

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer  
**DATE:** 11 March 2008  
**SUBJECT:** **CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF RUBY BAY –  
PRESENTATION BY TIAKINA TE TAIAO**

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## 1 BACKGROUND

Over the last 18 months, discussions with iwi have identified that a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) would be helpful when considering future coastal structures in the Mapua Ruby Bay area.

On this basis, Council engaged Tiakina Te Taiao in May 2007 to prepare a Cultural Impact Assessment of potential erosion protection measures in Ruby Bay. This work would form a basis for consultation for any proposed works in the future.

The CIA was prepared by the following iwi members:

- Dean Walker (advisor to Tiakina Te Taiao)
- John Morgan (Board member Tiakina Te Taiao)
- Justin Kere (CIA working party)
- Fred Te Miha (Board member, Tiakina Te Taiao)
- Pat Park (CIA working party)
- Daren Horne (CIA working party)

The content of the CIA includes a background to the issues from cultural, natural history and ecological views, and an assessment of the impact of any proposed works from a Maori worldview. The CIA presents five recommendations for Council to consider.

## 2 PRESENTATION

The intent of the presentation to the committee is present the document as a “Final Draft” for consideration by Council. Following the presentation there will be opportunity to discuss the document with members of the working party.

It is proposed that a formal reply be provided by Council at a later date, in response to the report’s recommendations. These responses would be recorded in the final document for completeness.

It is suggested that the committee delegate one or more members together with Council staff to further consider the recommendations in the CIA and provide a formal response to Tiakina Te Taiao.

## 3 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

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