

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**

Te Wā:
Time: **1.00pm**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O HERETAUNGA

Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

This is established between the Hastings District Council and the Māori community.

Context

The Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee has been established by Council to continue the development of strategic and sustainable relationships with Māori. Council also wishes to empower Māori as much as possible to make decisions over their and the wider community's future. Council shall meet the intent and spirit of the Council's obligations set out in the legislation, more particularly the obligations of the Local Government Act 2002;

- Towards establishing and maintaining processes that provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision processes of Council.
- Fostering the development of Māori capacity to contribute to these processes.
- The provision of information to assist Māori contribution to Council's activities.

The Council wishes the Committee to reflect a spirit of partnership between the Council and the community and to contribute effectively to the Council's activities. To enable this to occur the Fields of Activity and Delegated Powers are framed with the widest scope possible.

The Council wishes the Committee to assist with the development of an integrated policy framework (based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi Principles) for the Council aimed at delivering effective governance, engagement and service delivery for Council's Māori Communities.

Meetings of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee are supported by Council Kaumātua.

Fields of Activity

- To provide policy advice with respect to the District Plan, regarding provisions for Wāhi Tapu, Papakainga, and where relevant to Māori, any other amendments to the Plan.
- To provide input to the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan with particular reference to those issues of importance to Māori from within the District.
- To support Council to embrace the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- To provide insight into Māori and other strategic community issues with particular reference to the Long Term Plan, the effectiveness of the District Plan and the delivery of the Annual Plan.
- To make decisions and provide advice on matters of mana whenua wellbeing.
- To approve and provide advice on Māori economic wellbeing initiatives.
- To assist Council as appropriate in conducting and maintaining effective, good faith working relationships with Māori communities across the district including advice on governance arrangements.
- To make decisions as to the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- To make decision on matters relating to Māori community development and Māori community plans.
- To make recommendations to Council on projects requiring Māori input.
- To assist Council with the development of an integrated policy framework and work programme to enable effective governance, engagement and service delivery for Council's Māori Communities.

Membership (15 Members)

- Chair – to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium; and from among the appointed mana whenua members of the committee.
- Deputy Chair – to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium from among the elected members of the committee.

- The Mayor.
- 6 Councillors including the 3 Takitimu Ward Councillors.
- Up to 8 members from Mana Whenua to be appointed by the Council, taking into account the “*post settlement environment*” and Mataawaka.

Quorum – at least 8 members (one of whom must be a Councillor).

DELEGATED POWERS

- 1) Authority to exercise all Council powers, functions, and authorities in relation to the matters detailed in the Fields of Activity such as to enable recommendations to the Council on those matters.
- 2) Authority to make decisions on the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- 3) Authority to develop procedures and protocols that assist the Committee in its operation provided that such procedures and protocols meet the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Council’s Standing Orders.
- 4) Authority to approve Māori Community Plans.
- 5) Authority to approve projects or programs relating to Māori Community Wellbeing within existing budgets.
- 6) Authority to approve projects or programs relating to Mana Whenua Wellbeing within existing budgets.
- 7) Authority to approve projects or programs relating to Māori Economic Wellbeing within existing budgets.
- 8) To recommend to Council on projects that require Māori input or oversight.
- 9) To recommend to Council on planning and regulatory matters that require Māori input or oversight.

The Chair shall not have a casting vote.

Note: The Terms of Reference for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee are subject to review by the Committee at its first meeting in the 2022 Triennium.

Kaupapataka **Agenda**

Koromatua

Chair: Mike Paku

Deputy Chair: Councillor Henry Heke

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillor members:

Mematanga:

Membership:

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Councillors Ana Apatu, Alwyn Corban, Kellie Jessup, Heather Te Au-Skipworth + 1 x Vacancy

Mana Whenua members: (up to 8 members – currently one vacancy)

Tipene Cottrell; Ngaio Tiuka; Tom Keefe; Elizabeth Waiwiri-Hunt, Charmaine Butler and Pōhatu Paku

Kaumātua: Jerry Hapuku

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

At least 8 members (one of whom must be a Councillor)

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

Petera Hakiwai – POU AHUREA MĀTUA: Principal Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness & Heritage Office of the Chief Executive

Te Rōpū Manapori me te Kāwanatanga

Democracy & Governance Services:

Lynne Cox (Ext 5632)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

1.0 Prayer - *Karakia*

Apologies & Leave of Absence – *Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui*

2.0 At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3.0 Conflict of Interest – *Mahi Kai Huanga*

Confirmation of Minutes – *Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī*

4.0 Minutes of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting held
Wednesday 8 May 2024.
(Previously circulated)

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11.0 Minor Items – *Ngā Take Iti*

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Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Charles Ropitini, Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness
From: & Heritage

Te Take:
Subject: Pou Ārahi - Māori Advisor Libraries Update

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Kōmiti to receive a brief presentation and update on the work of the Pou Ārahi – Māori Advisor Libraries.
- 1.2 The report seeks to inform the Standing Kōmiti of the Library Services engagement with Māori communities and organisations, including the annual cultural public programme.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting receive the report titled Pou Ārahi - Māori Advisor Libraries Update dated 3 July 2024.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Charles Ropitini, Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness
From: & Heritage

Te Take: Aotearoa Reo Rua Programme: Karamū Heretaunga Rautaki
Subject: Reorua 2024-2026

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee on the progress and development of the Aotearoa Reorua partnership and completion of **Karamū Heretaunga Rautaki Reorua 2024-2026**.
- 1.2 Aotearoa Reorua is a funding programme led by the Department of Internal Affairs with support from Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Taura Whiri i te reo Māori and Te Mātāwai.
- 1.3 The vision of Aotearoa Reorua is to create more spaces, places and opportunities across the country where te reo Māori is seen, heard and celebrated alongside the English language. Enhancing relationships between councils and their mana whenua partners is also a cornerstone of the programme.
- 1.4 At a meeting of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee on 14 June 2023, the Committee resolved:
 - That Hastings District Council formally partner with Aotearoa Reorua with a partnership and Terms of Reference formed with a nominated mana whenua entity to drive the Aotearoa Reorua programme in Heretaunga.
 - That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee recommend Kauwaka Ltd. as the te reo Māori partner for progressing Aotearoa Reorua.
- 1.5 A Terms of Reference has been developed and signed by the key delivery partners Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, Kauwaka Ltd. and Heretaunga Hastings District Council.

- 1.6 The Funding Contract for Aotearoa Reorua is between Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and the Department of Internal Affairs, with Kauwaka Ltd. sub-contracted to complete the **Karamū Heretaunga Rautaki Reorua 2024-2026**
- 1.7 **Karamū Heretaunga Rautaki Reorua 2024-2026** is applicable only to the Central Business District and urban areas of Karamū Hastings, Pāharakeke Flaxmere, and Karanema Havelock North.
- 1.8 The Rautaki does not replace the current Heretaunga Ararau Policy and Action Plan.
- 1.9 The Terms of Reference and finalised Rautaki Reorua is attached to this report.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Aotearoa Reo Rua Programme: Karamū Heretaunga Rautaki Reorua 2024-2026 dated 3 July 2024.
- B) That the Committee endorse the Karamū Heretaunga Rautaki Reorua 2024-2026.

Attachments:

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| 1↓ | Aotearoa Reo Rua Heretaunga ToR | CG-17-5-00043 |
| 2↓ | Karamū Heretaunga Reorua Plan 2024 | CG-17-5-00044 |

AOTEAROA REORUA BILINGUAL TOWNS AND CITIES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Background

Aotearoa Reorua through the partnership of mana whenua and council (jointly referred to as the centre), supports towns and cities across Aotearoa to become bilingual. Aotearoa Reorua brings together the kaupapa of Maihi Karauna and Maihi Māori, by championing mana whenua to lead the revitalisation of te reo Māori and strengthen partnerships with councils and within their communities. This mahi brings to life kia māhorahora te reo – the Māori language being seen, heard, and felt everywhere by everyone, every day and in every way.

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga have a current Strategic Plan 2020-2025 which has a strong focus on embedding Ngāti Kahungunu reo, pūrākau, waiata, whakataukī, and karakia specifically to uplift Heretaunga whānau within strong and vibrant communities.

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga in partnership with Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga Hastings District Council recognise the importance and significance of te reo Māori as a taonga and have adopted the Heretaunga Ararau Te Reo Māori Policy and Action Plan developed with Heretaunga mana whenua.

Heretaunga Ararau is a framework that directs the actions of Council to normalise te reo Māori in the public realm. In doing so, Council supports the revitalisation of the language within Council activities and cross Karamū Hastings City and the wider Heretaunga Hastings District.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this terms of reference is to provide guidance and direction for the development and implementation of a high profile te reo Māori project and conduct a review of the Heretaunga Ararau Te Reo Māori Action Plan. This term of reference documents the basis for making decisions, managing perceived and actual risks and conflicts, and confirming a common and agreed understanding of this mahi between mana whenua and Council.

This term of reference is between **Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga** and **Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga Hastings District Council** with leadership from **Kauwaka Ltd.**

The life term of this agreement will begin when the contract has been signed and will conclude after 24 months, or as agreed by the above-named partners.

3. Direction

Matawhānui | Vision:

Our vision for Heretaunga Hastings: *A te reo Māori-centred city by 2040.*

Ngā Mātāpono | Values:

- **Te Mahi Tahi** – we work together, we are flexible, we celebrate success and have fun.
- **Te Whakaaweawe** – We strive for excellence, we are all accountable, we serve our community with pride.
- **Mana Tangata** – we are inclusive, we are honest and reliable, we act with integrity and professionalism.
- **Oranga Tangata** – we encourage life balance, we care for our work whānau, we bring a positive attitude.

