



URENUI & DISTRICTS HEALTH GROUP INC.

Ko Taranaki Te Maunga
Ko Tokomaru Te waka
Ko Mimitangiatua Te awa
Ko Ngati Mutunga Te iwi
Ko Te Kekerewai te hapu
Ko Rodney Baker a hau
Na reira
Tena Koutou
Tena Koutou
Tena Tatou Katoa

Today I stand here as the Chairman of the Urenui and Districts Health Group.

Our volunteer committee look after the old Clifton County area, with a First Response team, District and Public Health Nursing services and a Doctor's surgery - which caters to the North Taranaki communities needs for medical, health and wellbeing treatment; many volunteers are involved.

It has been raised to our attention many times over, by our team and locals around the district, about the amount of illness and wellbeing issues of the families who reside near the property in concern.

These concerns come from the base of Mount Messenger to the back blocks of Uruti, including the residents who live by the Mimitangiatua awa and down to the river mouth. They have seen and smelt the effects of the Uruti site over the last 20 years of operation.

- I speak on behalf of Urenui District Health Group, my Tupuna and the local families in this area.

That all the authorities of this Uruti Revital site who monitor, or should be monitoring the operation for compliance, who have let this happen. Taranaki Regional Council, New Plymouth District Council and the Medical Officer needs to take stock of our report urgently, and monitor going forward the health and wellbeing of these families.

Also, to let everyone know that have contributed to these health and wellbeing issues, by delivering there waste to this site recently and over the years, have ownership and responsibilities to this by chain of custody.

Just to finish -

I was out the Mimitangiatua awa the other day and my 9-year-old Grandson read the Rahui sign, Hhe said 'Poppa this is sad as I can't swim here anymore'.

Rodney Baker – Chairperson

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