

Wednesday, 8 May 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, 8 May 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 Āpiha Matua:*  
Responsible  
Officer:

## 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.



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*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, + 2 x Vacancies

**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

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*Tokamatua:*

**Quorum:**

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

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*Apiha Matua*

**Officer Responsible:**

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*Te Rōpū Manapori me te*

*Kāwanatanga*

**Democracy &**

Lynne Cox (Ext 5632)

**Governance Services:**

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*Te Rārangi Take***Order of Business**

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**1.0 Prayer - Karakia**

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**Apologies & Leave of Absence – Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui****2.0** An apology from Mike Paku has been received.At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

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**3.0 Conflict of Interest – Mahi Kai Huanga**

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**Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī****4.0** Minutes of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting held Wednesday 15 November 2023.*(Previously circulated)*

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**Item 5**

*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

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*Nā:*  
From: **Emma James, Youth Lead**

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*Te Take:*  
Subject: **Tuia 2024**

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

- 1.1 Harono Hokianga and Shannon Nohokau are this year's 'Tuia'. Shannon and Harono will be introducing themselves to the Committee.
- 1.2 Tuia is a national programme that involves Mayors selecting young Māori rangatahi (young person) from their rohe to mentor on a one-to-one basis, to encourage and enhance leadership skills. The rangatahi is mentored monthly through informal meetings and attends formal occasions that will assist the rangatahi's development as a leader.
- 1.3 The relationship provides both partners with the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into inter-generational issues, cultural values and experiences.
- 1.4 Rangatahi have the opportunity to build peer networks with graduates of the programmes, obtain support, and receive leadership training by attending leadership development wānanga over the course of the year.
- 1.5 Tuia focuses on rangatahi Māori aged 18-25 years old from Heretaunga who are actively contributing to the wellbeing of their community and who have the potential to be a leader in their community.

## **2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga***

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Tuia 2024 dated 8 May 2024.

### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

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

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**Te Take:** Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai  
**Subject:**

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## 1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 Heretaunga Hastings District Council (HHDC) holds strong Mana Whenua partnerships in relation to the development of water policy, delivery of water services, co-design of water infrastructure, and co-governance.
- 1.2 A reflection of the strength of this partnership can be seen in the design and development of:
  - The Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee
  - Te Whare o Whiro *Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant*
  - Te Whare o Waiaroha *Hastings Drinking Water Treatment Plant*
  - Karamū Catchment Storm Water Discharge Consent
  - Havelock North Hills Streams Management
- 1.3 Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke’s Bay Mana Whenua have a high level of knowledge and awareness of water policy issues and have actively participated in Central Government Water Reform prompted by the Havelock North Campylobacter outbreak in September 2016.
- 1.4 The contribution of Mana Whenua to the Hawke’s Bay Three Waters Review was the development of a Cultural Case to highlight that within the regulatory frameworks relating to water, there is a greater level of competency required to appropriately give effect to Te Ao Māori. Through language, genealogy, stories and traditions, there is a deep context and inherent approach that can and should serve water regulation. The cultural case is underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi *The Treaty of Waitangi*.
- 1.5 Te Mana o Te Wai is a fundamental concept focused on restoring and preserving the balance

between wai *water*, the wider taiao *environment*, and people *tāngata*, now and into the future. Te Ao Māori perspectives are a whole-of-system mindset - 'I uta ki tai *from source to sea*' - and this ultimately underpins Te Mana o Te Wai as a concept. This all-of-system approach consists of the fundamentals of mātauranga *ancestral knowledge*.

- 1.6 Te Mana o Te Wai strongly aligns with Te Hā o Waiaroha *The Waiaroha Way*; the core philosophy of the Waiaroha Water Discovery Centre and Treatment Plant adopted by Heretaunga Hastings District Council as the key method for communicating and teaching the Heretaunga Mana Whenua perspectives of wai *water*.
- 1.7 To maintain a close alignment with Te Hā o Waiaroha, the working title for this project is **Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai**.
- 1.8 This paper recommends the endorsement of the four identified principles as the guiding foundation for developing the Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai policy, in partnership with Mana Whenua across the district:
  - **Mātauranga Māori**
  - **Mana Atua**
  - **Mana Tāngata**
  - **Mana Taiao**
- 1.9 While the perspectives, knowledge, and associations of wai may vary across Mana Whenua groups, the universal principles proposed have been determined by Mana Whenua and provide a consistent approach to developing a sound policy.

