

# Tabled Information Speaking Notes from John Bickerton

## Tb WCC Legislation

- 1 I commend this report –it is a great step forward – it has so much good stuff about the TB. It reflects well on the considerable knowledge and experience in the Parks Dept – Well done.
- 2 I cannot tell you how pleased I am that the report uses the 1840 map of Wellington (**p316**),  
This is the first map of Wellington and produced in July 1840, not long after the Treaty of Waitangi was signed.  
I like it because it contains the placename “Tinakore”. – a taonga of early European contact with Maori.  
Had this map been presented to the Waitangi Tribunal, we might still be calling Tinakori Hill by its proper name and the origins of Ahumairangi might be less controversial. But that is all another story.
- 3 That story came out, amongst other things, during our public meeting in Northland during the Draft Guidelines consultation. At that meeting attended by Councillors Foster and Ritchie, the panel agreed that the Council should get the history right.  
We still need to make some progress here.
- 4 Now I have a small confession to make: During my submission on the TB guidelines, I did not believe that the Council would ever create TB legislation This had been promised in the 1995 TBMP and the last serious attempt fizzled out in 2003.  
It is wonderful to see that I was wrong and may I congratulate all concerned on a magnificent effort.
- 5 Now May I ask that you turn to **p130** of the TBMP which is about partnership with mana whenua. And I want to look at 4 paras the first beginning  
“For more than 150 years little progress was made to resolve the grievances .....

### **Waitangi Report a Most Important step forward.**

In 2003, this document was produced 450 pages of which 8 relate to the TB

That section (Chapter 6) gets the boundary of the Township wrong -It is not the **internal boundary** of the TB but rather the **external one** - That means that the **TB is inside the Township not outside of it**

Reference  
278/129(a)

So its conclusion quoted there on **page 130** that **“the TB was wrongly taken from Maori”** is questionable.

Furthermore, I do not accept that Maori have any claim on the TB as an entity.

The idea of a TB is a European idea and totally alien to the people who lived in around the harbour prior to 1839.

It was imported by the New Zealand Company together with the idea of a society living together under democratic Laws. Laws which soon brought a measure of peaceful existence to those who lived around the harbour and led directly to the present position.

- 6 **I do not know who is responsible for protecting our heritage** but it does seem to me that Chapter 6 of the Waitangi Report should be repudiated.

It should not be perpetuated through such an important document as the TBMP.

- 7 Let us move on to legislation On **page 101 The preamble of the drafting instructions**

“Acknowledge the significance of the TB to both mana whenua and the citizens of Wellington”

No-one can argue with the intention but but we have to resolve the Waitangi Report finding first. This is only a minor detail in that most important document. I appreciate that it has little to do with managing the TB but it is very important to the legislation.

The recommendation for legislation seems far more robust to me than the TBMP

- 8 Councillors , may I commend to you to  
proceed with all possible speed on the legislation  
Ponder on the consequences of getting the history wrong.  
Perhaps a short and anodyne history would suffice?  
Remember always thatThe TB is what makes Wellington the most beautiful Capital City in the world. The TBMP, including its version of history, . is for all Wellingtonians and for future generations too

Thank you