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Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board
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Hutt City Council and Mana Whenua Joint Submission on the Pito One Name Change Proposal

Tēnā koutou,

Hutt City Council, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust write in collective support of the proposal to change the name of Petone to **Pito One**. This will give clarification to the meaning, and return mana to the name.

We believe that respecting and restoring the correct spelling of the name Pito One is the right thing to do.

Respecting the historical context

The current spelling is an anomaly that perpetuates a historical lack of knowledge, care, and respect for Te Reo Māori and Mana Whenua who reside here.

As the New Zealand Geographic Board is aware, the kōrero associated with the name refers to burial of “pito” in the “one” and this symbolises the tethering of a newborn to the land and their tūrangawaewae.

The Pito One pā was located between the foreshore and current day Jackson Street and from Korokoro Stream to current day Victoria Street.



Alignment with Naming Policy

Correcting the spelling of Pito One aligns with the intent of the Hutt City Council *Kaupapa Here Tapanga Naming Policy 2021-31*. The Policy recognises that the names of significant sites and areas in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai are important to Māori and a key matter on which Council and Mana Whenua will work together.

Assisting to embed the name change

Over many years Hutt City Council has worked closely with Mana Whenua to drive change and address inequity. Through the Tākai Here partnership agreements we work together to create a more inclusive and sustainable future for all our people.

If the Board decides to change the name - Hutt City Council, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Wellington Tenth Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust; all stand prepared to play our parts in enabling a smooth transition within our community.

We have the opportunity to make sure that our future generations grow up knowing the area by the same name that our past generations knew it by - Pito One. Though we cannot change the past, help us to stay connected to our history and model what it is to be the very best of our nation.

Ngā manaakitanga,



Hutt City Council Mayor Campbell
Barry



Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust
Chair Liz Mellish



Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa
Chair Kura Moeahu



Wellington Tenth Trust
Chair Anaru Smiler



Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika
Trust Chair Te Whatanui Winiata



Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
Chair Callum Katene