

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

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei and via audio visual link  
on Thursday 13 February 2025, commencing at 9.30am - 3.00pm (meeting)

### **Tuhinga (Present):**

Chair (NRC) Geoff Crawford  
Co-Chair, NRC (Deputy Chair) Tui Shortland  
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene  
Councillor Amy Macdonald  
Councillor Jack Craw  
Councillor Peter-Lucas Jones  
Councillor Rick Stolwerk  
Kahukuraariki Trust Board Geraldine Baker  
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake  
Ngāti Kuta Michelle Elboz  
Ngāti Tara, Mahue Greaves  
Patuharakeke Iwi Trust Board Julianne Chetham  
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka  
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, George Riley  
Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Bree Davis  
Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Nyze Manuel  
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley  
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari

### **I Tae Mai (In Attendance):**

#### **Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)**

Kaiāwhina Kaupapa Māori Technical Advisors  
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement  
Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement  
Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity  
Pou Tiaki Taiao – GM Environmental Services  
Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer

#### **Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)**

Economic Policy Advisor  
Economist  
Kaiāwhina Tari  
Kaihāpai Kaupapa Māori  
Emergency Management Specialist

The iwi and hapū caucus commenced 9.30am with a karakia led by Co-Chair Pita Tipene and a mihi by George Riley which acknowledged the previous week's Waitangi Day commemorations.

### **Karakia / Whakatau**

## **Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)**

## **Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)**

Councillor Joe Carr  
Councillor John Blackwell  
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Aperahama Edwards  
Te Roroa, Delilah Te Aōrere Parore-Southon  
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Niki Conrad  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Alan Riwaka  
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Abe Witana  
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly  
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Takapari, Ripeka Read  
Te Whakaminenga o te Hikutu Hapū-Whanau Lynette Wharerau

## **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 November 2024 (Item 4.1)**

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

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

## **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)**

The action sheet was received.

**Agreed action points:**

- Amend the colour of the Māori technical expertise action to yellow for **In Progress**.

## **Tāiki ē - Report on Priority Actions (Item 4.3)**

The action sheet was received. Key discussion points included:

- That the next steps regarding marine protection be to organise a workshop and engage with the iwi and hapū who have expressed interest
- That prior to workshopping, staff prepare an outline of the legislative framework, process and hurdles of a Plan Change, the iwi/hapū who have expressed interest, and then kōrero about whether it's a ratepayer initiative and combine efforts to do a collective plan change.
- Support for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and funding them was expressed, as well as the impact of MPAs on rāhui.

**Agreed action points:**

- Staff to prepare a paper on Marine Protected Areas and rāhui for the March meeting of the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
- Staff to organise a workshop on marine protection at a future TTMAC meeting.

## **Revised terms of reference for Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (Item 4.4)**

This paper presented the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC), incorporating recommendations from the TTMAC Strategic Review Group meeting on 10 February 2025 which reconsidered attendance and meeting frequencies. Key discussion points:

- That there be two amendments to the revised terms of reference: adding Kahukuraariki Trust to the list of iwi and deleting the map at the back because it's inaccurate and membership is already detailed in the body of the document
- That the TTMAC Strategic Review Group will reconvene to look at membership.

### **Agreed action points:**

- That the revised terms of reference be amended as follow and then taken to the next council meeting for adoption:
  - Adding Kahukuraariki Trust to the list of iwi
  - Deleting the map at the back as it's inaccurate and membership is already detailed in the body of the document
- That the TTMAC Strategic Review Group reconvene to discuss membership.

