



TAIRA WICHMAN

I have resided in Pāpāmoa since 2004 – my home is 600m from the Pāpāmoa Beach Road access gate to the Te Tumu Kaituna 14 Block.

I am a professional mechanical engineer with a Master of Engineering degree (University of Auckland) specialising in robotics and automation and a career in science, engineering and innovation. My mahi also includes broad aspects of business strategy, business planning and market development. Having spent 10 years as an advisor to iwi on the Rotoiti/Rotoma wastewater treatment scheme, I am passionate about working for the betterment of our whanau, particularly with respect to relationship development and partnerships with local council, and capability development for iwi in the housing sector.

I have considerable experience working in partnership with council and committed to seeing district plans and infrastructure investment that deliver equitable outcomes for māori land. Tauranga council have recently approved plan change 33, which continues to ignore development opportunities on whenua māori across Tauranga Moana. This issue directly affects our whenua and needs to be addressed to establish better outcomes and fairness for māori.

I am currently a trustee on two ahu whenua trusts in Rotoiti, Haumingi 3 and Haumingi 9B 3B (current chair) and the chair of Waione 3B8 Incorporation from 2018-2021.