

Supporting document for Proposal report for Waimarino and Waimarino Station - Previous considerations by the Board and other commentary

'Official names' There is warranted confusion both historically and in the proposal material as to what exactly the official name of the village is. While the Board has made several decisions on the names, no name was gazetted. Most of the decisions were to decline the village proposal at hand (Waimarino) and reconfirm the existing name (National Park).

National Park (village) has the current status of 'unofficial recorded' in the *New Zealand Gazetteer*. Ie, being a name not made official by the Board but 'recorded' from documents the Board considers authoritative.

The status of 'Recorded' was created by the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008. The 2008 legislation also defined the term 'official geographic name'.

No such definitions existed previously under the Geographic Board Act 1946 nor was the term 'official name' even used in the legislation. Instead, names shown on *official maps* produced by Lands and Survey (and its successor organisations) were considered 'official'. The Geographic Board's decision to 'assign' new and 'alter' existing names was the authority to change the place names appearing 'on official maps.'

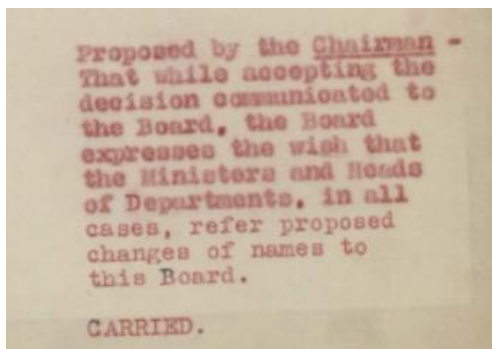
Advice from the Board reflected this understanding. When reading past advice stating National Park is official compared to the current Gazetteer stating the name is unofficial, it is obviously confusing.

In the proposal material from page 58-61, the proposers comment on the advice given by the Secretary of the Board in 1969 that National Park *'is the official name'*, but are not correct that there is *'No historical evidence ... that any formal conversation or decisions have been made to date, by the Geographic Board, to officially change the name of the Village to "National Park".'*

It is correct that nothing has been gazetted, but the Board clearly held 'formal conversations' and made multiple decisions re/confirming National Park.

National Park was already considered 'official' at the time the 1946 Act gave the Board the power to gazette names. Section 17 NZGB Act 1946 potentially required the Board to gazette the Hon. Board's 1927 decision (but for some reason, didn't).

The Hon. Board minutes for 1927 had this decision:



The Board minutes for 20 June 1958 had National Park in the decision column:

No.	Name and Remarks	Decision
23/58	<u>LOCHNAGAR</u> } Peak. Forbes S.D. Otago. In <u>BEN NAGAR</u> } Richardson Mountains west of Lochnagar (Lake). Previous decision (162/38) "Ben Nagar." Named after Lochnagar (peak) in Scotland. XIV/125, XXXI/250-1, XXXII/9, 63-66.	Lochnagar
24/58	<u>LITTLE LOCHNAGAR</u> } Peak. Forbes S.D. Otago. <u>LITTLE BEN NAGAR</u> } In Richardson Mountains about 120 chains south of Loch- nagar (peak). Previous decision (163/38) "Little Ben Nagar."	Little Lochnagar
25/58	<u>NATIONAL PARK</u> Railway Station. Block XVI. Kaitieke S.D. Wellington. On N.I.M.T. Railway. Request by National Parks Authority to revert to Waimarino or other suitable name to avoid confusion with the National Parks. III/48; XXXI/15- 16, 50, 51.	National Park (confirm)

The Board minutes for 13 February 1959 again:

No.	Name and Remarks	Decision
15/59	<u>NATIONAL PARK</u> Railway Station. Block XVI Kaitieke S.D. Wellington. Name confirmed 25/58 but further letter received from Federated Mountain Clubs, XXXI/284.	NATIONAL PARK Confirmed (Mr Pascoe records negative)

The Board minutes for 4 July 1968 was more of a straight decline:

NATIONAL PARK TOWNSHIP - PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME

Recent submissions from the National Parks Authority and the Tongariro National Park Board proposing to change the name of National Park Township to Waimarino or another suitable Maori name, also the objections to such a proposal by the Town Committee and local residents were read to members.

No action was taken to alter the name.

**Legal
appellation vs
the name of
the populated
place**

On page 62 the proposal material states 'Despite the 1969 statement from the Geographic Board that, "the present official name of the township in the Taumarunui County... is National Park" (Fig. 102), maps at the time and since this statement indicate that at no stage had internal memos been sent to the Department of Lands and Survey. In 1967 the Crown Department published its first edition of Series NZMS 177A; sheet N111. This map of the Waimarino district clearly identifies "National Park Station" in the "Town of Waimarino" (Fig. 74). This nomenclature was reproduced again in 1971 with exactly the same ingoa.'

The quote refers to when in 1969 Taumarunui County Council proposed to officially alter 'Waimarino Township' to 'National Park Township'. However on the following page in the Board correspondence is the Board Secretary's reply declining the proposal on the basis that 'National Park' was the official name of the populated place and that 'Town of Waimarino' as shown on maps was a legal appellation. The proposers do not appear to have understood this distinction in making their conclusion.

