

To the Hearings Panel: Hearing 28. Supporting evidence from Andrew Wilson
Referring to Hearing 20. Maori Site of Significance designation 2e Ryan Rd, Te Akau South

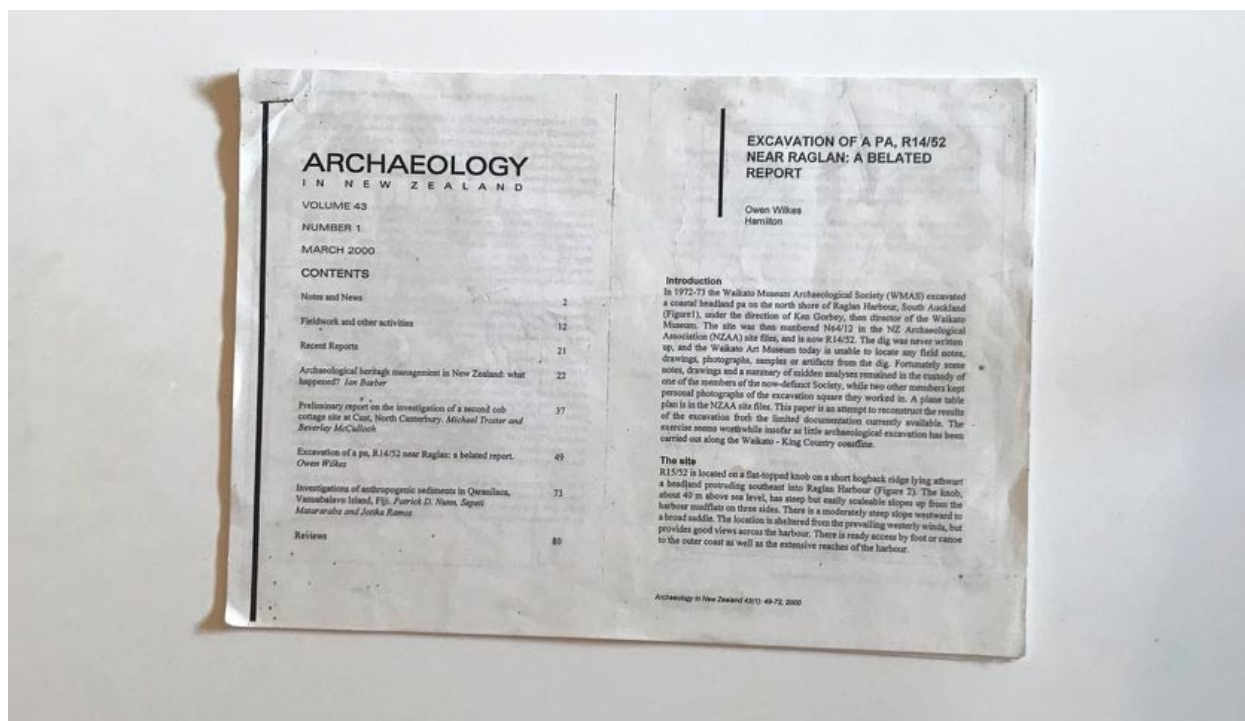
Decision Sought. **I seek the removal of the Maori Site of Significance designation from my property at 2e Ryan Rd. I am not in agreement with the designation and do not consent to it being applied within my boundary. I believe this is my decision to make.**

Referring to **Schedule F to the Joint Management Agreement with Waikato Tainui Management of Maori Sites of Significance: Sites to which this Schedule applies.**

9. *“Where Maori Sites of Significance have been identified on private land, the co-operation and agreement of the land owner must be sought before any of the processes described in this schedule are implemented in respect of that private land. **If the agreement of the land owner is not obtained, this Schedule will not apply to that private land.** The intention is to identify and where possible protect these sites; not to restrict development.”*

Beyond my decision I offer the following supporting reasons.

