

<b>Nga Hapū o Ōtāki [“NHoO”] SIGNIFICANT<sup>92</sup> FIND POLICY for PP20</b>	<b>Draft</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Koiwi, Middens, Cultural Taonga, other .....</b>	Version 3	3 July 2012

**BACKGROUND:**

1. This policy has been formulated to mitigate the issues raised in the CIA dated 27 July 2012.
2. Koiwi are found for various reasons, including floods, during earthworks and activities associated with the land.
3. This policy covers a wide variety of significant finds and how they will be dealt with.
4. The intent of this policy is to outline a number of considerations with regards to how to deal with significant finds including koiwi.

**RATIONALE:**

5. NHoO are a first point of contact with the NZ Police if they are called to on an accidental discovery.
6. NHoO will liaise with whanau/hapū and other parties as information is made available.

**GUIDELINES:**

7. The NZ Police via their Māori Liaison Officer will contact the NHoO Chairperson when informed about koiwi found in the expressway PP20 rohe.
  - a. The NZ Police and appointed person will visit the site with kaumatua and hapū representatives to inspect the site.
  - b. If there is a requirement for the Police to remove the koiwi for further analysis the appropriate tikanga will be observed.
  - c. Pouhere Taonga (NZ Historic Places Trust) will be notified.
  - d. Archaeologist as and when required will assist hapū in the investigation
8. NHoO will also coordinate a number of activities once contacted by the NZ Police Maori Liaison Officer.
  - a. Assist the hapū and or landowners who are associated with the area in which the koiwi were discovered.
  - b. Ensure that a person mandated to work with the Police, Pouhere Taonga and landowners is available.
  - c. That hapū know when and where the remains are to be re-interred and involve the necessary people.
9. Pouhere Taonga (NZ Historic Places Trust) will also be involved in this process.

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- a. Historic Places Trust will be contacted once the koiwi have been found.
  - b. Pouhere Taonga are interested in all archaeological remains older than 1900’s.
  - c. NHO is the traditional guardian of Taonga and artefacts.
10. Local Government will also be involved in this process.
- a. Where earthworks are to be undertaken either in terms of scope or areas the cultural significance will be assessed.
  - b. Representaton from the relevant local hapū may be required on site while earthworks are being undertaken.
  - c. Should a wāhi tapu site or other significant cultural site be unearthed during the earth works notification will be made to Chairperson of Nga Hapū o Ōtāki / Ngāti Raukawa.
  - d. Pouhere Taonga are interested in the archaeological remains that are older than 1900’s.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

11. Any exceptions to this policy will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

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