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To whom it may concern

## **Whangawehi Catchment Management Plan**

### **Cultural Perspective**

Tuahuru Marae strongly supports the vision and goals of the Whangawehi Catchment Management Plan

We have been working alongside Kaiuku Marae, Ruawharo Marae, Land Owners, Whanau and Hapu , Wairoa District Council, Hawkes Bay Regional Council, and Mahia School since early 2010 in order to enhance the whangawehi awa catchment area.

Whangawehi catchment entirety is of cultural significance to the Iwi o Rongomaiwahine ki Mahia mai Tawhiti.

We refer to the whagawehi awa when we recite our pepeha ( Ko Whangawehi te Awa).

Whangawehi awa catchment has suffered erosion , and poor water quality , as well as the adverse affects of farming practices for decades

Fresh water fisheries within the awa and the mahinga kai area beyond the river mouth are less abundant an

and healthy due to the effects occuring within the Catchment area of the awa.

Whanau and hapu bathe and fish in the waters at the river mouth during summer months.

The Marae of Rongomaiwahine ki Mahia are renoun for the provision of fresh water fish and kaimoana to feed ourselves and manuhiri at hui , tangi and other events.

Kia pai a muri    Take care of the back and  
Ka pai a mua     In front will be taken care of

Naku iti nei

Kathleen Mato

Chairperson  
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