4. Objectives

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and Kauwaka Ltd. will work in partnership with Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga Hastings District Council referred to as the Centre, to achieve the following objectives:

- Enable mana whenua to contribute their talent and skills to making Heretaunga a Te Reo Māori District by 2040.
- A sincere and authentic relationship, know when to lead and when to support and when to move together and equitable decision making.
- Identify and implement a high impact project – a CBD Te Reo Māori Festival – that promotes te reo Māori in Hastings City and normalises the spoken language being heard in everyday situations.
- Contribute to making te reo Māori more visible across Hastings City by supporting retail and hospitality businesses with language plans, resources, and actions.
- Strengthen the Heretaunga Ararau Te Reo Māori Policy and Action Plan with renewed actions and formalise a Te Reo Māori Activity Management Plan appropriately resourced in Council's Long Term Plan.

5. Decision-making

The Centre supports a mana enhancing approach to making decisions and these will be based on:

- Transparent and timely sharing of relevant information
- Consideration and respect for each other's experiences and perspectives
- Managing conflicts of interest and risks
- A willingness to find agreement and consensus.

6. Membership

Membership outlined in this term of reference relates to individuals who will represent respective partners at meetings and will comprise of six members. Below is a list of mana whenua and local council representatives delegated to attend meetings:

Name	Mana whenua or Council?	Contact Details
Mike Paku	Chairperson, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga	mike2.paku@gmail.com
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Dr Jeremy Tātere MacLeod	Kauwaka Ltd	jeremy@kauwaka.co.nz
Traci Tuimasevi	Event Manager	traci@trailmedia.events
Charles Ropitini	Pou Ahurea, Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga	charlesr@hdc.govt.nz
Tā Timoti Kāretu	Ngāti Kahungunu Taumata	c/- Tātere

7. Key Contacts

The role of the Key Contact will be to:

- Prepare the agenda for meetings
- Chair meetings
- Ensure actions are completed on time and in accordance with agreements made during meetings
- Ensure the financials are presented, discussed, and confirmed at meetings
- Be the main contact for project teams, the Department of Internal Affairs, and other relevant parties.

The key contact for Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga is the Chairperson Mike Paku.

The key contact for Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga is Pou Ahurea Charles Ropitini.

8. Conflicts of interest

From time to time members will have conflicts of interest. Where that is the case, conflicts will be managed in a transparent way and will include:

- Declare their interests, which will be documented in an Interests Register

- Declare any potential conflicts of interest and/or duties as they arise.
- Agree on how to manage any potential conflicts of interest.

Any disputes or concerns will be discussed by partners who will reach agreement by majority votes on management approaches.

9. Meetings

Meetings will generally be monthly or as required. Meetings will be held in person at an agreed venue and online (e.g. Zoom).

Members will contribute their time, skills and experience.

If members are unable to attend meetings, they may send suitable delegates in their place.

When members need to step down or be replaced, partners will discuss and agree on suitable replacements.

10. Review

These terms of reference will be reviewed as agreed.

11. Document Links

[Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#)

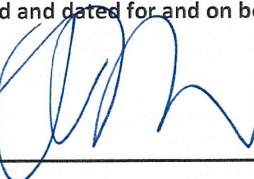
[Heretaunga Ararau Te Reo Māori Policy and Action Plan](#)

Signed and dated for and on behalf of Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga:

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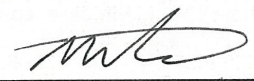
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Signed and dated for and on behalf of Kauwaka Ltd.:

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X 5 o Māohe 2024

Signed and dated for and on behalf of Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe Heretaunga Hastings District Council:

X 
Nigel Burke
CEO

X 1st March 2024

Terms of Reference | Aotearoa Reorua Bilingual Towns and Cities | 2022



KARAMŪ HERETAUNGA RAUTAKI REORUA 2024 – 2026

This joint rautaki is led by Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and Hastings District Council with guidance and leadership from our respective project lead, Kauwaka Ltd. Both partners are committed to advancing *Karamū Heretaunga as a premier te reo Māori destination and strengthening our partnership as part of our Terms of Reference commitment to Aotearoa Reorua Bilingual Towns and Cities signed on the 5th of March 2024.*

Our partnership is driven by our respective organisations' commitment to the revitalisation of te reo Māori via our respective strategies and alignment with the framework of Toitū Te Reo. As partners, we acknowledge Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga has a current Strategic Plan 2020-2025 which has a strong focus on embedding te reo Māori along with Ngāti Kahungunu dialectal variations, pūrākau, waiata, whakataukī, and karakia specifically to uplift Heretaunga whānau within our strong and vibrant communities. Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga in partnership with Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga | Hastings District Council recognise the importance and significance of te reo Māori as a taonga and have adopted the Heretaunga Ararau Te Reo Māori Policy and Action Plan developed with Heretaunga mana whenua. Heretaunga Ararau is a framework that directs the actions of Council to normalise te reo Māori in the public realm. In doing so, Council supports the revitalisation of the language within Council activities and across Karamū Heretaunga City and the wider Heretaunga Hastings District.

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and Hastings District Council with support from Kauwaka Ltd lead Karamū Heretaunga Reorua | Bilingual Hastings *and may partner with others as needed to collaboratively lead the direction of Hastings city going forward.*

This joint rautaki will focus on mahi to bring to life 'kia māhorahora te reo – the Māori language being seen, heard, and felt everywhere by everyone, every day and in every way' within Karamū Heretaunga.

Pae Tawhiti | Vision:

Our vision for Karamū Heretaunga: *A te reo Māori-centred city by 2040.*

Mātāpono | Values

- **Mahi Tahi** – we work together, we are flexible, we celebrate success and have fun.
- **Whakaaweawe** – we strive for excellence, we are all accountable, we serve our community with pride.
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This joint rautaki has been prepared within the context of the Māori Language Act 2016 and Te Whare o te Reo Mauriora and its two maihi: Te Maihi Karauna - The Crown Māori Language Strategy and Te Maihi Māori - the Māori Language Strategy for Aotearoa.

The layout of this rautaki has been developed with Te Taura Whiri guidelines for language planning along with community development principles being considered; using four pou to outline the four strategic foci of this rautaki:

Pou Tuarongo	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners continuously strengthen their own reorua capacity and capability to help revitalise te reo Māori. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillar of critical awareness .
Pou Tokomanawa	Enhance the mana / status of te reo Māori across Karamū Heretaunga. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillar of status .
Pou Tāhū	Increase the breadth and depth of opportunities for our community to acquire and use te reo Māori and to lead reorua initiatives. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillars of acquisition and use .
Pou Mataaho	Grow the reorua kaupapa and share learnings with others. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillar of corpus .

The pou engender 10 strategic goals from which priority actions and outcomes are identified to be led by Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and Hastings District Council (HDC) or jointly. While one party may take the lead on ensuring delivery of actions the other will help when appropriate and, while not articulated, the plan assumes that most of the actions require the collaboration of others. As such, each Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partner may develop their own implementation plan detailing their own delivery of the agreed goals, actions and outcomes of this rautaki.



Strategic Focus 1	Pou Tuarongo Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners continuously strengthen their own reorua capacity and capability to help revitalise te reo Māori. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillar of critical awareness .			
Goal 1	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners' staff and leadership improve understanding, proficiency and use of te reo Māori.			
Goal 2	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners develop and implement systems that imbue bilingualism and te reo Māori into their respective delivery of services.			
Goal 3	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners regularly monitor and review their progress toward achieving their reorua goals and actions.			
	Priority Actions	Outcomes	By 30 Jun 25	By 30 Jun 26
Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga-led	Encourage and support any non-reo Māori speaking Te Haaro board elected members and staff (including contractors) to learn te reo Māori.	All representatives of Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga become reorua advocates.		
	Whakareorua Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga office, website & Facebook page (and any future social media platforms).	Increase in the visibility of reorua content, aiming for full bi-lingual communications.		
	Gradually increase the amount of reo Māori in Te Taiwhenua authored i-pānui, media releases and Facebook posts and any advertising/promotional material until they become fully reorua.			
HDC-led	Gradually increase the amount of reo Māori used in HDC-authored i-pānui, media releases and Facebook posts and any advertising/promotional material until they become fully reorua.	Grow reorua visibility across communication platforms.		
	Encourage the public to use te reo Māori in written and oral submissions.	Grow the application of te reo Māori in Karamū Heretaunga.		
	Develop application forms in te reo Māori for public use.			
	Annual Plans and the Long-Term Plan will reflect Council's commitment to be a te reo Māori city by 2040.	Karamū Heretaunga is acknowledged as a premier reorua destination.		
	Develop a procurement process that aligns with Council's commitment to be a te reo Māori city by 2040.			



Jointly led	Te reo o te mana whenua is seen and heard in ceremonial occasions including full Council meetings and in the celebration of our unique Māori heritage.	The strength of joint leadership is demonstrated.		
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Strategic Focus 2	Pou Tokomanawa	Enhance the mana / status of te reo Māori across Karamū Heretaunga. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillar of status .		
Goal 4	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners show they value te reo Māori as equal to both the English & Sign languages and as a key part of our Karamū Heretaunga identity.			
Goal 5	Te reo Māori is seen, heard and valued throughout Karamū Heretaunga.			
Goal 6	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners' relationships with each other are strengthened as they work together on shared reorua projects that enhance our Karamū Heretaunga identity.			
	Priority Actions	Outcomes	By 30 Jun 25	By 30 Jun 26
Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga-led	Promote te reo, history, heritage and values of Ngāti Kahungunu/Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga throughout Karamū Heretaunga.	Karamū Heretaunga celebrates Ngāti Kahungunu tikanga, histories, heritage and values in many ways and across multiple spaces.		
	Maintain and make publicly available registers of local qualified translators, reorua hosts and guest speakers.	Our community has up-to-date access to quality reo Māori speaking and writing resources for their reorua events and activities.		
	Incorporate Ngāti Kahungunu activations into our city including Ngāti Kahungunu/Māori influenced city design and tactical urbanism projects.	Karamū Heretaunga identity becomes synonymous with Māoritanga and Ngāti Kahungunutanga.		
HDC-led	Continue to grow dual language wayfinding signage in the city for public place and space names around the city.	Māori-English bilingualism is valued in our community because of HDC being the exemplar of positive attitudes towards te reo Māori.		
	Enable and encourage community partners and users of HDC administered facilities and amenities throughout Karamū Heretaunga to raise the status of te reo Māori and embrace bilingualism.			
	Arts and culture continue to encourage the growth of local and national performance events that celebrate te reo Māori me ōna tikanga across all aspects of art and culture.			
	Growing the linguistic resource of Waiaroha for the wider community.			
Jointly led	Partners will incorporate cultural narratives and artworks that tell local stories and will work with mana whenua ringa toi (artists) and mātanga reo Māori to install significant art works depicting local Māori stories.	The people of Karamū Heretaunga understand the value of te reo Māori and accept that it is an integral part of our city and local identity.		
	Partners identify opportunities to sponsor community awards that help recognise and celebrate te reo Māori and Māori champions and leaders.			



