
Att: Anna Gerrity - Dominion Flats Scenic Reserve

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On behalf of the Waimea Inlet Forum Working Group

Kia ora Anna

We are celebrating ten years of restoration at the Dominion Flats reserve in November.

I'd like to suggest a re-naming of the reserve to Matahua Scenic Reserve. The nearest peninsula in the Waimeha Inlet is called by this name and the nearest translation is a point bearing fruit.

The many podocarps and over 300 kahikatea which have been planted will in time bear copious amounts of fruit.

The name Dominion should be long gone, it was used at the time of expansion of the British Empire, now frowned on, just as the Holy Roman Empire no longer exists!

The appeal of Maori place names is that they are descriptive of the area and go back further in history than European settlement.

We've had minimum interest from the Maori community in this restoration and a re-name is more likely to draw their interest which would be welcome.

The Working Group asks that the council give this serious consideration.

Nga mihi

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