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MĀORI STANDING
COMMITTEE
Kia Reretahi Tātau

South Wairarapa District Council
19 Kitchener Street
Martinborough 5711
29th May 2019

Tēnā koutou

Our aspiration “to see our marae flourish once again, to see our people living on the whenua of their tipuna. To embrace economic development in our communities through kaitiakitanga of our resources. Allowing autonomy of our values and belief systems and restoring the mana of our people and our places through the principles of partnership, participation and protection.”

Ko wai tatou? The MSC is a forum supported by the Council that includes representation from the three marae in our district: ko Pāpāwai, ko Hau Ariki, ko Kohunui hoki. Includes, representation from Featherston’s Maori Community group, Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira and our two iwi: Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa. The committee is an important and pragmatic way to express the constitutional “Tiriti o Waitangi” relationship in a local context.

With regard to the Annual Plan 2020-2021 for the South Wairarapa District Council, the South Wairarapa Maori Standing Committee would like to make the following submission.

In relation to discussion topic 1 – **Water Supply and Water Resilience**

In principle we agree with the proposed provisions of the water by meter write off policy but we believe Marae in South Wairarapa area should be exempt from water usage charges. Could we have an opportunity to discuss with council ongoing costs for marae?

We would welcome the Resource Management concept process for the Featherston wastewater treatment plant be transparent with full meaningful consultation with the Featherston community.

We thank you for accepting our submission and look forward to further discussion.

Nāku noa na
Narida Hooper
Committee member (on behalf of MSC)