	Formalisation of original Māori place names with the New Zealand Geographic Board.		
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Strategic Focus 3	Pou Tāhū	Increase the breadth and depth of opportunities for our community to acquire and use te reo Māori and to lead reorua initiatives. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillars of acquisition and use .		
Goal 7	Te reo Māori in Karamū Heretaunga is increasingly used and inter-generationally transmitted by our communities.			
Goal 8	Karamū Heretaunga residents and communities demonstrate that they value te reo Māori as equal to the English language and as a key part of our Karamū Heretaunga identity.			
	Priority Actions	Outcomes	By 30 Jun 25	By 30 Jun 26
Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga-led	Via leadership from Kauwaka, work with others to establish and/or promote sector-specific reo Māori learning opportunities available through the ‘CBD Te Reo Māori Festival’ (Toitū Te Reo).	Te reo Māori opportunities available to meet varying needs of different sectors in our communities such as community activities, business and arts of culture etc.		
HDC-led	In partnership with local mana whenua including Te Taiwhenua, encourage the use of te reo Māori across the CBD business and commercial sectors.	The community and people of Karamū Heretaunga can speak, listen, read, write and comprehend te reo Māori at a level that supports their use and have access to te reo Māori-rich environments and domains.		
	Facilitate a te reo Māori expo to provide a platform for businesses and organisations to share ideas and best practice.			
	Activate Council’s cultural assets to promote te reo Māori through tourism.	Visitors to Karamū Heretaunga have access to te reo Māori-rich environments and domains.		
Jointly led	Develop a ‘CBD Te Reo Māori Festival’ that promotes te reo Māori in Karamū Heretaunga.	Normalise te reo Māori as the spoken language heard and attract local, national and international visitors to Karamū Heretaunga.		
	Identify and prioritise public spaces that can become reorua (Māori/English) language domains or rumaki (full immersion) spaces.	Karamū Heretaunga establishes one new Māori language domain and identifies one further domain that can be created.		



Strategic Focus 4	Pou Mataaho Grow the reorua kaupapa and share learnings with others. This pou aligns with the language revitalisation pillar of corpus .			
Goal 9	The profile of Karamū Heretaunga Reorua is significantly enhanced.			
Goal 10	Karamū Heretaunga's reputation as a reorua destination is significantly enhanced.			
	Priority Actions	Outcomes	By 30 Jun 25	By 30 Jun 26
Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga-led	With support from Council, work together to help grow the Toitū Te Reo festival.	Toitū Te Reo festival becomes internationally recognised.		
	As a member of Heretaunga Takoto Noa, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and other affiliated Māori entities will provide Council as part of its corpus development with kupu that are unique and meaningful to Heretaunga and Te Taiwhenua.	Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga will be acknowledged as an ahi kā and kaitiaki in Hastings.		
HDC-led	Host a LGNZ Mayoral Reorua Wānanga.	Encourage other councils across Aotearoa to become premier reorua destinations and enhance their relationships with their respective mana whenua.		
Jointly led	Participate as a tuakana for other reorua centres within (or next to) Ngāti Kahungunu boundaries.	Karamū Heretaunga is recognised as a leader in the reorua city space.		
	Maintain and share (with other reorua centres and/or publicly) a corpus of newly translated words for use in Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners' documents and resources.	Karamū Heretaunga Reorua partners actively help build a reo Māori corpus amongst Aotearoa Reorua centres.		
	Encourage the use of te reo Māori by other public bodies which have dealings with Karamū Heretaunga.	Agencies, organisations and businesses delivering services to the public in Karamū Heretaunga are encouraged and supported to use te reo Māori.		
	As partners, evaluate and monitor rautaki implementation and identify goals for the next iteration of the joint rautaki.	Review and grow learnings to enhance future goals.		
	As partners, ensure that local Ngāti Kahungunu dialectal variations are applied, used and promoted where applicable.	Local tribal dialectal variations are known and used.		

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Item 7

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Charles Ropitini, Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness
From: & Heritage

Te Take:
Subject: Waiaroha Team Leader Update

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Kōmiti to receive a brief presentation and update from the new Waiaroha Team Leader.
- 1.2 The report seeks to inform the Standing Kōmiti of the development of Waiaroha and to introduce the new Team Leader to the Kōmiti.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting receive the report titled Waiaroha Team Leader Update dated 3 July 2024.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Item 8

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga***Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting***Te Rārangi Take*

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā:
From: **Aileen Campbell, Transportation Community Liaison Officer**

Te Take: **Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy for HDC Cyclone Gabrielle**
Subject: **Transport Recovery**

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek your agreement to the proposed Mana Whenua Engagement Approach for the Hastings District Council (HDC) Transport Cyclone Recovery. This includes decisions on initial agreements which were discussed at a wānanga on 20 June with leaders from the five Post Treaty Settlement Government Entities (PSGE) and the two hapū trusts of Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust (collectively referred to as Mana Whenua in this report). These initial agreements are:

- That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee is the correct governance group for Mana Whenua Engagement in relation to the Hastings District Council Transport Cyclone Recovery work programme.
- That, since Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust are recognised as part of the HDC Cyclone Transport Recovery Programme, the chairs of these two Hapū Trusts be invited to participate in items related to Mana Whenua Engagement Governance of the HDC Transport Recovery when reported to the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee.

This report asks that the Committee endorse the following:

- That Mana Whenua will provide direction to HDC on engagement related to transport recovery sites located in shared Areas of Interest.
- That the PSGEs/hapū trusts will work with HDC officers to share information about unregistered wāhi taonga and wāhi tapu sites as needed to ensure sites are not destroyed in the construction required for transport recovery and, where desired, can facilitate the protection of the site in the district plan.

- 1.2 A draft proposed structure ('Strawman') to support a specific Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy was presented at the wānanga on 20 June. A proposed general direction of travel was sought and outlined how Mana Whenua Engagement over the Recovery programme might be resourced and function. It was also intended to meet the request for one point of contact in relation to the programme. Had it been agreed, it would have been put forward to this meeting of Heretaunga Takoto Noa for agreement and a transitional roadmap to set it up would have been developed. However, while the governance role, and internal HDC Mana Whenua Coordinator role proposed were accepted, the approach of Mana Whenua Taio roles in each Mana Whenua Group, proportionate to the volume and scale of transport recovery work was not accepted. Mana Whenua need more information to understand the needs of the recovery programme before agreeing to the proposed Mana Whenua Taio roles or proposing an alternative mechanism. An individual approach for each group may be best.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee receive the report titled Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy for HDC Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery dated 3 July 2024.
- B) That the Committee approve the following:
 - i. That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee is the correct governance group for Mana Whenua Engagement in relation to the Hastings District Council Transport Cyclone Recovery work programme
 - a. That the chairs of Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust be invited to participate in items related to Mana Whenua Engagement Governance of the HDC Transport Recovery when reported to the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee
- C) That the Committee endorse the following:
 - i. That Mana Whenua will provide direction to HDC on engagement related to transport recovery sites located in shared Areas of Interest
 - ii. That the PSGEs/hapū trusts will work with HDC officers to share information about unregistered wāhi taonga and wāhi tapu sites as needed to ensure sites are not destroyed in the construction required for transport recovery and, where desired, can facilitate the protection of the site in the district plan.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 On Wednesday 8 May, HDC Transport Recovery presented to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee on the HDC Transport Recovery Programme, and on initial high-level feedback from Mana Whenua in regard to the Engagement and Consenting approach. This presentation covered the scale of damage across the roading network, how work is being prioritised and the expected timeframe of seven to ten years expected for recovery. It also outlined the intention to meet individually with Mana Whenua to develop an engagement approach for the transport recovery.
- 3.2 Overall, the scale of the damage to the roading network is such that neither HDC nor our Treaty Partners have the resource to treat each site individually in a business-as-usual approach. Our shared goal is to restore the transport network as quickly as possible for the benefit of our communities. Therefore, we aim to develop a transport recovery engagement approach which enables this while ensuring all resource consenting and statutory obligations HDC have to Mana Whenua are met, and that Māori cultural concepts, values and practices are safeguarded. To

achieve this, individual meetings with PSGE leaders and Hapū Trusts continued during May and June. Themes and feedback from these meetings are detailed in the attached documents.

- 3.3 These discussions were used to develop a proposed Mana Whenua Engagement Approach for the Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery Programme. This proposed approach was presented at a wānanga with PSGE leaders and Hapū Trusts held on Thursday 20 June. The documents are provided as attachments to this report (**Attachments 1, 2 and 3**).