1. The NZAA site records of archaeological site R14/52 have been misinterpreted. The **two terraces** I landscaped on my property have been mistakenly identified as being those mentioned in Archaeology in New Zealand: Volume 43, March 2000. Excavation of a PA, R14/52 near Raglan: A Belated Report by Owen Wilkes. (WDC MSOS Assessment Sheet)



In 2000 the author published the report in order to record R14/52 as it wasn't written up following the excavations by the Waikato Museum Archaeological Association in 1972 & 1973.

I bought my property in 1999, the year before the Wilkes report was published.
R14/52 wasn't designated on the planning maps at the time.

To Whom It May Concern.

I have owned my property at Te Akau South since when the area was originally subdivided.
Andrew Wilson purchased my neighbours property at 2e Ryan Rd, Te Akau South in 1999.
When he brought it there was a track previously excavated through his property, running down the ridge from the recreation reserve area above it. Andrew landscaped and created the two terraces on the upper half of his property that year.
The terraces did not exist prior to Andrew purchasing his place.

Yours sincerely,



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The property had been previously excavated and a bulldozed track ran straight down the ridge inside it's northern boundary. I created **two terraces** in order to morph the land to flow with the environment. No mention of these terraces were included in the Wilkes report a year later.

The Wilkes report features Figure 3: the only plan diagram identifying the R14/52 site (below).