## 2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai dated 8 May 2024.
- B) That the Committee endorse Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai and the four identified principles:
  - a. Mātauranga Māori
  - b. Mana Atua
  - c. Mana Tāngata
  - d. Mana Taiao
- C) That the Committee recommend to Council that the Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai be adopted.
- D) That the Committee recommend to Council that they direct the Working Group to commence development of the policy in continued partnership with Mana Whenua.

## 3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 The development of Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai has been championed by Mike Paku, Chairperson for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Kōmiti (HTNK), with work commencing following the 2022 Heretaunga Hastings District Council (HHDC) triennial elections.
- 3.2 The impetus for Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai was driven by the need to meet the expectations of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020). Although the impetus was through central government policy, the rationale for pursuing this kaupapa has taken

an ‘irrespective of legislation’ stance. There has and continues to be a firm commitment from HHDC that the Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai policy needs to be developed and implemented in partnership with Mana Whenua; as the most appropriate approach to improving the delivery of water services.

- 3.3 The strong partnership between HHDC and Mana Whenua, fostered through the development of HHDC water infrastructure and co-governance, must also be recognized for its existing achievements and for its future potential in co-design of taiao policy and practice.
- 3.4 HTNK alongside the Tāngata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee, agree there is a need to produce guiding policy that supports water services activity at HHDC, and that the appropriate mechanism to produce such a policy is co-design with Mana Whenua.
- 3.5 In September 2023 a working group was formed to progress the development of a Te Mana o Te Wai policy by first identifying a set of foundational principles. The working group is guided by HTNK Chairperson, Mike Paku, with the support of an independent external contractor and Council Officers.
- 3.6 The working group has focused on engagement (Appendix 1) with Mana Whenua to understand what Te Mana o Te Wai means to them, and their expectations for its implementation. In addition, the working group reviewed all Mana Whenua principles underpinning previous Council projects (Appendix 2) to ensure their approach was informed by whakaaro already determined by Mana Whenua.
- 3.7 This work has resulted in the identification of four universal principles or values to guide ongoing engagement with Mana Whenua and the development of the Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai policy.
- 3.8 On 20 March 2024 the working group presented an update to an informal gathering of HTNK. The four universal principles were endorsed and the working group were encouraged to continue with the project.

#### 4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 The scope of the intended policy is to guide and/or enforce operational expectations for council officers in their delivery of water services. It is not intended to be a community-facing policy although the relationships, partnership, and learnings gained from the development process may inform future planning at a community-facing level of Council’s business.
- 4.2 Since the genesis of this Te Mana o Te Wai policy kaupapa, HTNK has experienced shifts in its membership and the composition of the standing committee is largely changed from those who have previously led discussion relating to water issues.
- 4.3 It is important to acknowledge the historical input of Mana Whenua representatives alongside future input from Mana Whenua, and to emphasize the ongoing relevance of those historical contributions despite changes in HTNK membership.
- 4.4 Although this project was initially established to develop a Te Mana o Te Wai policy, it was clear from the outset that the foundation of any such policy must first be grounded in mutually understood and agreed principles and/or values.
- 4.5 For this reason, the focus of the working group has been to gain an understanding of *what* Te Mana o Te Wai is for Heretaunga Mana Whenua, and their expectations of Council for the implementation of Te Mana o Te Wai. The intent has been to honour the mana motuhake of Mana Whenua and apply their beliefs and expectations to form the foundation principles for an internal policy that guides officers in their delivery of water services.
- 4.6 The working group’s approach to policy design and development should not be interpreted as a stall in the policy process. Mana Whenua’s meaning of Te Mana o Te Wai and their expectations for its implementation provide a clear foundation and pathway forward in the policy cycle and material for the design phase *has* been gathered in the engagement process. The decision to delay commencing

the design phase has been to ensure mana whenua determination and the appropriate processes are being satisfied to achieve co-design.