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 At the wānanga on 20 June, there was general acceptance of Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee as the appropriate governance group for Mana Whenua Engagement in relation to the Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery Programme if the two Hapū Trusts who are not on this Committee Trust be invited to participate in items when matters related to this programme are under discussion.
- 4.2 There was discussion around the proposed area wide cultural impact assessment approach, and how that relates to the area wide resource consents for repairs to slips, bridges and culverts. Additional information and discussion are required from HDC for each mana whenua group on the programme of work in their area. However, given that is provided, that unique sites are treated individually and that the work required is appropriately resourced, there was overall agreement that with the scale of the work this is the appropriate approach.
- 4.3 A draft proposed structure ('Strawman') to support a specific Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy was presented at the wānanga on 20 June. It was intended to propose a general direction of travel and outline how Mana Whenua Engagement over the Recovery programme might be resourced and function. It was also intended to meet the request for one point of contact in relation to the programme. Had it been agreed, it would have been put forward to this meeting of Heretaunga Takoto Noa for agreement and a transitional roadmap to set it up would have been developed. However, while the governance role, and internal HDC Mana Whenua Coordinator role proposed were accepted, the approach of Mana Whenua Taio roles in each Mana Whenua Group, proportionate to the volume and scale of transport recovery work was not accepted. Mana Whenua need more information to understand the needs of the recovery programme before agreeing to the proposed Mana Whenua Taio roles or proposing an alternative mechanism. An individual approach for each group may be best.

5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

- 5.1 That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee decide to endorse the proposed approach to Mana Whenua engagement which includes:
- inviting the chairs of Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust to participate when items related to Mana Whenua Engagement Governance of the HDC Transport Recovery are under discussion.
 - support from Mana Whenua to HDC Transport Recovery Team in providing direction on sites that fall within shared Areas of Interest
 - support from Mana Whenua to HDC Transport Recovery Team to protect unregistered wāhi tapu and wāhi taonga sites that are in the vicinity of transport recovery work.

Advantages

- This approach utilises the established governance structure and supports a 'Rangatira ki te Rangatira' approach. The other governance options put forward such as Matariki Governance Group involve other Councils and other Iwi whose areas of authority or rohe are

not within the Heretaunga District Council and, therefore, have no direct interest in delivering the CGRP. Therefore, there may be resistance to discussing matters that are not their responsibility and securing the required time to discuss HDC Transport Recovery matters may be difficult.

- The HDC owns, on behalf of its ratepayers, the transport roading assets, and there are sound legislative reasons for the decision to remain within the HDC's hands only. Heretaunga Takoto Noa: The Māori Standing Committee currently has many MW relationships required to deliver the Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery Programme
- Protection of unregistered wahi tapu sites requires working in partnership.

Disadvantages

- These decisions mean change to current procedures.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuetanga o nāiane

- That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee decide not to endorse the proposed approach to Mana Whenua engagement

Advantages

- Business as usual approach will continue to be followed.

Disadvantages

- This will require additional resource from both HDC and Mana Whenua groups in creating another governance mechanism or continuing an individual approach. These groups are currently both stretched with the volume of recovery work they are required to undertake.

6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

6.1 If the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee decide to endorse the proposed approach to Mana Whenua engagement the next steps will include:

- inviting the chairs of Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust to participate in upcoming Committee meetings when items related to Mana Whenua Engagement Governance of the HDC Transport Recovery are under discussion.
- provision of the transport recovery programme to each mana whenua group in more detail, with follow-up meetings to clarify expectations and scale of the work, in order to progress an area wide approach and agree to a process for unregistered wahi tapu
- presenting to the next meeting of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee in September 2024.

Attachments:

1↓	Presentation to HDC Transport Recovery Mana Whenua Engagement Wananga 20 June 2024	STR-27-05-01-0001
2↓	Memo provided in advance of HDC Transport Recovery Mana Whenua Engagement Wananga 20 June 2024	STR-27-05-01-0002
3↓	Draft Proposed Structure for Mana Whenua Engagement on HDC Transport Recovery provided in advance of 20 June Wananga 2024	STR-27-05-01-0003

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes the social wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

To enable participation and partnership in work related to Cyclone Gabrielle Transportation Recovery

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

To support the consideration of Te Taio and Te Mana o Te Wai in the Cyclone Gabrielle Transportation Recovery

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

This work is ongoing but would help to formalise resourcing for Mana Whenua Engagement in Cyclone Gabrielle Transportation Recovery

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being significant.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Consultation has been undertaken with :

- Mana Ahuriri Trust
 - Tamatea Pōkai Whenua Trust
 - Maungaharuru -Tangitū Trust
 - Ngāti Pāhauwera Trust
 - Ngāti Hineuru Trust
 - Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu
 - Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust
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Risks

Opportunity: No significant risks at this time

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

N/A:



HDC Transport Recovery Programme & Mana Whenua Engagement Wananga

Thursday 20th June 2024

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Agenda

1. Karakia Timatanga
2. Whakawhanaungatanga / Introductions
3. Commitment to Treaty Principles (RMA, LTA...)
4. HDC Transport Recovery Programme: Overview
5. Themes and agreed outcomes of hui to date: PSGEs and Standing Committee
6. Consenting Options and Approach
7. Procurement: Capability & Capacity building
8. Protecting undisclosed wāhi tapu
9. KAPU TĪ
10. Mana Whenua Engagement Approach: Strawman
11. Discussion
12. Agreements
13. Karakia Whakakapi

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WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA (INTRODUCTIONS)



COMMITMENT TO TREATY PRINCIPLES



HDC Transport Recovery Programme: Overview

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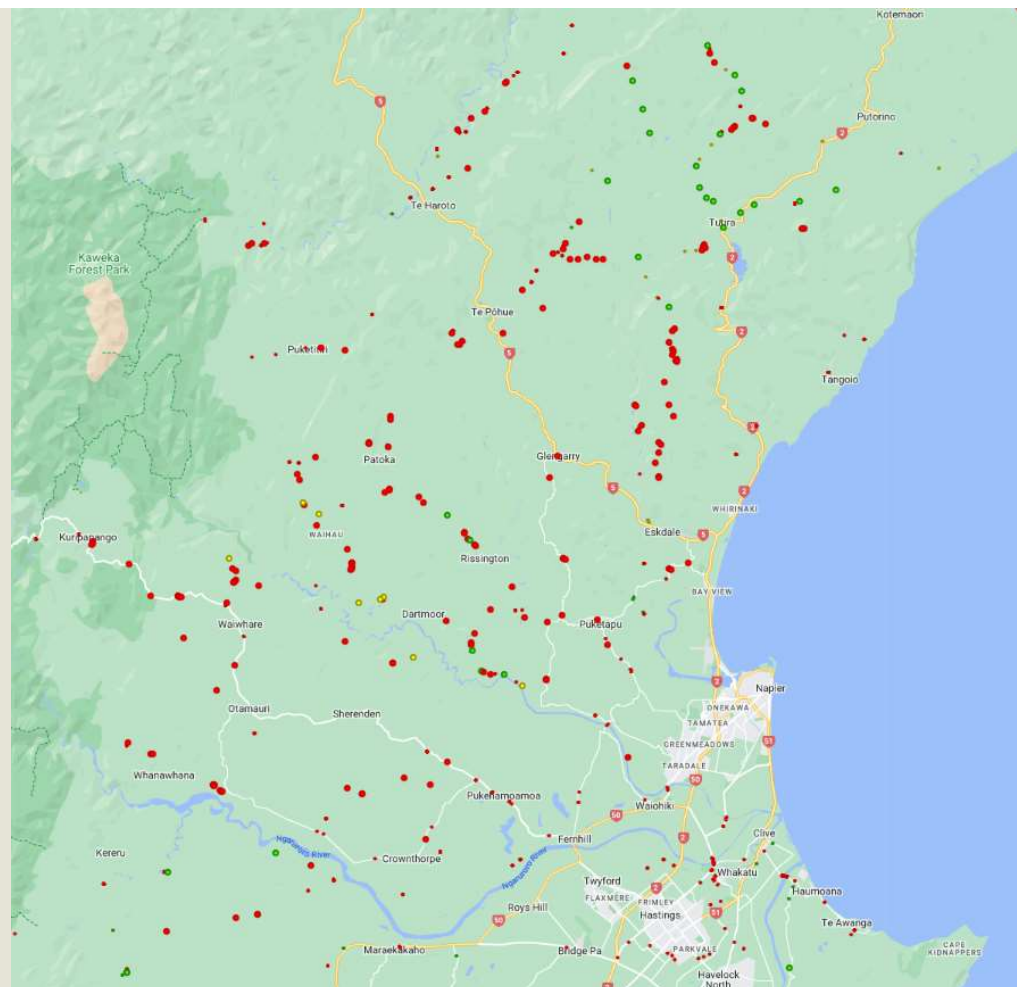
HDC Transport Recovery Programme overview



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After the initial emergency response clearing 600 slips, installing 10 temporary bridges and carrying out emergency repairs, the 7-10 year recovery programme includes:

- 19 rebuilds of bridges and large culverts
- 161 bridges requiring repair, 80 requiring major repair
- 220 major slips
- 52 culverts (still scoping)
- 27km roads





HIGH LEVEL FEEDBACK FROM MANA WHENUA RE: MANA WHENUA ENGAGEMENT & CONSENTING STRATEGY

High-Level Feedback from Mana Whenua Iwi Engagement and Consenting Approach

When we refer to Mana Whenua, we refer to the following Representative Post Treaty Settlement Governance Entities (PSGE's):

- Tamatea Pōkaiwhenua Trust
- Mana Ahuriri Trust
- Maungaharuru -Tangitū Trust
- Ngāti Pāhauwera Trust
- Ngāti Hineuru Trust

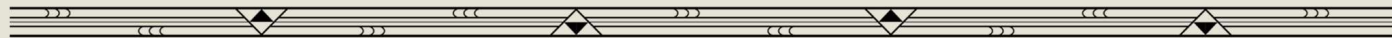
Also, for the purposes of HDC Transport Recovery Programme Recovery, the following hapū Trusts are recognised as part of this Programme:

- Te Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu
- Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust



We discussed six key items

1. Mana Whenua guidance regarding which marae and hapū HDC should engage with for each project.
2. Mana Whenua guidance on what an effective Iwi Engagement Programme across all projects looks like.
3. How can we improve the delivery of the HDC Transport Recovery Programme?
4. What problems (resourcing/capacity etc) or concerns (programme coordination) Mana Whenua have and how we might work together to overcome these challenges?
5. Reflections and Mana Whenua feedback regarding Mana Whenua Engagement to date.
6. Any other matters Mana Whenua wish to discuss.