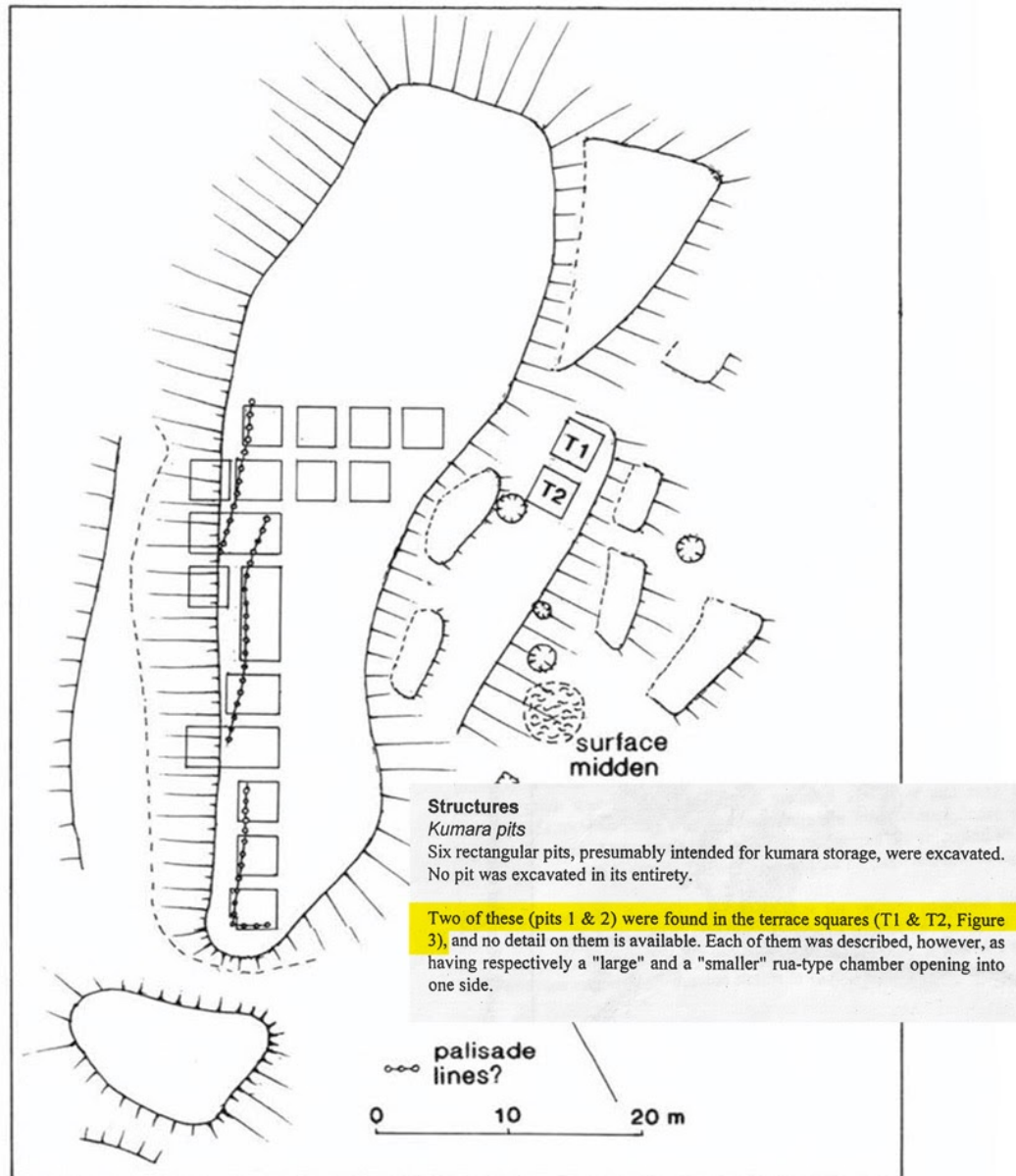


Figure 3. Surface features of R14/53, and palisade lineations inferred from excavation.

The Pg 55 refers to excavations (T1 & T2) on one of the **two large terraces** mentioned. The locations of T1 & T2 & the **two large terraces** are enclosed within the plan of site Pg 56.

Pg 51 of the Wilkes report also contains this extract of the site description: “The area was **2900m²**, of which 2400m² lay within the fortifications. The western half of the pa is an apparently natural platform of about 900 sq m, narrowing toward the transverse fortifications in the south. East of the platform are gentle slopes on which terraces cover about half the area. There are **two large terraces** of about 100sqm each and at least six smaller terraces...”