- 4.7 Appendix 3 depicts the policy cycle and which phases have been completed, are in progress, and yet to commence. It is important to note that Mana Whenua engagement is a key component of *all* phases in the policy cycle.
- 4.8 The engagement work to date (**Appendix 1**) has largely focused on drawing out thoughts, beliefs, values, and expectations from Mana Whenua. The input and feedback received in hui was vast and varied but themes were easily identified. From the body of information and knowledge shared, matua Mike Paku surmised the following principles:
- Mātauranga Māori
  - Mana Atua
  - Mana Tangata
  - Mana Taiao
- 4.9 To provide context within this policy project, the essence of each principle has been loosely articulated. However, in line with the Māori world view, stringent definitions are avoided.
- Mātauranga Māori – the ancestral body of knowledge that underpins Te Ao Māori and how Tangata Whenua perceive and navigate the world. It includes the Māori world view and perspectives, Māori creativity and cultural practices. This principle forms the basis for how the other three principles are considered and applied in the context of Te Mana o Te Wai.
  - Mana Atua – the sacred and spiritual power of the atua and the influence they have over the domains of our natural world. Informs our perspective of wai and how to give effect to its mana and mauri.
  - Mana Tangata – the rights, status, and power of Tangata Whenua (people of this land) that pre-dates the colonization of Aotearoa. It refers to rangatiratanga and the right to participation and determination for natural taonga.
  - Mana Taiao – the inherent and sacred power of the natural world and elements. Closely linked to Mana Atua but refers more specifically to our explicit dependence on te taiao for our prosperity as humans.
- 4.10 It is believed these principles reflect not only a Mana Whenua perspective but transcend ideology and provide the basis for clear expectations in the delivery of water services at a council officer level.
- 4.11 With formal endorsement, the working group is positioned to complete scoping, prioritising, and planning the policy approach and move to the development phase (appendix 2) in continued partnership with Mana Whenua.

## 5.0 Options – Ngā Kōwhiringa

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

- 5.1 Formally endorse Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai and the four identified principles as the foundation for the development of the same-titled policy;
- Mātauranga Māori
  - Mana Atua
  - Mana Tangata
  - Mana Taiao

Advantages

- Endorsing the principles identified by Mana Whenua reaffirms their contributions and supports our ongoing relationship and partnership.
- Giving effect to these principles provides a solid foundation for buy-in from Mana Whenua.
- The principles are well-aligned to many of the principles identified and adopted for other council workstreams or activities.
- There is already a sense among council staff, Mana Whenua, HTNK and the Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint committee that these four principles (or future iterations of them) may guide policy and practice for other taiao or taiao-related activities in council, for example the Waste Minimization workstream.

#### Disadvantages

- The bureaucratic practice of codification is ubiquitous in local government. Though this phenomenon largely assists council operations by providing structure for their business, this practice contradicts the Māori world view where very little is categorized or classified. Adopting four key principles risks undermining the vastness of the Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai concept and may cause tension between the pakeha and Māori world views. Engagement to date has not identified this as a significant risk but it is important to note.

#### Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuetanga o nāianeī

- 5.2 It is widely acknowledged the status quo is not assisting Council or the communities it serves. To do nothing means to continue down a path of uncertainty and risk the relationships and trust of our Mana Whenua partners and communities.
- 5.3 The economics of the status quo are also costly to Council in all perspectives, not just reputationally.
- 5.4 To do nothing is not truly an option as it has been explicitly expressed by Mana Whenua and our communities that they expect improvement in this space.

### 6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

- 6.1 Formally endorse Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai and the four identified principles:
- Mātauranga Māori
  - Mana Atua
  - Mana Tāngata
  - Mana Taiao
- 6.2 Recommend to Council that they endorse Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai and the four identified principles as the foundation of the policy to be developed.
- 6.3 Recommend to Council they direct the working group to commence development of the policy in continued partnership with Mana Whenua.

#### Attachments:

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| <a href="#">1</a> | Appendix 1 - Timeline of Engagement                   | CG-17-5-00027 |
| <a href="#">2</a> | Appendix 2 - Policy cycle and progress through phases | CG-17-5-00028 |

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## Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

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### 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 environmental, cultural and social wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

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### Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

Because the essence of Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai is partnership and co-design with Mana Whenua, the content of this report document should be considered the Māori Impact Statement. Additionally, though the current government has not moved to repeal the legislative infrastructure which catalyzed this project, other changes to environmental legislation mean the need for local level Mana Whenua determination is greater than ever.