Themes of hui to date

What we heard

- No delay to programme
- Work together
- Low capacity for all (HDC & Mana Whenua)
- Understand HDC work expectations and scope
- Mana Whenua rights and authority are respected
- Consistent engagement with Mana Whenua (e.g. Consent & bundling of Consents)
- Mana Whenua mātauranga and time are compensated
- Support in communicating with our hapū and whānau or in applying tikanga to work in the waterway.
- Mana Whenua seek benefit for their people
- Tikanga and kawa are to premeditate all levels of the program.
- It's not all about the money and adequate resourcing plan
- Single coordinated approach to Mana Whenua engagement to eliminate multiple contacts.
- Building the capacity and capability





CONSENTING OPTIONS AND APPROACH

CONSENTING OVERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

Consenting Requirements

- Predominantly regional resource consents are required from Hawke's Bay Regional Council for works in (within 20m of) a waterway, earthworks, scour & erosion protection structures, vegetation clearance, and discharge to land within 20m of a waterbody.
- Under the District Plan provisions, the recovery works are predominantly a permitted activity.
- Not every recovery site requires resource consent, particularly in relation to slip repairs where many repairs are a permitted activity.

Proposed Consenting Approach for the HDC Transport Recovery Programme

- Area wide consent for the repair of slip sites within 20m of a waterbody (approximately 116 sites).
- Area wide consent(s) for repairs to bridges, large culverts, and associated structures (approximately 170 sites).
- Individual consents for the rebuild bridges, culverts and unique sites (approximately 19 sites).



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CONSENTING OVERVIEW ENGAGEMENT

Approach is for engagement to start early and continue throughout the recovery program. This approach provides a pathway of good faith engagement throughout the projects.

Cultural Impact Assessments are proposed for all rebuild projects and any unique sites i.e. adjacent to a pā site.

Engagement is proposed to start soon for the area wide consent for bridges, large culverts, and associated structures.



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PROTECTING UNDISCLOSED WĀHI TAPU

PROTECTING UNDISCLOSED AND SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Wāhi Tapu and Wāhi Taonga

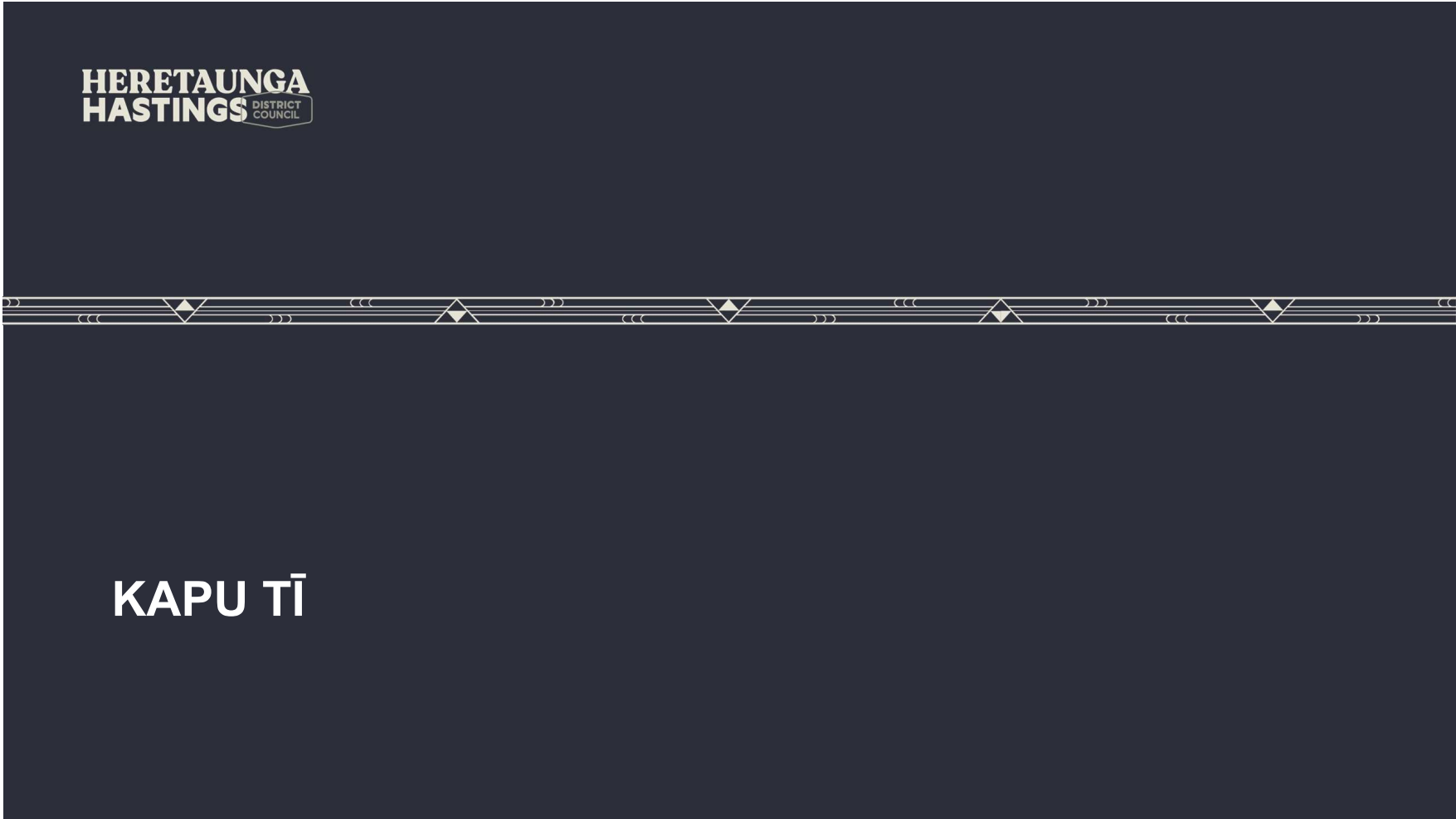
Mana Whenua have been asked to confirm how they wish to provide information which has not been disclosed.

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust has agreed to provide restricted access to specific files.

We are confirming an appropriate process for all other Mana Whenua Sites

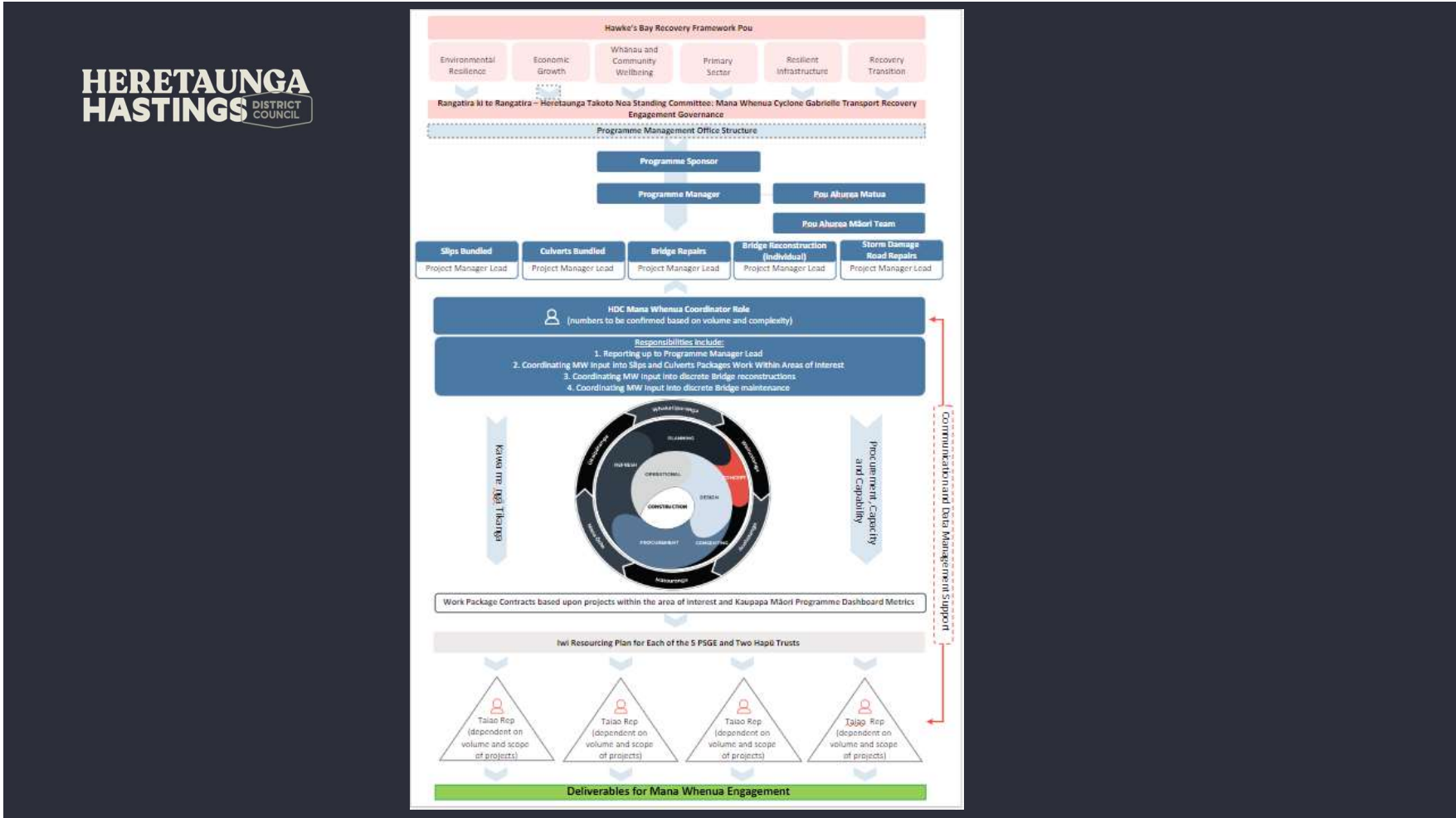
Hui have been arranged to discuss this kaupapa regarding culverts/slips specifically in mid-June







