

Tuhituhi o ngā Mahi O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held via audio visual link (Zoom)
on Thursday 11 August 2022, commencing at 11.00am - 2.00pm

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Marty Robinson
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene
Councillor Jack Craw
Councillor Colin Kitchen
Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Penny Smart
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Juliane Chetham
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Whati Rameka (*Nora Rameka attended part meeting*)
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley
Te Roroa, Thomas Hohaia
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake
Councillor Terry Archer
Ngātiwai Trust Board, William Sullivan

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement
Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services
Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori – Māori Relationships Manager
Kaiārahi Tikanga Māori
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Chief Executive Officer
Policy and Planning Manager
Policy Specialist
Policy Specialist (Freshwater)
Delaraine Armstrong, Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group
Paul Beverley, Buddle Findlay
Raheera Douglas, Whaia Legal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

Karakia / Whakatau

Co-Chair Pita Tipene opened with karakia in the tāngata whenua members' caucus session prior to the formal meeting.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Councillor Justin Blaikie
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Councillor Joce Yeoman
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Mariameno Kapa-Kingi
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua, Alan Riwaka
Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, Lynette Wharerau
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Waimarie Kingi

Nga whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Record of Actions – 14 July 2022 (Item 4.1)

It was agreed that the record of actions was an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

The action sheet was received.

Te Tiriti Organisational Review (Health Check) (Item 4.3)

Independent assessors, Buddle Findlay (Paul Beverley) and Whaia Legal (Raheera Douglas), held an NRC Te Tiriti organisational review workshop with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party members (no staff were present). The kōrero from this and other workshops, kaitiaki interviews, a staff survey and a desktop review will form the basis of a draft report from the assessors. TTMAC, the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) and Executive Leadership Team will provide feedback on the draft report to ensure that the integrity and mana of the voices have been accurately captured, before it is presented to council's September meeting.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Secretarial Note: When staff re-joined the meeting after Item 4.3, the new Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services, Ruben Wylie was introduced. Ruben replaces Jonathan (Jono) Gibbard as Pou Tiaki Taiao. Jono has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer and starts on 1 October 2022.

‘Tāiki e’ (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) (Item 4.4)

Members received the report advising that council had formally adopted ‘Tāiki e’ (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) (Tāiki e) and took time to acknowledge the robust process and effort taken to reach this important milestone. They reflected on how the name *Tāiki e* encapsulates council's ongoing commitment to a Te Tiriti based partnership with tangata whenua and is an Implementation Plan which clearly outlines how council can deliver on its commitments under Te

Tiriti o Waitangi. A key focus of the discussion was about how Tāiki E would transition from strategy to execution through the Long Term Plan process, the new council's induction, monitoring performance indicators and completion of the implementation plans for the remaining Ngā Whaingā in the TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021 – 2040 of Water/Marine, Climate Crisis and Economic Development.

Agreed action points:

- That staff update Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) on the more detailed implementation planning being undertaken on Tāiki E and seek endorsement for it at TTMAC's September meeting.

Hapū/Iwi Environmental Management Plans (HEMPs) (Item 4.5)

Members received the report which advised that applications have opened for \$30,000 of contestable funding from 27 July to 7 September 2022. Further information about the fund, which provides financial and technical support for hapū and iwi doing their resource management plans, can be found at [Nga Whakamahere o Te Taiao - Iwi/Hapū Management Plans - Northland Regional Council \(nrc.govt.nz\)](https://www.nrc.govt.nz). Member were encouraged to let their iwi and hapū know about the funding.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Secretarial Note: Item 4.8 was addressed following Item 4.5.

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group update (Item 4.6)

The Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) Co-Chair, Delaraine Armstrong, provided an update on TWWAG's Stage 2 mahi and highlighted some draft recommendations regarding tāngata whenua engagement on the Freshwater Plan Change (see Item 4.7A). One of these was holding a tāngata whenua-led Freshwater Symposium, to help provide integration and clarification for all the water-related changes that are happening, including 3 waters reform, climate change, essential freshwater and the freshwater plan change, and have it supported/resourced by different agencies and councils. TTMAC members supported this and having a water-focused workshop at the next TTMAC meeting. Other key discussion included TWWAG's upcoming wananga at Ngararatunua Marae with external tohunga, the need to provide different methods of engagement for different audiences, understanding overlapping pieces of work, and how TWWAG's advice will be implemented. TTMAC members acknowledged and thanked TWWAG for their mahi.

Agreed action points:

- That the next Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) meeting include a workshop explaining the different Freshwater related activities and changes for TTMAC members.

Freshwater Plan - tangata whenua engagement (Item 4.7)

Secretarial Note: Item 4.7 was replaced by 4.7A, which was circulated as a supplementary item because the recommendations in the report were finalised after the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party agenda had been compiled for distribution.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group recommendations on Freshwater Plan Change engagement (Item 4.7A)

Members received the report, noting it was useful to be provided with context around barriers to engagement as well as multiple ways to engage with different people. A key question was about what happened to the advice after it was endorsed by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party and taken to council.

Agreed action points:

- Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party endorsed that the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) Stage 2 Engagement Recommendations on how to engage with tangata whenua on the Freshwater Plan Change be presented to council.

Reports from other working party and groups (Item 4.8)

The report was received and taken as read. Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) members provided additional comments on the Te Tiriti organisational review and Regional Policy Statement mahi. Clr Crow provided highlights and acknowledgements to staff and members from the last Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party. Clr Macdonald noted that the [Aotearoa New Zealand's first national adaptation plan | Ministry for the Environment](#) had been released on 3 August 2022 and there was a specific publication for Māori: [Climate action for Māori | Ministry for the Environment](#). She also welcomed the newly appointed TTMAC representatives on the Climate Change Working Party.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 4.9)

The report was received and taken as read, with discussion about the transition for both the new Chief Executive, and for the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party when the new council is elected.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.50pm.