NZMS 177A is a cadastral map, and Town of Waimarino was the appellation, not a populated place name. It was 'correct', albeit confusing. Legal appellations do

not change even if the populated place name does (whether officially by the Board or in popular use). Most of the parcels in National Park remain to this day 'Town of Waimarino'.

The 1971 NZMS 1st ed map was the 1st NZMS topographic map for the area. This map showed the *'exact same ingoa'*, ie Waimarino (National Park) although wasn't naming the same feature (the populated place) to what is named on NZMS 111A (the railway station and the parcel appellation). It is unclear why Waimarino reappeared on this topographic map noting the Board's prior decisions, and use of just National Park for the village on prior smaller scale topographic maps. In any case the map was updated to just National Park on a 1977 revision. Generally, for this time period if no outbound letters are preserved in the Board's 17/365 and 22/2605 file series it can be impossible to determine why names do or do not appear on NZMS 1s.

The NZMS 150 Tongariro NP 1973 also showed National Park Waimarino, with Waimarino in small font. It's also unclear why as in the index and on the reverse it only refers to National Park. There is some inconsistency on official maps with the NZMS 10 series which showed Waimarino (National Park) and then again on NZMS 1 and NZMS 150 1971-1977.

Waimarino County and 'district'

On page 38 it is stated that correspondence with the Board *'The district universally known as 'Waimarino' does not come within many miles of the present National Park Station and would be a misnomer'* is factually inaccurate and therefore may have wrongly influenced the Board's decision.

The proposers cite figure 4 (a 1887 iteration of the survey of the original Waimarino Block) and figure 5 (a map of 'Waimarino District' in 1909, a one off map in a report to Parliament on the composition of the forest with boundaries substantively the same as the original block – there were no local government 'districts' in New Zealand in 1909).

The quote however, is referring to the boundaries of Waimarino 'district' [county] as they were in 1957 which were, 'many miles' (or about 10.5km) to the south at Ngahuinga Stream (refer [NZMS 113A County Boundaries \(1956\)](#)). The 48 year old one-off 'botanical district' and 70 year old original deed boundaries were unlikely to be relevant compared to Waimarino County's relatively stable boundaries over the last 47 years. The Board would likely have been aware of the location of the boundary of Waimarino County.

The subsequent comment about a loss of institution knowledge of the historic boundaries of the original 'Waimarino' however, may be correct.

1968 petition

On pages 52-57 doubt is expressed about the validity of the 1968 petition, 'signed by all householders' of National Park. The proposers were unable to locate a copy of this petition in County archives and there is no copy in the Board archives included with the original telegram¹.

The proposer suggests *'however achieving, by their calculations over 100% support, there could be questions pertaining to the construction and*

¹ Board Correspondence Vol. XL f.5

implementation of this survey, its respondent set and the possibility of inherent bias.'

This petition influenced the Board's decision not to proceed with the third proposal to alter the name. In the Board's 29 June 1967 minutes, the Board discussed the proposal and considered both the village names National Park and Waimarino caused confusion and a new entirely different name should be put forward. However, following the petition, at its 4 July 1968 hui it dropped the matter.

There is little reason to doubt the validity of the petition. Similar petitions were a typical way to engage with the Geographic Board (and local Counties) and were even recommended to those enquiring about making proposals to the Board. Several petitions including the signatures are in the Boards archives.²

The proposers refer to the difference between the '*123 householders*' in the 1968 National Park petition as compared to the '*102 individual assessments (properties) in the Village with at least 20 of these easily identified as being commercial rather than residential*' in another 1974 petition to potentially illustrate deficiencies in the petition.

