

DODGY LAND SALES: An ongoing injustice against Māori

What's happening in Marukaikuru Shelly Bay?

Taranaki Whānui - kaitiaki owned the land @ Shelly Bay



Mau Whenua are iwi members who believe in kaitiakitanga and holding onto the whenua (land)



Port Nicholson Board Settlement Trust (PNBST), was entrusted with the protection of iwi land in Shelly Bay - they secretly sold the land



property developer, Ian Cassels of The Wellington Company purchased the land to build 350 pricey flats



Wellington City Council owns a key piece of Shelly Bay and would need to fund infrastructure necessary for the development

Why oppose the City Council's land sale?

- Wellington City Council selling land to help The Wellington Company's Shelly Bay development will only add to the injustice already visited on Taranaki Whānui iwi after the secret sale of their land at Shelly Bay.
- More than half of Taranaki Whānui iwi members did not get voting papers to be able to vote on the original Shelly Bay iwi land sale by Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST).
- The PNBST trustees failed to get the 75% majority vote required by their Trust Deed to sell the land.
- The Trust then sold the iwi land secretly to The Wellington Company. Taranaki Whānui iwi members only found about the secret land sales via the media months later.
- Mau Whenua had informed Ian Cassels of The Wellington Company that there had been a NO vote on the sale by iwi immediately after the NO vote. Cassels continued with the purchase regardless.
- The claimed "partnership" and "joint venture" between the property developer and iwi is little more than public relations. The Shelly Bay land is solely owned by Cassel's The Wellington Company. The PNBST does not own any land on behalf of Taranaki Whānui iwi in Shelly Bay anymore. Now it seems, Cassels has assumed the role of spokesperson for the "partnership" between him and PNBST when it comes to the whole of the Miramar Peninsula including Shelly Bay.
- Wellington City Council selling land to the developer The Wellington Company perpetuates a familiar history of land alienation and colonisation.

Whether you support this land going to million-dollar housing or not, what seems certain is that the future of an important piece of the capital city should not be determined by a back-room deal involving questionable decisions and dodgy land sales.

- We need to ensure that a new injustice against Taranaki Whānui iwi does not arise from this development.
- We need to halt the sale of Wellington City Council land for this project
- We need you to tell our Council to vote No on the Shelly Bay land deal.

TAKE ACTION NOW

A decision on this is being made at Wellington Council in October.

Email your councillors immediately. You can find a complete list of councillors & email addresses at wcc.govt.nz. Here is a draft letter you can use:

Dear Councillor,

I am writing because I am very concerned about the sale of Council land at Shelly Bay for a housing development. There are two pending High Court cases on the legality of the sale of the Port Nicholson Block Trust Land. The Maori Land Court has ruled that more than 12,000 of the iwi membership of 19,000 were unable to vote, and as you will be aware a majority that did vote in 2016 voted not to sell the land with the Port Nicholson Board Settlement Trust failing to gain the 75% yes vote required. The land was sold secretly to The Wellington Company. The Wellington City Council should exercise extreme caution about the sale of Council land that could be part of creating a new injustice for Taranaki Whānui iwi. The Council should not provide infrastructure for this project under the circumstances.