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### Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

If Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai is adopted by all parties, HHDC will have a solid foundation to meaningfully improve our water services policy and practice. The eventual implementation of a principles-based policy co-designed by Mana Whenua would serve our ability to improve other areas of our business, particularly in the taiao space.

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### Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

No financial considerations (currently contained within existing budgets).

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### Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of <Enter text> significance.

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

- 9 Oct. 2023 – Te Mana o Te Wai Symposium (external)
  - 10 Nov. 2023 – Te Mana o Te Wai cultural development day (internal)
  - 24 Jan. 2024 – Group Manager Asset Management endorsement hui (internal)
  - 5 Feb. 2024 – Mayor and CEO endorsement hui (internal)
  - 21 Feb. 2024 – HTN and Tangata Whenua Wastewater Committee workshop (internal and external)
  - 1 Mar. 2024 – Mana Whenua engagement hui (external)
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- 5 Mar. 2024 – Council workshop (internal)
- 20 Mar. 2024 – HTN informal endorsement hui (internal)

The working group also meets weekly on a Tuesday morning.

**Risks**

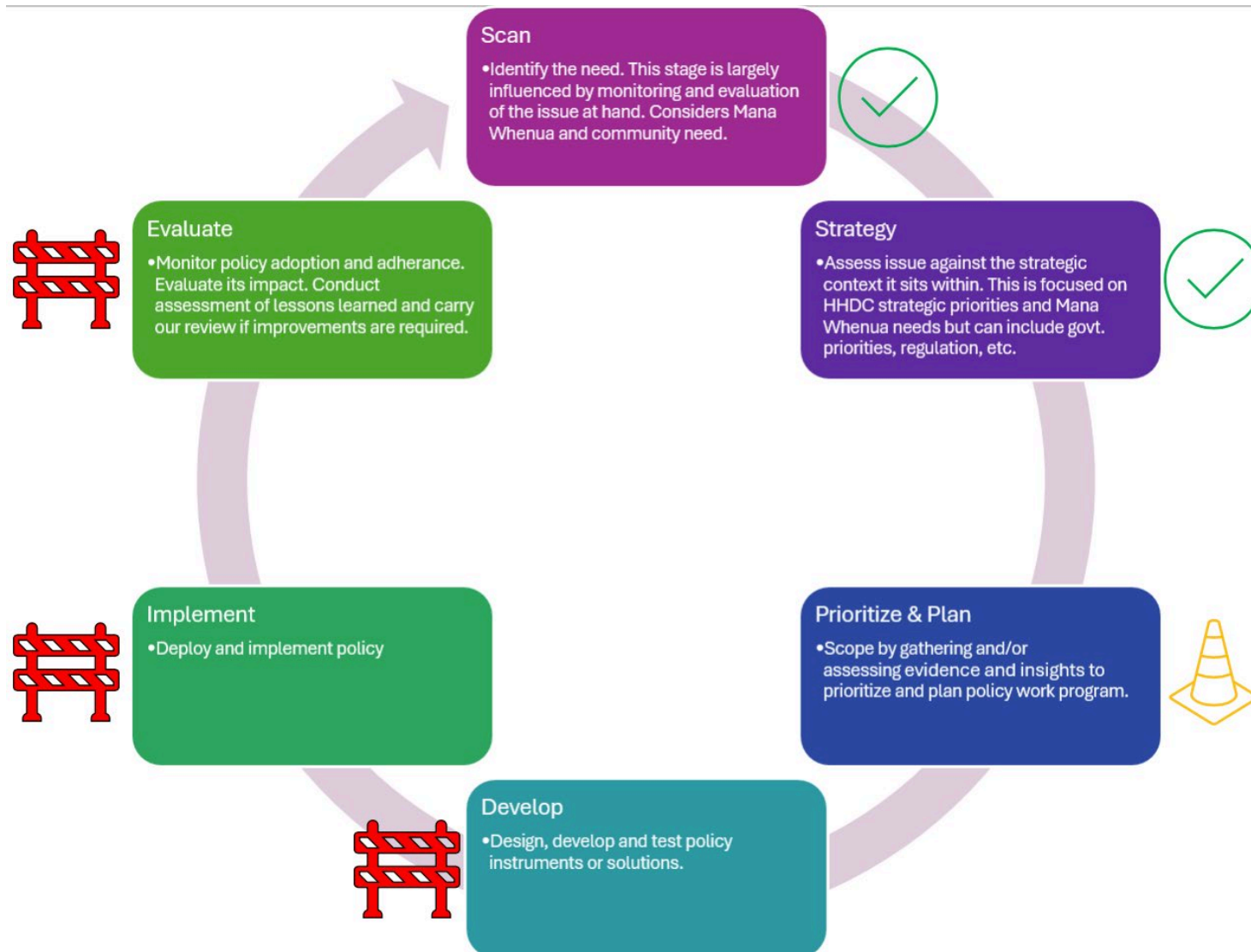
Opportunity: To improve the water services policy and practice of HHDC through meaningful and reciprocal partnership with Mana Whenua.