**Continuity/
location of
Waimarino as a
populated
place/original
Māori name.**

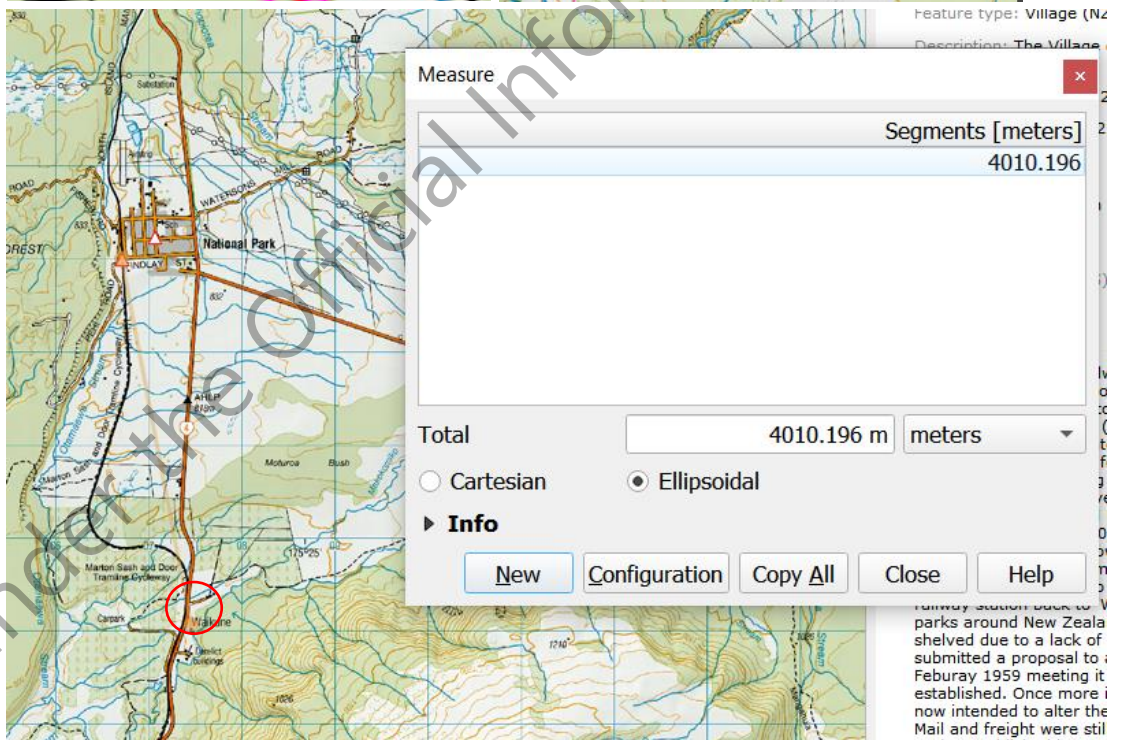
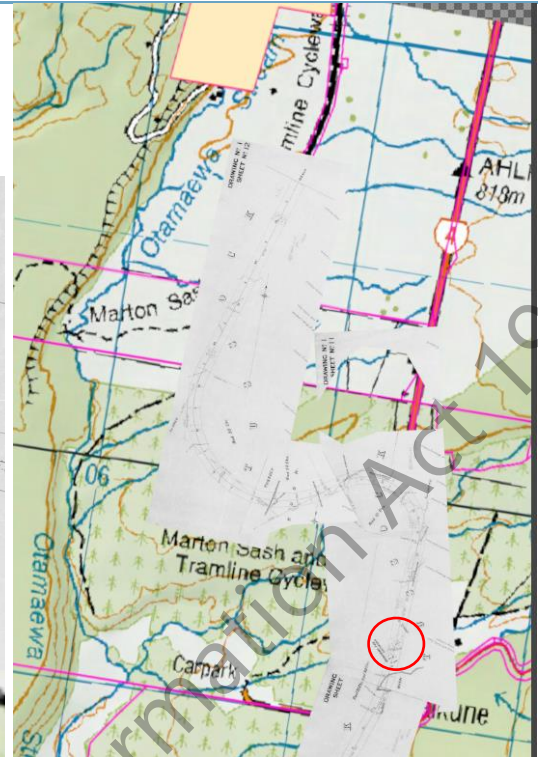
The proposal material refers to the contemporary National Park (village) (the proposed Waimarino) as a 'pā', eg on 16 '*It wasn't until 1971 the title of the Pā changed to 'Waimarino (National Park)' on the NZMS 1 series.*' On page 15 it refers to '*the Main Trunk railway line which subsequently was built running through the middle of the Pā displacing whānau and completely destroying the pā and its urupā*' equating these with the village. But here it is referring to the original Māori settlement 4km to the south at Waimarino Stream (see table of maps and plans and PWD plan). This was Ngākoerua, the village of Peehi Turoa and a stopping point for several explorers and surveyors.³ It's unclear if 'Waimarino' as recorded on some surveys for this settlement was the name of the village at the pā, or this is just a colloquial reference, ie 'the village at Waimarino [plains]'.

The site of the original settlement was included in the Waimarino 4 'Non-sellers' Reserve from the Crown purchase of Waimarino Block, south of the Town of Waimarino as surveyed in 1910.

² Inch Clutha in 1957: Board Correspondence Vol. XXXII f.37-43; Hanmer Springs in 1960: Board Correspondence Vol. XXXIII f.273-278; Riversdale Beach in 1962: Board Correspondence Vol. XXXV ff.70-82; Port Ohiwa in 1962: Board Correspondence Vol. XXXV ff.242-243

³ Eg refer Waimarino report p.126, 297, 458, 602:

https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_94585749/Wai%20903%2C%20A060.pdf



When the NIMT railway line went through the original site c.1906 it's unclear if the village still existed. The Waitangi Tribunal Waimarino report does not note anything such as forced evictions among the many issues with the taking of the land. It's not clear what the timeline and events were between 'Waimarino Village' still being depicted on plans in 1897 to the south to when the new 'Township of Waimarino' was surveyed 4km north in 1910.

If there was also an original settlement at the location of the current National Park, there's no information in the proposal material or otherwise noted from old maps and plans and other documentary records.