

3: STATEMENTS OF ASSOCIATION

**Moeangiangi River and its tributaries** (as shown on deed plan OTS-201-39)

The Moeangiangi River flows south east from the Tūtira area into the Moeangiangi valley and exits on the coast at Tangitū (the sea). Accordingly, the following statements of association also relate to this awa (river).

- Balance of the Tutira Domain Recreation Reserve;
- Moeangiangi Marginal Strip; and
- Rocks and Reefs and Hapū Coastal Marine Area.

The Moeangiangi River is of great importance to the Hapū because of its proximity to Moeangiangi, one of the principal settlements of the Hapū. Ngāti Kurumōkihi and Ngāi Te Aonui lived at Moeangiangi. Ngāi Te Aonui intermarried with Ngāti Marangatūhetaua (Ngāti Tū), and later became known as Ngāti Tū.

Along the Moeangiangi River and its tributaries are places the Hapū occupied or are significant to the Hapū - kāinga (villages) and pā (fortified villages), tirohanga (lookouts), urupā (burial grounds) and other wāhi tapu (sacred sites). On the northern side of the awa (river) were two pā, one adjacent to a tributary. A further pā with an excellent lookout was located next to a southern tributary. Another pā was located between a tributary and the coast. A significant pā was located at Moeangiangi to the south of the river mouth and was occupied at one time by Tataramoa (the eponymous ancestor of Ngāi Tatara which later became known as Ngāti Kurumōkihi) and his people. Tataramoa remained associated with Moeangiangi and inland areas around Tūtira. Those living at Lake Tūtira also had strong associations with Moeangiangi.

The awa was a significant mahinga kai (food gathering area) for the Hapū living in the nearby pā and kāinga and the alluvial soils near the river mouth were easy to cultivate. The awa flowed onto nearby reefs which provided an abundance of kaimoana (seafood) for the Hapū.

In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Moeangiangi remained one of the principal kāinga and at that time there was a whaling station that was later covered by a landslide.