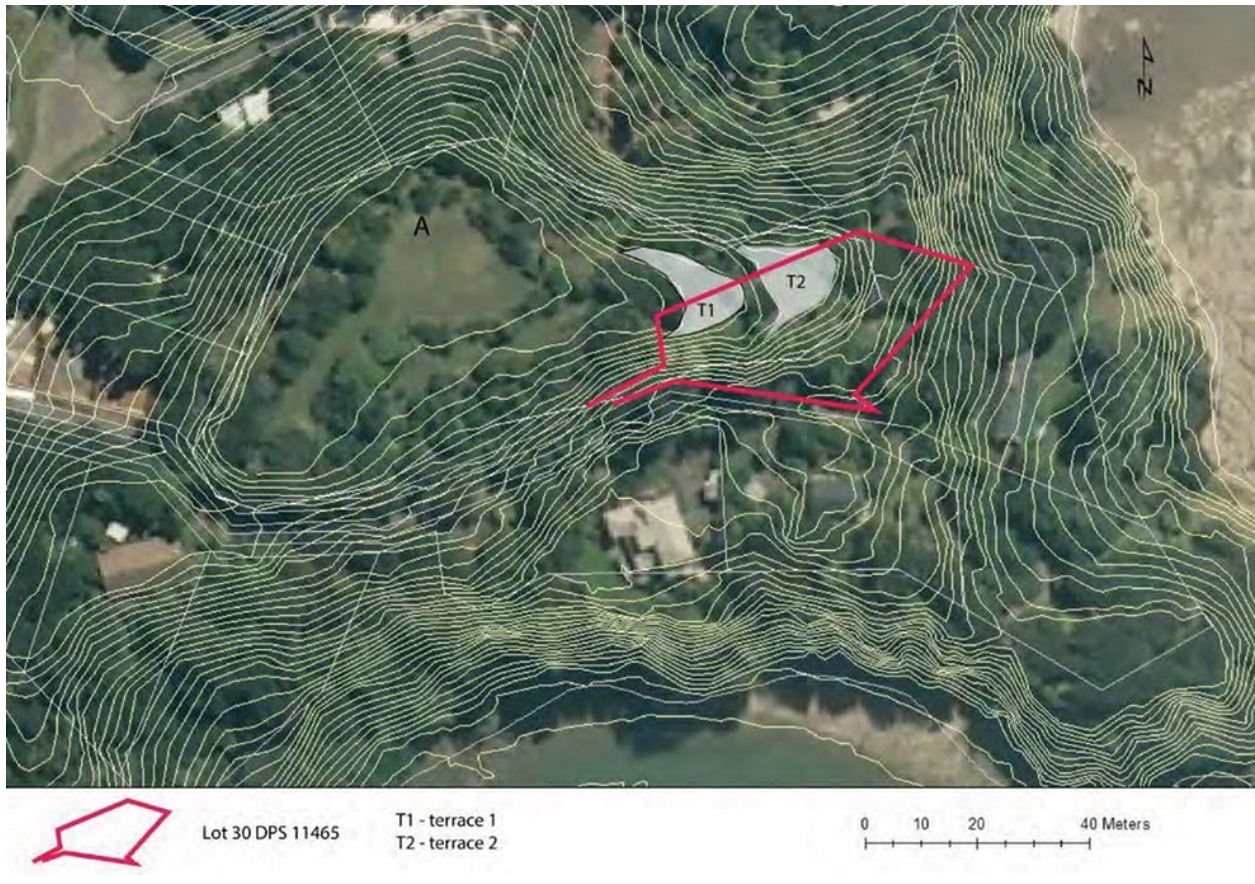


Defensive Ridge paa, terraces, platform, middens. 'R14/52 is located on a flat topped knob on a short ridge lying athwart headland protruding southeast into Raglan Harbour. The knob, about 40m above seas level, has steep but easily scaleable sloped up from the harbour mudflats on three sides. There is a moderately steep slope westward to a broad saddle. The location is sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds, but provides good views across the harbour. There is ready access by foot or canoe to the outer coast as well as the extensive reaches of the harbour... To the south were two short, broad ditches each about 4m deep, separated by a platform or bank about 8m across. On the landward (west) side, and probably at the north end, the slope had been steepened by building out with spoil and by excavation of a terrace beneath the crest. No earthwork fortifications were detected on the east side, where there are steep sloped down to the shore. The area was 2900sqm, of which 2400sqm lay within the fortifications. The western half of the paa is an apparent natural platform of about 900sqm, narrowing toward the transverse fortifications in the south. East of the platform are gentle slopes on which terraces cover about half the area. There are two large terraces of about 100sqm each and at least six smaller terraces. On the slopes between the terraces there are four collapsed rua as well as another rua on one of the larger terraces. Two small rectangular pits are also visible.'

