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Mauao Track Safety issue.

The walking tracks of Mauao are widely known as one of the, if not the busiest walking tracks in Aotearoa NZ. Te Ara Tūtanga (The base track) of Mauao saw 499,093 visitors during 2021, this is an average of over 1,300 visits per day for this track alone.

Due to the high use nature of this track, a large importance is placed on track maintenance and future proofing to ensure the safety of users of today and tomorrow.

As the s 7(2)(f)(ii) I have become aware of a worsening situation in relation to an old slip site near Te Kuia rock on Te Ara Tūtanga track.

The face of this slip is steep, and amount of material regularly being dislodged is increasing with severe weather events.

This material being released from the face of the slip is reaching the track and creating an active hazard for people walking below.

Furthermore, the bottom of the slip meets Te Ara Tūtanga at a cultural significant site (Te Kuia Rock), and there are aspirations to have this site interpreted. Interpretations at this site would naturally see users spend more time at this site, increasing their risk factor.

To ensure ongoing public safety and to facilitate the aspirations of the Mauao Trust, its recommended that an engineered catch-wall is designed and constructed to stop any migrating material from reaching the track.