## **Regional Deals: Northland councils' response to the government's invitation (Item 4.5)**

This paper updated members on the central government's Regional Deals initiative and Northland local government's response. Members were advised that a proposal for the entire Northland region, based on Te Rerenga (Te Taitokerau Northland's Economic Wellbeing Pathway), would be submitted by the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (JREDC) which comprises representatives of all four Te Taitokerau councils. The proposal focused on four key themes: future energy, primary and associated manufacturing, marine manufacturing, and tourism. The submission deadline was 28 February. Key discussion points included:

- Concerns about iwi and hapū not seeing themselves reflected in the process, which could be addressed by including iwi and hapū in the JREDC and/or having JREDC members workshop items with them.
- The lack of iwi and hapū representation was recognised, highlighting the difficulty of aligning the four councils, managing commercially sensitive details, and the rushed timeline over the Christmas break, which hindered broader engagement with iwi and hapū.
- The submission recognises the need for broader governance that includes iwi and hapū, should the region be selected.
- The importance of balancing environmental protection with economic development while maintaining strong relationships with iwi/hapū was also recognised. The way government processes were unfolding added tension to relationships in the region.
- That a workshop be held to establish principles for entering regional deals and clarifying the governance role of tangata whenua and project types (e.g. exclude gambling, arms, etc) before the submission deadline of 28 February 2025 to ensure comprehensive input and representation.
- Concern was expressed about the value of a meeting before JREDC given the limited influence it may have on the submission and that there would be no further information about the projects due to commercial sensitivity.

**Agreed action points:**

- Hold a workshop from 10.00am – 1.00pm on the following Thursday, 20 February 2025.

**Wānanga Waioira presentation (Item .16)**

Event organiser, Whangaroa Taiao (Nyze Manuel) provided an update on the event, confirming the date of 26 March 2025 at the Tahuaroa Centre, Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Whangaroa Taiao is managing relationships with kaitiaki, presenters and sponsors, with a pānui to be sent in the next week to relevant channels and kaitiaki networks with a registration link. The focus remains on keeping the event locally driven for hapū and kaitiaki to share their stories and expertise, and for key stakeholders to listen and support.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

**Te Tiriti Health Check - update (Item 4.6)**

This report provided an update on the Tiriti Health Check (THC) programme, and proposed guiding questions for the workshops scheduled in February and March 2025. Due to time constraints, the questions could not be fully addressed so it was proposed to hold a combined workshop, rather than council having a separate workshop. The consensus was that combined workshops are more effective when conducted cooperatively from the outset. The importance of maintaining alignment of workshops throughout the process was emphasised.

**Agreed action points:**

- Staff to consider how the process could be simplified and discuss the process with the independent consultants and Te Tiriti Health Check subgroup.

**Annual report process (Item 4.7)**

This report sought guidance on preparing an annual report for Tāiki ē, highlighting achievements, case studies, and outcomes, with the draft to be presented around June. Staff have collated three years of work reported via the Chief Executive's report to council and the TTMAC pānui Te Karere o Te Raki. Nominations of 4-6 iwi and hapū members to share stories and successes related to Tāiki ē strategic priorities were sought for inclusion in the report.

**Agreed action points:**

- Staff to create an engagement plan for gathering stories from the following nominated iwi and hapū for inclusion in the Annual Report:
  - Michelle (Barb) Elboz – Caulerpa, Predator Free
  - Nora Rameka – Ngāti Rehia, Mana Whakahono a Rohe
  - Pita Tipene – Jobs for Nature, Te Papa Pa Orooro
  - Nyze Manuel – Wananga Waioira, Kaitiaki network
  - Niki Conrad – mahi with Te Aupōuri.

**Māori Technical Advisory Group - update (Item 4.8)**

The report was taken as read. Key discussion points:

- The appointment and work of Harbour Wardens is a significant benefit to communities.
- The Te Karearea meeting on 20 November at Takahiwai Marae which TTMAC members were invited to, was acknowledged as valuable.

**Agreed action points:** Nil.

### **Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 4.9)**

The report was taken as read. Key discussion points included:

- Appreciation of the tables, particularly those related to water.
- The severe impact of Madagascar Ragwort weed, which can cause a 50% loss in production farming and is toxic to cows and horses. A Top of the North group has been formed to address the issue, and potential use of a Controlled Area Notice to prevent the spread of the weed has been discussed but there are high costs to such measures. Efforts are being made to secure funding for research, particularly on biological controls. Opportunities for Far North Māori farm owners to engage were outlined, including spraying and workshops.
- When the possibility of bringing councillors together at Te Karearea was raised, it was noted that past discussions about coordinating with district councils was challenging without strong political direction.

**Agreed action points:** Nil

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 12.33pm, with karakia by Mike Kake**