<i>REWARD – Te Utu</i>	<i>RISK – Te Tūraru</i>
<p>Enhanced trust and partnership between HHDC and Mana Whenua.            Meaningful policy that gives effect to Mātauranga Māori, Mana Atua, Mana Tangata, and Mana Taiao.            Enhanced water services and management practices that are culturally informed and sustainable, restorative, or regenerative.            Benefits to public safety by higher service standards and staff safety through enhanced reputational resilience.            Overall benefits to Council and communities through improvements across the social, economic, and environmental services.</p>	<p>Failure to act is the most significant risk in this space. If we do not walk alongside Mana Whenua and pursue culturally informed and sustainable, restorative, or regenerative improvements to water services delivery, we will continue to labour in this space from a reputational and service delivery perspective.</p>

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

The scope for the Waiaroha ki Te Mana o Te Wai policy project is to establish a framework that guides improvement for the delivery of water services of the municipal supply. Given this scope falls outside of the Rural Community Boards remit there are no required considerations. However, given the policy intends to establish the ‘principles of action’ associated with water and those principles may one day inform other taiao-related workstreams in Council, the Rural Community Board may have an interest in the future.







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*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

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**Nā:**  
**From:** Junior Tuakana, Environmental Planner (Policy)

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**Te Take:**  
**Subject:** Class 4 and TAB Venue Policies Presentation

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## **1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee to the Class 4 gambling and TAB venue policies presentation.
- 1.2 These two policies control TAB venues and gambling venues (pokies) in the district.
- 1.3 The feedback will be reported to the District Plan and Bylaws committee who are scheduled to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.

## **2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga**

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting receive the report titled Class 4 and TAB venue policies presentation dated 8 May 2024.

## **3.0 Background – Te Horopaki**

- 3.1 The Gambling Act 2003 requires that a territorial authority adopt a class 4 venue policy and must complete a review of a policy within 3 years after the policy is adopted and then within 3 years after that review and each subsequent review is completed. The review process enables the community to provide feedback to the Council on how gambling, and the council's venue policy, are affecting the community.

- 3.2 The Racing Act 2003 requires that a territory authority adopt an agency policy (TAB venue policy) and must complete a review of a policy within 3 years after the policy is adopted and then within 3 years after that review and each subsequent review is completed. The review process provides the opportunity for the community to provide information to the Council on how gambling and the council's venue policy are affecting the community.
- 3.3 Both the Gambling Act and Racing Act requires that the proposed policy review be subject to the Special Consultative Procedure as set out the Local Government Act 2002. Community feedback will be sought and will be used in the assessment of the proposed gambling policies.

#### **4.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua***

The proposed timeline is as follows and is subject to change:

- 4.1 The same presentation is taken to the District Plan and Bylaws Committee seeking feedback and direction (29<sup>th</sup> May 2024)
- 4.2 Public Notice for submissions will open (Early June).
- 4.3 Notice and submission forms will be delivered to all three libraries.
- 4.4 There will be the ability to submit feedback online through my voice my choice.
- 4.5 Council's website and Facebook page will be linked to an online submission process.
- 4.6 Public notices will be in the Hawke's Bay Today, Hastings Leader and the Havelock North Village Press (as are accessible to the community).
- 4.7 Submission period ends (early July) with a month for officer to process submission.
- 4.8 Council hearing date to be set for (early August).
- 4.9 Decision of policies to be released two weeks after conclusion of hearing.

#### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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*Nā:*  
From: **Alex Mabin, Public Spaces Policy Planner**

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*Te Take:*  
Subject: **Hikanui Pā, Tainui Reserve - Tree Removals and Revegetation update**

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## **1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga***

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on works being undertaken to address damage to Hikanui Pā, a registered archaeological site in Tainui Reserve, Havelock North, following damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- 1.2 Works to remove the remaining tree stand approved by Council on 14 November 2023, as described to the Committee on 15 November 2023, are now complete.
- 1.3 Volunteers to form a Care Group to participate in the indigenous revegetation of the site are being called for.

## **2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga***

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Hikanui Pā, Tainui Reserve - Tree Removals and Revegetation update dated 8 May 2024.

## **3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki***

- 3.1 The background to these works is set out in the report to the Committee dated 15 November 2023. In summary, Hikanui Pā is a registered archaeological site located within Tainui Reserve and a site of high cultural significance. During Cyclone Gabrielle the site was severely damaged by failure of mature trees. On 14 November 2023 following consideration of archaeological and arboricultural reports Council resolved to remove the remaining tree stand to remove risk of tree failure and further damage to the site. The removals are to be followed by installation of geotextile matting

and indigenous revegetation to stabilise the site and ensure continued safe public access to the area.



Image 1: Failed tree, Hikanui Pā interior



Image 2: Tree removals / area of revegetation



## 4.0 Discussion – Te Matapakitanga

4.1 The following works have been undertaken since the 15 November 2023 report to the Committee:

- Archaeological Authority obtained from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for the works.
- Treescape completed the removals with works supervised by Archaeology Hawke’s Bay.
- Removals were undertaken using a mixed methodology: ground extraction from the flanks and in the most highly sensitive areas on the interior of the pā a helicopter lifted 42 trees from standing.



*Image 3: Hikanui Pā, nearing completion of tree removals*

4.2 Following completion of the removals the following steps are being undertaken:

- Installation of a mix of natural and synthetic geotextile matting. A geotechnical engineer has specified matting, minimising use only on critical areas. This is a small percentage of the total area, supporting the site while vegetation establishes. These areas will then be hydroseeded to extend vegetation cover.
- Officers have worked with Tyne Nelson (Ngāi Toroiwaho, Ngāti Whatuiāpiti) taiao restoration specialist, together with Rob McGowan, to develop an indigenous revegetation planting plan. Seeds and forest duff have been eco-sourced from remaining stands of ngāhere in Hawke’s Bay such as Mohi Bush. Planting will commence in
- Council is forming a Care Group to assist with the revegetation.
- Information signage will be placed on the site for visitors.

4.3 Trees on the site were assessed and confirmed as not appropriate for customary carving. The trees were disposed of to enable a financial return to Council, primarily exported where they met the appropriate standard with the remaining trees sold to firewood supply companies. Stumps and stems remaining on site will be utilised where possible for habitat creation.

4.4 Any further works on and around the site will be confirmed following completion of the review of the existing Reserve Management Plan for the Havelock North hills reserves which commenced in 2021 (currently on hold).

## 5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

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

5.1 This report is for information purposes only and therefore the recommendation is that the Committee receives the report.

## 6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

6.1 Revegetation will commence in winter 2024, following installation of geotextile matting.

### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

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

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*Te Take:*  
Subject: **Government Announcements regarding Māori Wards**

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

- 1.1 This report summarises recent announcements from the Minister of Local Government regarding proposed changes to the process for the establishment of Māori Wards within Local Government.
- 1.2 The Government intends to proceed with legislative change with the result that any local authority who has established Māori Wards or have resolved to establish Māori Wards will have the option to disestablish those wards prior to the 2025 elections.
- 1.3 The Government has also announced that local authorities that opt to retain Māori Wards will be required to hold a binding poll at the 2025 local elections if they established Māori Wards without holding a poll. The result of that poll will take effect from the 2028 local elections and will be in place for 2 triennial elections (2028 and 2031).
- 1.4 Essentially, the proposals if enacted, will repeal the Māori wards legislation of the previous Government and re-instate the poll provisions for establishing Māori Wards. Currently, councils can establish Māori Wards via a Council resolution.
- 1.5 The proposed changes will affect 45 councils across the country, including Hastings District Council which established Māori Wards in accordance with the current provisions.
- 1.6 Indicative timeframes advised by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) are that the Local Government Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill ('The Bill') will be introduced in late May 2024 with plans for enactment by July 2024. DIA advise that councils can provide feedback to DIA and the Minister of Local Government and there will be an opportunity to make submissions via a Select Committee process.

