

## MAIN POINTS:

Current Status of Te Reo Maori within the Kaipara region is in crisis

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2. Revitalization of Te Reo Maori Movement in the form of (Kohanga/Kura/Wharekura & Wananga)
3. Whanau involvement – high expectations and participation
4. Kura Kaupapa Maori aspirations – the child's spiritual, emotional, physical & academic qualities are the collective responsibility of the whanau – Lowest rates of truancy & standdowns/suspensions
5. Current Kura site – inadequate and unsafe
6. Benefits of Proposed site – size of land for Wharekura growth and accessibility for whanau for continued involvement/participation

My submission is:

I support the building of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngaringaomatariki to the new designated site in Kaiwaka for the following reasons:

1. Kohanga reo , Kura Kaupapa Maori & Wharekura are testament to the capability, innovation and aspirations of the local Maori communities. Re-location to the new Kaiwaka site will enable tangata whenua to actively participate in the establishment and future operations of this kura.
2. The current status of te reo maori within the local hapu and iwi is at a crisis , revitalisation of Te Reo Maori within the hapu and iwi is critical and this kura and whanau are the only active champions for the revitalisation of Te Reo Maori.
3. Whanau involvement is critical to help foster and build relationships with communities and organizations. Whanau involvement in essence encourages and nurtures communal responsibility for those associated and active within the kura for all tamariki.
4. The establishment of a new Kura Kaupapa Maori in Kaiwaka is critical as this is the only academic facility that is offering Total Maori Immersion Education through Te Aho Matua philosophy catering for 35 marae for local iwi and 16 marae for the local hapu.
5. Being immersed in te reo Maori within a matauranga maori environment will provide both the tamariki and whanau with strong cultural foundations and identities.
6. The current site in Oruawharo is inadequate due to its isolation from the main center and bus routes. During Cyclone Gabriel tamariki were unable to access the kura site due to flooding and power outages, meaning that learning became impacted for tamariki.
7. The actual current site is both unsafe and does not allow for the kura to grow and transition into a “wharekura” secondary/area school, which is imperative for the continued growth of this Kura.