MANA WHENUA ENGAGEMENT APPROACH – STRAWMAN



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DISCUSSION

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Agreement that:

- The Mana Whenua Engagement governance group for the HDC Transport Cyclone Recovery be the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee, with the two hapū trusts included
- Area-wide consents, and CIAs, CVAs are the right approach for slips/culverts/bridge repairs, with the protections discussed
- The draft Mana Whenua Engagement Approach for HDC Transport Recovery Programme be adopted, with the amendments discussed (if any)
- That HDC officers and consultants continue and develop a 'roadmap' to establishing this approach
- That bridge rebuilds are treated separately and will align with this approach but will progress in the interim as stand-alone projects
- That PSGE's/hapū trusts will provide direction on the shared area of interest sites
- That the PSGEs/hapū trusts will work with HDC officers to share information about unregistered wāhi taonga and wāhi tapu sites as needed to ensure sites are not destroyed in the construction required for transport recovery and, where desired, can facilitate the protection of the site in the district plan.

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Next steps

If approved, to develop a detailed road map to implement the approved structure
Steps to fill roles (over next few months)

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**TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ
THANK YOU**



MEMORANDUM

File Ref: 2-S5600.1N

To: Mana Whenua Engagement for HDC Transport Recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle Wānanga

From: Jack Morris - Mana Whenua Engagement Consultant, on behalf of HDC

Copy to:

Date: 13 June 2024

Subject: Background to the proposed Mana Whenua Engagement Approach

PURPOSE

To provide information regarding the proposed Mana Whenua (MW) Engagement Approach (Strawman) for the Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery Programme (CGRP)) attached¹.

BACKGROUND

Over the last six weeks, Hastings District Council (HDC) has been meeting with MW to discuss the following matters:

- CGRP projects within your rohe
- Resource Consenting Approaches
- Processes for protecting unregistered Sites of Significance/Wāhi Tapu.
- Your views on MW Engagement to date – what has worked well and what needs to improve?
- How can we improve the delivery of the CGRP?
- What problems (resourcing/capacity, for example) or concerns (programme coordination) do you have, and how might we work together to overcome these challenges?
- Any other matters.

As a result of these discussions, we have provided the attached "Strawman" to set out the structure and roles to support a new MW Engagement Strategy. The Strategy is vital in supporting the delivery of the HDC CGRP.

This Strawman has been developed following discussions with MW over the last five weeks. It provides high-level details of the structure and fundamental roles as well as processes and proposes the general "direction of travel". The Strawman is not intended to provide operational-level detail. This detail will be developed in the next phase of work following your support.

HDC recognises the following Mana Whenua groups for the purpose of Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery: Tamatea Pōkaiwhenua Trust, Mana Ahuriri Trust, Maungaharuru -Tangitū Trust, Ngāti Pāhauwera Trust, Ngāti Hineuru Trust, Ngā Piringa Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust

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Subject to your direction, it is intended that the Strawman will be agreed on Thursday, 20 June 2024, at a wānanga with MW. The Strawman will then provide the basis for completing a transition roadmap to set up the structures to implement the Strategy.

FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION

This document is intended as a basis for discussion with MW. We are not predetermined in our views and are open to other approaches, options, and suggested improvements. We appreciate "we are in this together". Any final decisions will be made in partnership with MW at our hui proposed for Thursday, 20 June 2024.

MATARIKI POU

A consistent feedback theme from MW is not to duplicate processes or "reinvent the wheel". They have referred us to the Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Agency (RRA)'s work and the recovery programme delivered to support six key pou.

These are:

- Environmental Resilience
- Economic Growth
- Whānau/Community Wellbeing
- Resilient Infrastructure
- Primary Sector
- Recovery Transition

HDC is a signatory to the RRA. Therefore, as shown in the Strawman, these six pou have been used as the outcomes we propose the HDC Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Programme will be responsible for achieving.

In addition, the Matariki Governance Group recognises the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the framework for how a genuine partnership will affect regional recovery efforts.

They confirm:

"In the spirit of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, partnership, participation protection and equity are fundamental to our way of working. This means PSGEs, hapū, whānau, and Māori communities will be involved at all levels across Strategy, decision-making, planning and delivery with a focus on co-design and safeguarding Māori cultural concepts, values and practices."

GOVERNANCE

HDC recognises that there is a need for robust governance arrangements that support MW engagements across the Programme. Following feedback from MW, we have investigated a range of existing governance bodies. These governance options include Te Korowai o Ōhanga, the Matariki Governance Group and the Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) CEO's Group.

After considering these options, while we will take final guidance from you, our strong preference is for - Mana Whenua Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery Engagement Governance to reside within the auspices of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa: Māori Standing Committee.

To reflect their current role within the Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery Process, we also propose that Ngā Piranga Hapū o Ōmāhu and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust are represented on this body for this specific purpose.

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This approach supports a "Rangatira ki te Rangatira" or "Chief to Chief" relationship that needs to be established.

There are good reasons why we would like you to consider this option. These are:

- The other options involve other Councils and other Iwi whose areas of authority or rohe are not within the Heretaunga District Council and, therefore, have no direct interest in delivering the CGRP.
- The current membership of these groups consists of representatives across the whole region (including Iwi, mayors, and CEOs), and there may be resistance to discussing matters that are not their responsibility.
- Given the diverse groups and kaupapa, securing the required time to discuss CGRP matters may be difficult.
- There would not be dedicated administrative or secretarial support for CGRP matters; this would need to be shared.
- The HDC owns, on behalf of its ratepayers, the transport roading assets, and there are sound legislative reasons for the decision to remain within the HDC's hands only. Heretaunga Takoto Noa: The Māori Standing Committee currently has many MW relationships required to deliver the CGRP.

In addition, this approach would not preclude HDC from realising other project and programme efficiencies by continuing to work with the other bodies discussed above, including TREC, at the programme and project levels.

The critical functions of the governance group would be:

- Ensuring all resource consenting and statutory obligations HDC have to Mana Whenua are met,
- To ensure Māori cultural concepts, values and practices are safeguarded.
- To provide oversight of a coordinated approach to Mana Whenua Engagement
- To support HDC in advocating for the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Programme in local and national forums.

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICE STRUCTURE

Following discussions with MW, we have identified the Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) and Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) Cyclone Gabrielle Programmes as models which provide excellent examples of Mana Whenua Engagement Strategies.

These are viewed positively and provide an opportunity to identify what works well and what does not. Both programmes are noteworthy for transitioning from emergency and reactive project delivery to a planned and structured approach based upon a Programme Management Office (PMO) Delivery Model. We also know that HDC wishes to move to a more planned programme approach. The Strawman, therefore, anticipates such a transition, which, in addition to a range of systemic legacy benefits for HDC, realises substantial Iwi engagement benefits, which we discuss below. We recognise that any new PMO structure will also include other work streams, such as:

- Ahurea / Culture/Values,
- IT Systems,
- Communications Platforms,
- Stakeholder Management,
- Asset Management (including Kaupapa Māori Asset Management),
- MW Capability and Capacity Building Programme and
- Programme Metrics.

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PMO ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

Programme Sponsor: Consistent with a PMO delivery model, we anticipate that the programme sponsor, NZTA, will be part of the ongoing discussions and align with Treasury best practice PMO requirements.

Key roles within the PMO will include:

HDC Programme Manager: responsible for managing the PMO delivery model and reporting to the HDC Manager - Transport. Their role includes enabling MWL capacity and capability-building initiatives throughout the Programme.

HDC Pou Ahurea Matua: responsible for the strategic oversight of the MW Engagement Strategy. They will work alongside the Programme Manager, upholding tikanga Māori and reporting to HDC's CEO.

Pou Ahurea Team: responsible for supporting the operational delivery of the Programme. They will report to HDC's Pou Ahurea Matua.

4 x HDC Project Manager (PM) Leads: for "bundled" Culverts, Slips, Bridge Repairs, Road Maintenance and Bridge Reconstruction: responsible for managing the individual Project Managers tasked with delivering the relevant projects and for liaising with the MWL.

HDC Mana Whenua Coordinators: responsible for liaising with and supporting the MW Taiao Roles. The number of MW Coordinators has yet to be determined, but it will be confirmed based on the volume and complexity of projects they must manage.

They will be qualified and experienced in project/program delivery and working within a Te Ao Māori setting. They will have a dual reporting line to the HDC PM Leads and the HDC Programme Manager, reflecting their project delivery role and programme accountability responsibilities. They will be the "single point of contact" for the four HDC PM Leads.

