

## Joint Statement – Lyttelton Port Company and Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke

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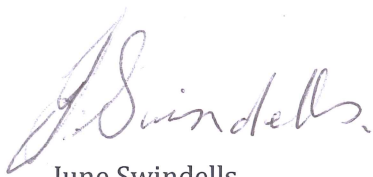
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Whakaraupō is of immense cultural significance to Ngāti Tahu. Tangata Whenua associations with Whakaraupō extend over many centuries, and include three major streams of Māori - Waitaha, Ngāti Mamoe and in later generations, Ngāti Tahu. The rich resources of the harbour brought Māori to settle in this area, and today the harbour remains highly valued for mahinga kai. The mana moana (traditional authority) of Rāpaki Ngāti Tahu over this special place is inherited from our ancestors.

Just as the harbour drew Ngāti Tahu to settle in this place, its attractiveness as a port was recognised by 1849, with the first four ships of immigrants to the Canterbury settlement followed shortly thereafter. Whakaraupō is now the largest deep water port in the South Island, providing significant economic benefit for the community and the region.

Lyttelton Port Company (LPC) and Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke share a long term interest in the future of Whakaraupō. We place a high level of importance on working together to fulfill our common responsibility as custodians and kaitiaki of the harbour. We are committed to strengthening the partnership that already exists between us, and to enable future generations to realise the benefits of this partnership through the protection of Whakaraupō and its ability to provide for cultural, social and economic well-being.

LPC is entering a critical phase of Port recovery and development. The Port Lyttelton Plan sets out the long term plans for the rebuild and expansion of the Port. Our ability to work together to promote and protect the unique value of Whakaraupō as both a mahinga kai and a working port is critical to the success of these endeavors.



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