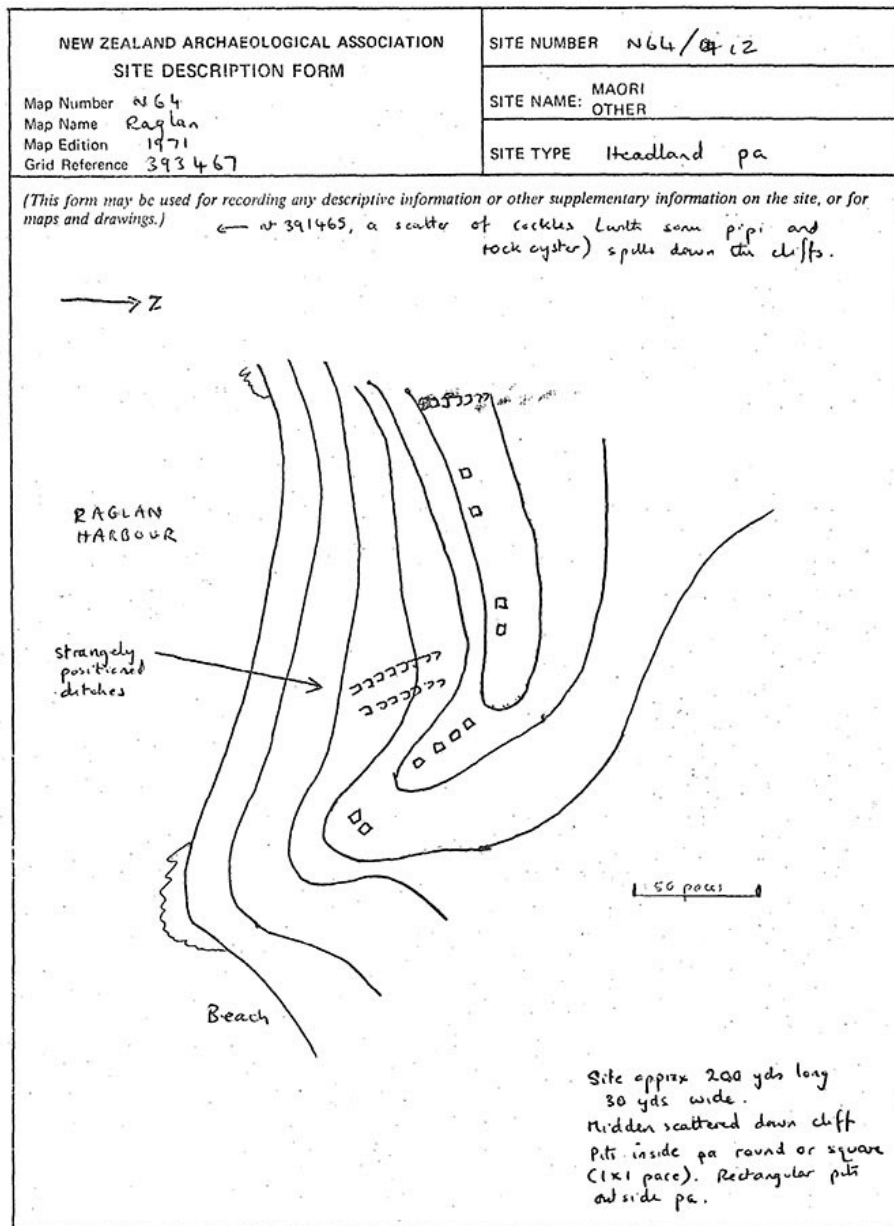
The **two large terraces** described sit wholly within Fig. 3 and the Recreation Reserve area. Feathers Planning have estimated the crown of the reserve (outlined in Yellow) is **3640m²**.

The Section 42A Technical Report on Maaori Sites of Significance mistakenly identifies and labels the **two terraces** I formed on my property as T1 & T2. This implies the **two large terraces** mentioned in the Wilkes report as being on my property at 2e Ryan Road. **As a result the MSOS boundary in the PDP has been inaccurately identified.**

“ However there are two terraces that are in Lot 30 (figure 94) and these terraces can be seen to be integral to the archaeological or morphological features of the pa because of the size, location and viewshafts of the harbour and surrounding area.”

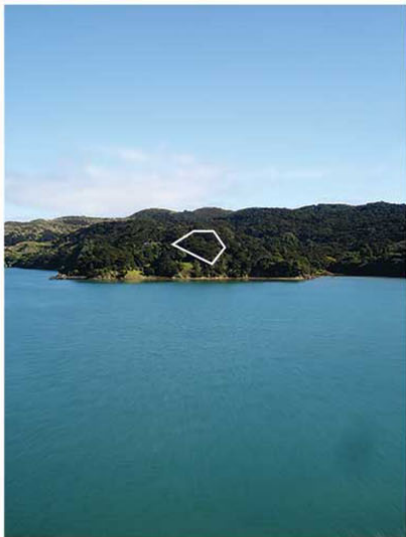


This additional diagram was included in the Site of Significance Assessment Sheet alongside Fig 3. Drawn in 1971 it is filed in the NZ Archaeological Association site records but wasn't included in the Wilkes report as this site wasn't identified as being integral to R14/52.



The diagram's scale and proximity to the foreshore illustrate that it doesn't overlay my property at 2e Ryan Road either. Initial notes attached to the file indicate that paths led from it in the direction of R14/52 and questioned whether it could be deemed a part of the original Paa.

2. The PDP MSOS designation on 2e Ryan Road should be removed. I was **not consulted** about attempting to designate my property as a MSOS despite attending two consultation meetings about it. The designation seriously affects my ability to raise finance and has also caused me undue stress over the last 18 months.



I thank the Hearings Panel for allowing me to submit at Hearing 28 and strongly request that I am not unnecessarily burdened for enhancing and caring for the magical essence of this land.