1. Additional responsibilities will include:
 - Reporting up to PM Leads
 - Providing coordinated feedback from the MW Taiao Roles to the PM Leads
 - Ensuring the input of the MW Taiao Roles into:
 - Slips and culverts within their "areas of interest."
 - Discrete bridge reconstructions
 - Discrete bridge maintenance
 - Discrete emergency road repairs
2. Working with the other HDC MW Coordinators to provide information to the HDC PM Leads for the completion of the slips and culverts work packages across areas of interest.
3. To facilitate the resolution of any overlapping interests with guidance from the Pou Ahurea Matua.
4. Ensuring the implementation of the Te Ao Māori Project Lifecycle Engagement Requirements from pre-planning and feasibility to asset handover, or where the project has already started (assuming it is not at the beginning of the project lifecycle) and dependent upon the level of input required for "bundled" Slips and Culverts, into work packages for consenting purposes.
5. Ensuring the completion of the following deliverables:

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- Actively providing for and giving substance to the tikanga and kawa of MW throughout the project
- MW input into relevant Business Case methodologies, including the inclusion of Te Ao Māori values and strategic priorities,
- MW Bridge Reconstruction CIA/CVA guidance and support for resource consenting purposes. This will include providing for review all final resource consent AEE Reports for each Bridge,
- To provide Indigenous technical design support for the project, technical specifications were requested.
- To facilitate co-design processes for Bridge Reconstruction projects based upon "like for like" parameters
- Facilitating MW overlapping areas of interest agreements.
- Supporting and providing any required information to the MW Taio roles.
- Being assigned and responsible for advising on works in an agreed geographical zone, including aligning geographical zones with work packages.
- Communicating and coordinating PM requests and queries to the MW Taio roles.
- Ensuring HDC meets all statutory and resource management obligations.
- Attending Programme and project meetings as needed. And develop, hold, maintain and share key project correspondence and information.

MW Taio Roles: Responsible and employed by their relevant MW Entities. However, the final number of roles and whether these are full or part-time shall be determined by the volume and complexity of the work packages within their rohe. HDC shall contract these services with the relevant MW entity. The terms and conditions of that contract shall be negotiated.

Additional responsibilities will include:

- attending all PM Control Group meetings to provide MW input
- meeting and liaising with the relevant MW marae and hapū to provide input into the relevant projects
- reporting back to the relevant MW Entity and MW marae and hapū
- Providing input into relevant CIAs or CVA's for Bridge Reconstructions
- Supporting the deliverables of the HDC MW Coordinators.

KAWA ME NGĀ TIKANGA MĀORI

At all levels of the Programme, the kawa and tikanga of each hapū and marae are given substance. We will also ensure that mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) is applied consistently across the Programme.

MANA WHENUA CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

HDC has identified that the CGRP will be rolled out over 8-9 years with a high-level budget (still subject to negotiation) of \$800M to \$1BN. MW consistently believes that the CGRP provides a Capacity and Capability-building platform for marae, hapū and whānau.

While the main focus of funding for the HDC CGRP is to restore the roading network that serves our region and our people, we recognise opportunities within such an extensive programme. We support creating opportunities for capability and capacity building both directly within the Programme (e.g. resourcing as outlined in the Strawman) and through our contracts and partnerships. However, the extent we can support these initiatives will depend on funding support and negotiations with NZTA.

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MW have provided a range of suggestions on how they can support the delivery of CGRP while also creating a platform to excel MW capability and capacity. MW wants to establish a platform for business and services to support the broader infrastructure sector.

These include:

- Investigating shared training opportunities with TREC and other agencies where MW identifies a need or desire.
- Support to Māori businesses to become pre-qualified suppliers to enable them to tender for packages of works.
- Scholarships, internships, and cadetship programmes are offered by supporting consultant companies and HDC.
- Promotion of employment opportunities for local whanau in the CGRP.
- Agreements to use local suppliers, e.g. the nursery at Waiohiki, to supply plants for nearby bridges. HDC would support this through relationships with the delivery partners and the CVA/OOS process.
- Employment opportunities within companies for local people.
- Ability to host training at their marae, e.g., a previous scheme that delivered tracks, wheels, and rollers training at Waiohiki Marae to train people to use graders and forklifts.
- Involvement and contribution to incorporating cultural elements such as pou and interpretive signage into designs where appropriate and desired (bridge rebuilds, wāhi tapu sites). This would be enabled through the CVA process.
- At this point, we are exploring these initiatives. Some are within more direct control, and others we can support or encourage but not control.

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RESOURCE CONSENTING MATTERS

We have discussed a range of consenting strategies and options with MW. MW have indicated that they are generally comfortable with the grouping or "bundling" together of packages of work for resource consenting purposes as long as their interests and culture are protected through a consistent MW Engagement process.

We have not made our minds up on this matter and will take guidance from you, but we have proposed the following:

- A dedicated MW engagement program (including individual CVAs or CIAs) from each MW entity to support
- the existing area-wide resource consent for all slips,
- a new area comprehensive resource consent for all repairs to bridges and large culverts,
- and the reconstruction of large bridges and structures.
- We remain open to any new suggestions to improve this process.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The delivery of the Programme will require robust internal/external communication platforms and data management support. We have separated this as a vital function of the PMO to reflect priority to project and Programme data management (i.e. GIS Database Platform, Project Management Planning dashboards, Sites of Significance, etc). The flow and control of information between the PMs and MW Taio is significant and will need constant vigilance.

SUMMARY

This document summarises discussions with MW over the last six weeks. While we are not predetermined in our view, we believe there are good reasons why we prefer governance and

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resource-consenting approaches. Ultimately, the project's success rests on a solid partnership between HDC and MW. At our wānanga on Thursday, 20 June, we would like to obtain support and agreement from you on the critical issues discussed above so that we can develop a transition roadmap for the implementation of the Cyclone Gabrielle Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy to enable the delivery of the Programme.

We are seeking agreement that:

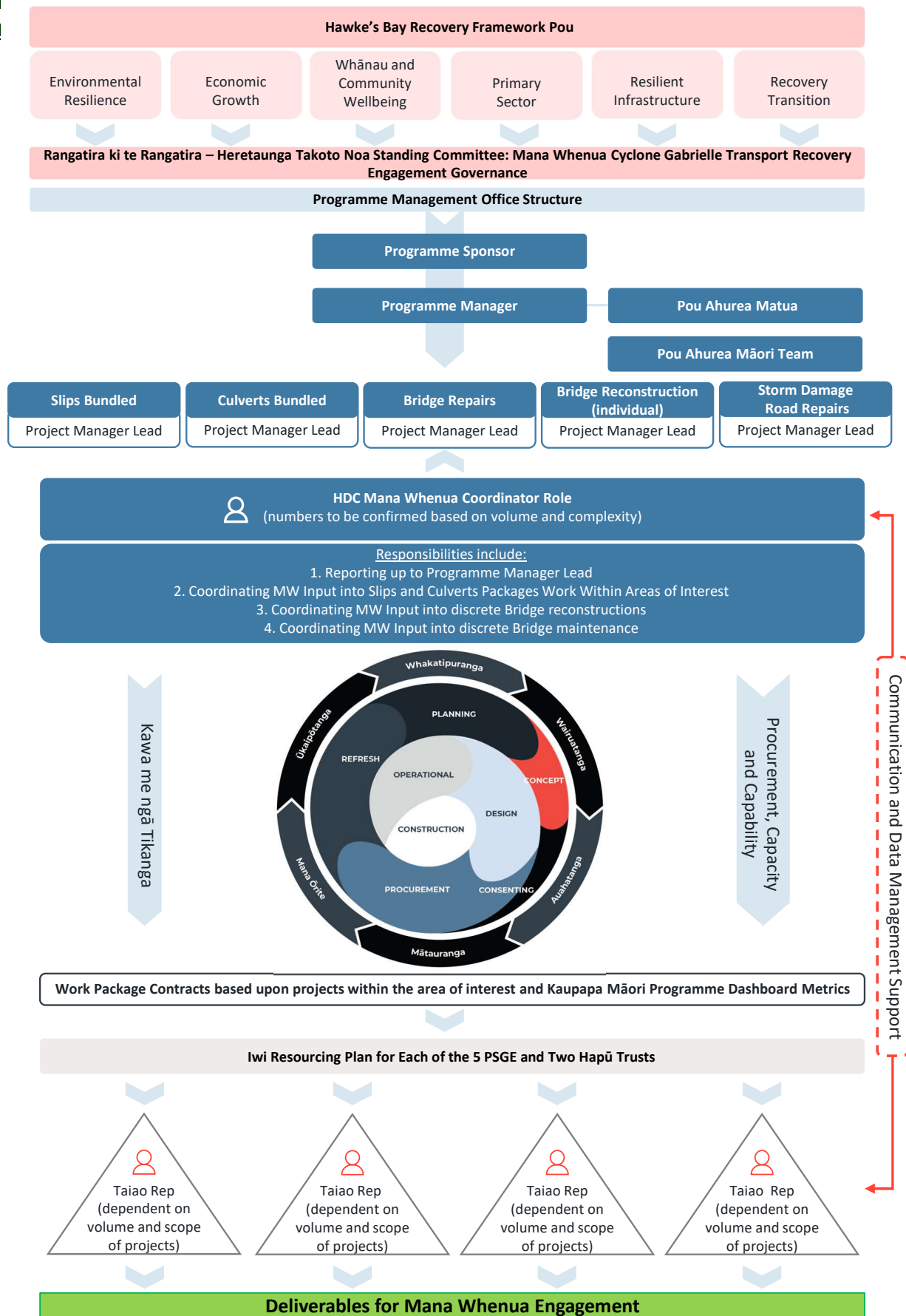
- The Mana Whenua Engagement governance group for the HDC Transport Cyclone Recovery be the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Standing Committee, with the two hapū trusts included
- Area-wide consents, and CIAs, CVAs are the right approach for slips/culverts/bridge repairs, with the protections discussed
- The draft Mana Whenua Engagement Approach for Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery be adopted, with the amendments discussed (if any)
- That HDC officers and consultants continue and develop a 'roadmap' to establishing this approach
- That bridge rebuilds are treated separately from the above and will align with this approach but will progress in the interim as stand-alone projects. Where appropriate, synergy of CVA/CIA approach will be explored.
- That PSGE's/hapū trusts will provide direction on the shared area of interest sites
- That the PSGEs/hapū trusts will work with HDC officers to share information about unregistered wāhi taonga and wāhi tapu sites as needed to ensure sites are not destroyed in the construction required for transport recovery and, where desired, can facilitate the protection of the site in the district plan.