- 1.7 On 23 April 2024, Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst wrote to the two local Members of Parliament; Catherine Wedd and Katie Nimon outlining Hastings District Council's concerns with the Government proposals; a copy of that letter is attached (**Attachment 1**). This letter demonstrates that the Council has been dedicated and consistent in its support of the establishment of Māori Wards and a fair process in which these can be enabled.
- 1.8 Officers will be maintaining a watching brief on this issue and are available to support preparations in response to the Bill once this is introduced.

## 2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting receive the report titled Government Announcements regarding Māori Wards dated 8 May 2024.

### Attachments:

- 1 [↓](#) Letter from Mayor to Local MP's re: Māori Wards CG-17-5-00030



## MAYOR'S OFFICE

File Ref: CG-07-5-3-24-801

23 April 2024

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Dear Catherine and Katie,

I am contacting you in response to the recent announcement by Minister of Local Government Simeon Brown regarding legislation that will change the ability of councils to introduce and/or retain Māori wards.

This proposed change is particularly concerning for Hastings, which already has Māori wards, given the comprehensive public consultation and consideration carried out prior to their introduction in our district. I've included the timeline of that process below, to illustrate the depth and breadth of that consultation.

The introduction of Māori wards in Hastings, thereby increasing Māori representation around the Council table, has positively impacted our partnership with iwi, and added cultural and well-being considerations from different perspectives to our discussions that may otherwise not have occurred. There have been no downsides and there has been no negative feedback from residents on this matter.

To my mind, there is no difference between having Māori wards and having rural wards (which we also have) – both are minority populations that may otherwise not have a voice at the decision-making table. In both cases, having a poll would doubtlessly disadvantage the minority group which could or would be overwhelmed by voters in the majority.

I would ask that in your capacity as our local MPs you strongly represent Hastings stance that the introduction (or not) and retention of Māori wards should be a matter for local councils and their communities, not central Government.

### Background

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.

In **2018**, I wrote to then President of Local Government New Zealand, Mayor Dave Cull, with respect to removing the poll for Māori Wards and Constituencies. I have outlined below for you the content of this letter as my thoughts remain the same:

*HDC would like to add its full support to the removal of s197A – 192G 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 HDC Māori Joint Committee and Council gave consideration to the establishment of Māori Wards. The matter has 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 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.*

*HDC 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.*

*In conclusion, HDC 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.*

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

This was an historic and joyous moment for Hastings District Council and our community, in particular for local iwi and hapū.

Making this decision was a very real opportunity to demonstrate true partnership of the Treaty of Waitangi. The decision set the scene and put in place the mechanisms for our future generations to work in harmony. Personally, I was very proud that Council grasped this opportunity.

This decision meant a representation review was required, with that process beginning in August 2021.

### 2022 Local Body Elections – Election of the first Māori Ward Councillors

The 2022 local body triennial elections included the election of Council's three inaugural Māori Ward councillors for one singular 'Takitimu' Māori Ward covering the entire Hastings District. As intended, the Māori Ward councillors have strengthened Council's understanding of Māori matters and increased our diversity of thought as a governance team. Our Māori community can see that Māori representation around the governance table, reinforcing to our rangitahi Māori that being included in local government governance is an option for them in the future supporting future Māori representation and participation.

### 2024 – New Proposals to reinstate polls to establish Māori Wards

As you can see, Council has been dedicated and consistent in its support of the establishment of Māori Wards and a fair process in which this can be enabled.

My Council and I are concerned about the recent proposals announced by the Minister of Local Government as they appear to be 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 we have just recently seen the fruits of this through 40 Councils around New Zealand establishing Māori Wards across the country. I reiterate that I am reaching out to you as our Local MPs to outline our concerns and I would welcome an opportunity to talk about these matters in person.

Ngā Mihi,



Sandra Hazlehurst  
**Mayor**  
**Koromatua**  
**Te Kaunihera-ā-rohe o Heretaunga**

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# 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 8 May 2024.

### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.