

PART 16

STATUTORY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND NOHOANGA ENTITLEMENTS

16.1. Statutory Acknowledgments

- 16.1.1. A statutory acknowledgment is an acknowledgment by the Crown* of a statement of Ngai Tahu's particular cultural, spiritual, historical or traditional association with specified areas. Statutory acknowledgments relate to statutory areas which include areas of land, geographic features, lakes, rivers, wetlands and coastal marine areas with which Ngai Tahu has a particular association. Statutory acknowledgments are only given over Crown owned land. With water bodies such as lakes, rivers or wetlands, the statutory acknowledgment applies to the whole lake, river or wetland, except any part of the bed not in Crown ownership or control. The locations of statutory acknowledgments are marked on survey office (SO) plans. These plans are not intended to delineate the precise boundaries of the statutory areas but indicate as nearly as possible the location of the statutory areas.
- 16.1.2. The Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act, in providing for statutory acknowledgments:
- requires the Council to forward summaries of all relevant resource consent applications to Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu; and
 - requires the Council to have regard to a statutory acknowledgment relation to a particular area in forming an opinion as to whether Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu is an affected party in relation to resource consent applications concerning the relevant statutory area; and
 - enables statutory acknowledgments to be used in submissions to consent authorities, the Environment Court and the Historic Places Trust as evidence of Ngai Tahu's association with a statutory area; and
 - requires local authorities within the Ngai Tahu claims area to record all relevant statutory acknowledgments in the District Plan.
- 16.1.3. Statutory acknowledgments are noted on the district plan maps.

16.2. Nohoanga Entitlements

- 16.2.1. Nohoanga entitlements are created and granted by the Crown to Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu over Crown owned land in the Ngai Tahu claim area. The entitlements are for the purpose of permitting members of Ngai Tahu Whanui to occupy land close to waterways on a non-commercial basis, so as to have access to waterways for lawful fishing and gathering of other natural resources.
- 16.2.2. Nohoanga entitlements are noted on the district plan maps. Any additional nohoanga entitlements created during the tenure of the district plan will be noted on a non-statutory database held at the Council offices.