Tē tōia, tē haumatia

Nothing can be achieved without a plan, a workforce and a way of doing things

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Item 8 Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy for HDC Cyclone Gabrielle Transport Recovery



Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Item 9

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take:
Subject: Submission on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and
Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Committee of the submission made to Parliament's Justice Committee on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill (the Bill).
- 1.2 Parliament called for submissions on the Bill on 24 May 2024, with a closing submission date of 29 May 2024.
- 1.3 In brief, the Bill proposes to reinstate the right to a local referendum on the establishment or ongoing use of Māori wards or Māori constituencies.
- 1.4 The Bill would:
 - Reinstate binding polls on Māori wards and Māori constituencies.
 - Require councils to hold a binding poll at the 2025 local elections if they established Māori wards or Māori constituencies since 2020 and did not hold a poll. This applies to Council.
- 1.5 A submission on behalf of Council was lodged with Parliament's Justice Committee on 29 May 2024, (a copy is in **Attachment 1**). Deputy Mayor Tania Kerr presented an oral submission to the Justice Committee on 4 June 2024.
- 1.6 The submission was based on the report to the Council meeting on 23 May 2024 where the Council resolved to retain its Takitimu Māori Ward. This Report noted that officers would monitor Crown decisions regarding legislative changes affecting Māori wards and report to Council as required, including opportunities to submit to any legislative processes.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the Committee receive the report titled Submission on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill dated 3 July 2024.
- B) That Committee notes the submission (Attachment 1) to the Parliament's Justice Committee on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill.

Attachments:

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| 1↓ | Submission on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill | CG-15-24-48 |
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29 May 2024

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Submission to the Justice Select Committee on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

1. Thank you for this opportunity to submit on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill. This submission is made on behalf of the Hastings District Council (Council).
2. The Council supports and reiterates the points raised in the submission by Local Government New Zealand. Rather than duplicate much of that submission, this submission focuses on the experiences of the Council including its support of Māori wards, the extensive efforts undertaken to establish Council's Māori ward and its ongoing commitment to a fair way they can be established and maintained for all local authorities.
3. Council is strongly and unanimously opposed to the intent and content of the Bill as it relates to Māori wards, including:
 - Reinstating binding polls for Māori wards and Māori constituencies.
 - Requiring councils to hold a binding poll at the 2025 local election if they established Māori wards or Māori constituencies since 2020 and did not hold a binding poll.

Council's Support of a Fair Process to Establish Māori Wards

4. Council is concerned that this Bill is reverting to a process that local authorities have strongly advocated against in recent years. A fair process for the establishment of Māori wards in local government was strongly supported by local authorities and has been achieved by the introduction of the existing legislation.
5. This Bill is particularly concerning for Council, which has a Māori ward, after comprehensive public consultation and consideration carried out prior to introduction in the Hastings district 2022 local election. **Attached** is a timeline of that process, to illustrate the depth and breadth of that consultation.

6. Council considers there is no difference between having Māori wards and having rural wards (which Council also has). Both are minority populations that may otherwise not have a voice at the decision-making table. In both cases, having a poll could disadvantage the minority group which may be overwhelmed by voters in the majority.
7. Council considers that the retention of Māori wards should be a matter for local councils and their communities, not central Government.

Cost of the Poll to Council and Ratepayers

8. The proposed changes to legislation will impose approximately \$100k in costs on Council for a binding poll at the 2025 election and approximately \$100k for an early Representation Review if the poll requires the disestablishment of Māori wards as well as significant staff resources. These costs to the Council amount to approximately 0.2% of the Council's annual rates revenue.
9. As a council that has recently undertaken comprehensive consultation and engagement on this matter, we do not consider that these financial implications are justified, especially considering the high degree of financial pressures that local authorities are currently experiencing.

Relationships with Mana Whenua

10. Council seeks to maintain high quality relationships with mana whenua. These relationships with mana whenua have been developed and fostered by consecutive Council's over decades. Council considers that the adoption of Māori wards has been positive and reflects Council's aspiration to work in partnership with mana whenua for the wellbeing of the Hastings community.
11. The introduction of Māori wards in Hastings, thereby increasing Māori representation around the Council table, has positively impacted Council's partnership with iwi, and added cultural and well-being considerations from different perspectives to Council discussions that may otherwise not have occurred.
12. Mana whenua within the Hastings district are supportive of Council's Māori 'Takitimu' ward. The addition of the Takitimu ward was celebrated by mana whenua who had been waiting for a seat at the table for over 150 years.

Submission Timeline

13. Council is very disappointed in the very short amount of time that has been allowed for members of the public to make submissions on such a significant matter. Council is concerned that this condensed timeframe does not allow for meaningful engagement with the public and particularly those most affected, Māori.

14. The rigor that Council applied to the consultation leading to the decision to introduce Council's Māori ward, and the understanding gained about what this community wants and why they wanted that, far exceeds the community involvement in the consideration of this Bill.
15. Council submits that the Bill should remove the compulsory referendum for the existing but recently established wards. A binding poll in these circumstances is likely to prompt divisive debate in spite of the high local level of support for having such a Māori ward that was shown during Council's consultation process.

Council Decision to Maintain its Takitimu Māori Ward

16. At the Council meeting on 23 May 2024 Council resolved unanimously to retain its Takitimu Māori Ward. The deliberation within this meeting shows the strong stance that the Council wishes to take on this matter. Council recommends the members of the Justice Committee watch the Council meeting recording:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2hsi1lw64zmg952j3rt4/23.5.24-Council-meeting-M-ori-wards.mp4?rlkey=kqseqqvuw1093741f7x0g2oyh&st=apcktjxy&dl=0>

Conclusion:

17. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.
18. The contact person as an address for service in relation to this submission is:

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ATTACHMENT 1 – TIMELINE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MĀORI WARD FOR HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

In 2017 HDC submitted a remit to Local Government New Zealand seeking the removal of the poll provisions relating to the establishment of Māori Wards.

On the 16th of April 2018, Mayor Hazlehurst wrote to then President of Local Government New Zealand, Mayor Dave Cull, with respect to removing the poll for Māori Wards and Constituencies. **Attachment 2** is a copy of that letter.

2021 - HDC community engagement on the establishment of Māori wards

Given the amendments to the Local Electoral Amendment Act in March 2021 which removed the ability of electors to demand a poll on the matter, Hastings District Council began a discussion with the community on the introduction of Māori wards.

An extensive community engagement process, between 23 April and 12 May 2021, was publicised across print, social media, traditional media channels, on Council's website, through flyers to rural areas that may not have online or receive print newspapers, and hard copies and submission boxes were made available at the Council Customer Services Centre, libraries and community centres. The consultation also included hui and kānohi ki te kānohi (face to face) meetings.

In total 2089 responses were received with 76 per cent in support of establishing Māori Wards and 24 per cent against. Those in support said Māori Wards would honour Te Tiriti O Waitangi, acknowledge mana whenua, ensure a Māori perspective in the Council chamber, remove barriers for representation, and improve working relationships.

May 2021 - HDC Decision to Establish Māori Wards

At an Extraordinary Council meeting on the 18th of May 2021 Council considered the establishment of Māori Wards; Council resolved as follows:

- *Council agreed that the communication plan, timetable, events and feedback responses provide sufficient information on the views and preferences of Māori and the wider community to enable the Council to reach a decision on whether to establish Māori Wards in time for the 2022 local authority election.*
- *That Council establishes Māori Wards in the Hastings District for the 2022 triennial elections.*

From **August 2021**, a Representation Review was undertaken where Council resolved to have one single Māori Ward covering the entire Hastings District; the Takitimu Māori Ward.



MAYOR'S OFFICE



ATTACHMENT 2

16 April 2018

Mayor Dave Cull
President
Local Government New Zealand
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Dear Dave

REMOVING THE POLL FOR MĀORI WARDS AND CONSTITUENCIES – AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENT

Hastings District Council would like to add its full support to the removal of s 19ZA – 19ZG of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that allow for a poll of electors on whether or not a local authority can establish Māori wards and constituencies.

The Council, along with other local authorities in New Zealand, works to provide a Māori perspective into its governance processes. Many local authorities are working with their Māori communities to develop an integrated policy framework (based on Treaty of Waitangi principles) for councils to deliver effective governance, engagement and service delivery. For most local authorities where Māori are the minority in their communities, the poll provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 have the effect of undermining aspirations for any creation of Māori wards.

In March and April 2017 the Hastings District Council Māori Joint Committee and Council gave consideration to the establishment of Māori Wards. The matter had previously been considered prior to the amalgamation referendum in 2015, when Council voted in favour of creating Māori wards. This was not actioned as it was held in abeyance to await the outcome of the referendum.

A primary concern for Hastings District Council, advised by the Māori Joint Committee, was the real potential for a poll to divide the community and cause disharmony in the community on a matter of race, as it had done in New Plymouth in 2016.

As a result the Council decided not to pursue Māori wards, and to lobby local and central government to repeal the existing discriminatory poll provisions. Hastings District Council strongly believes that the issue of Māori representation should be treated as part of the process for the regular representation review with full public consultation and final determination by the Local Government Commission.

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In conclusion, Hastings District Council fully supports LGNZ in its call to remove the poll provisions for Māori wards to enable all local communities to pursue the local representation arrangements that best suit their diversity and culture.

Yours sincerely



Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor

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Item 10

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

Nā: Charles Ropitini, Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness
From: & Heritage

Te Take: Round Table Verbal Update From Mana Whenua Members of the
Subject: Committee

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the opportunity to the mana whenua members of the Committee to provide a verbal update regarding activities of their respective entities.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Round Table Verbal Update From Mana Whenua Members of the Committee dated 3 July 2024.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.