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LETTERS

Dear Sir

In the September 2006 issue of *Archaeology in New Zealand* (Vol. 49, No. 3) Tony Walton published a map of pa as at 4/2/2000. This appears to show five or six pa in Golden Bay at the top of the South Island. There are in fact only three: M24/1 Puponga Point; M25/9 Taimata Pakawau; and M25/13 Pariwhakaoho. All are small headlands with defensive ditches. Several others – M25/1, M25/36, N25/35, N25/27 – have been called pa in the records without any definitive evidence and are simply pit or terrace sites.

Taupo Point, N25/50, and Separation Point, N25/63, have been called pa by some archaeologists but this does not appear to be on file. Taupo is a terrace and midden site and Separation Point a pit site. It is to be hoped that the recent upgrade will have set the record straight and uphold the principle that there must be clear evidence and not just speculation in the designation of a site.

The most disturbing feature is that if the degree of error in the records for Golden Bay pertains for the rest of the country the figure of 6950 needs reassessing.

Yours faithfully

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