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa
Red Rocks	Pariwhero/Red Rocks
Tinakori Hill	Te Ahumairangi Hill
Lowry Bay	Whiorau/Lowry Bay
Baring Head	Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui
Steeple Rock	Steeple Rock/Te Aroaro-o-Kupe

4. Comment

The New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008 requires that Greater Wellington use the official spellings for place and geographic names, and railway lines. Correct usage includes the use of macrons. The use of these names also supports our relationship with Taranaki Whānui who initiated the restoration and regards them as a constant reference to the relationship between mana whenua and the physical landscape of Wellington.

Greater Wellington will implement the correct use of new place names in our practice through the following mechanisms:

- an update of our GIS information layers with the latest topographic place name data base from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ). This will ensure that any project work requiring the creation of a map will automatically include new names.
- Greater Wellington's Communication Style Guide, which provides a standard for all signage and publications, will include a link to the New Zealand Geographic Board's data base of place names to promote a consistent approach to their use.
- All staff will be made aware of name changes through cultural capacity training, the Māori Resource Base and Greater Wellington's staff intranet site. Te Hunga Whiriwhiri is in the process of developing pages on the intranet site, which will provide staff with access to information and advice supporting the relationship with mana whenua.

5. Communication

Internal communications are discussed in the body of this report. No external communications are necessary at this time.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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