

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

Huihuinga o Te Poari o

Te Oneroa-A-Tōhe

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board

Friday 18 July 2025 at 10:00 am

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē



Rārangi Take o Te Poari (Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Agenda)

Meeting to be held in the Banquet Room, Te Ahu Centre
cnr State Highway 1 & Matthews Ave, Kaitaia
on Friday 18 July 2025, commencing at 10:00 am

Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

NGĀ MANA WHAKAHAERE (MEMBERSHIP OF THE TE ONEROA-A-TŌHE BOARD)

Chair, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Lisa McNab

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| Ngāti Kuri Trust Board Graeme Noho | Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri Trust Harata Brown | NgaiTakoto Wallace Rivers |
| FNDC Mayor Moko Tepania | Deputy Chair, FNDC Hilda Halkyard-Harawira | |
| NRC Councillor, Marty Robinson | NRC Councillor, Joe Carr | |

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TITLE: Confirmation of Minutes - 23 May 2025


From: Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 15 July 2025

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

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Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board
23 May 2025

Ngā Minitī o Te Poari o Te Oneroa-A-Tōhe Te Oneroa-A-Tōhe Board Minutes

Meeting held in the Banquet Room, Te Ahu Centre
cnr State Highway 1 & Matthews Ave, Kaitaia
on Friday 23 May 2025, commencing at 10:00 am

Tuhinga (Present):

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| Chairperson, Lisa McNab | Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa |
| Graeme Noho | Ngāti Kuri Trust Board <i>(via audio visual link)</i> |
| Wallace Rivers | Ngāi Takoto |
| Harata Brown | Te Aupōuri |
| Deputy Chair Hilda Halkyard-Harawira | Far North District Council |
| Mayor Moko Tepania | Far North District Council |
| Marty Robinson | NRC Councillor |
| Joe Carr | NRC Councillor <i>(via audio visual link)</i> |

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

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| George Riley | Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa |
| Theresa Burkhardt | Ngāti Kuri Technical Steering Representative |
| Auriele Ruka | NRC Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and |
| Engagement | |
| Kim Peita | Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori - Māori Relationships |
| Sheila Taylor | Tehuiaconsulting |
| Meloney Tupou | NRC Māori Relationships |
| Sandra Harris | NRC Environmental Services |
| Llani Harding | FNDC Pouhautu Te Hono - Manager Te Hono |
| Niki Conrad | Te Rūnanga o Te Aupōuri |

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.00am

Karakia Whakamoemiti Timatanga – George Riley/Matua Graeme Noho

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Nil

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Nga whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.
Harata Brown and Niki Conrad – Te Aupōuri Committee of Management Waka Te Hāua-Taiāpure

Confirmation of Minutes - 21 February 2025 (Item 4.1)

Report from Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Moved (Halkyard-Harawira/Robinson)

That the minutes of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board meeting held on 21 February, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Secretarial Note:

The Secretariat will amend the list of attendees in the meeting minutes from February 2025

Amend Commissioners - clarity regarding For making good decisions.

Financial Report (Item 5.1)

Report from Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Moved (Robinson/Halkyard-Harawira)

That the report 'Financial Report' by Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin and dated 19 May 2025, be received.

Carried

May 2025 workplan update (Item 5.2)

Report from Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'May 2025 workplan update' by Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori and dated 19 May 2025, be received.

FNDC Pouhautu Te Hono and NRC Tehuiaconsulting delivered their respective updates on the Workplan, outlining current progress and next steps.

"Use of Public Places Bylaw" revoked in 2017 (work in progress)

- **Action** – FNDC 2 Frameworks in place Ka Irihia and Te Pae o Uta and NRC in regard to Regional Plan.
- NRC Policy Specialist to meet with Te Aupōuri in regard to Sites of Significance. NRC Regional Plan Change representatives will attend July meeting for clarification

Vehicles Safety on Beaches – NZTA have not updated FNDC. (work in progress)

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District Plan Change – goes to new council May 2026 for signing. Council will then decide on what the commissioners have put forward. (work in progress)

Environmental Iwi Hapū Management Plans (IHEMP) – FNDC can distribute to Iwi Board Members as requested.

Resource Consent – Look at an independent body to support the Board.

- **Action** - NRC provide report at July meeting.
- **Technical Steering Group (TSG)** to establish a process for reviewing and integrating resource consent applications and providing updates to Beach Board.

Commissioners Process – NRC is still working through the process of finalising the guidelines related to Resource Consent.

- The Chair requested that NRC and FNDC connect and collaborate to ensure a collective and unified approach to the development and implementation of the guidelines.
- **Action** - Ngāti Kuri Technical Steering Representative to collate a Te Hiku Commissioners list and generic list for the July 2025 meeting.

Aero Club – Board discussed views regarding request to use the Beach for Training and Activities. Board would like to research further and made it clear that decision making not be a contradiction.

- Include this discussion in the next workshop, to be held alongside work on the Regional Plan.

Spat Collectors

Spat Collectors met at Taipa during the week Iwi Board members attended and updated the Board. Ongoing harvesting of Spat is a concern to the Board.

- Current Mechanism is there is a voluntary code of practice amongst Spat Harvesters, there is a gap between what is regulated to them.
 - Spat collectors have permits but unsure if they have resource consent.
- Iwi met with Te Ohu Kaimoana. Longterm plan is Iwi agree they want to be kaitiaki regarding Spat Harvesting on Te Oneroa-a-Tohe.
 - Currently code of Practice is voluntary and being breached - concerned areas are damage 5km restriction in the water, damage done above and under water, tyre impact and pollution.
- Spat Collectors do lack understanding the Statutory status of the Board.
- **Actions**
 - Board request The Official Information Act report from Kaimoana from the 2 day wananga.
 - Once the report from the Kaimoana Board is received and reviewed, the Beach Board will initiate a conversation with Aquaculture New Zealand and Te Ohu Kaimoana.
- Board made aware Fisheries order for the Bluff recognises Waka-te-hāua Taiāpure Committee Management for Fisheries of a particular area, it is different to the Beach Board and has overlapping authority managing Fisheries.

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GIS Platform

The GIS Zealandia representative has provided an update to the Chair regarding the GIS platform. The Board expressed concern about where mātauranga is being stored and how it is being protected. The Chair will advise Zealandia that, after careful consideration, the Beach Board has chosen not to move forward at this time.

Ngā Puawaitanga o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe

- *Concerns were raised by Board members regarding both the purpose and the funding of the initiative. While provision has been made, no final determination has been reached. The proposed funding would support iwi-led research within their respective rōhe as mana whenua in the reserves of A, B, C, and D.*
- *Ngā Puawai expressed a commitment to ensuring transparency by confirming that all applications will be submitted to the Beach Board for approval.*

ACTIONS

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| 1. | Use of Public Places Bylaw - FNDC have 2 Frameworks in place Ka Irihia and Te Pae o Uta and NRC Regional Plan. How do they relate back to the Rautaki. | FNDC and NRC |
| 2. | Resource Consent - NRC to provide a report/process that supports to the Board. | NRC |
| 3. | Te Hiku Commissioners list and generic list - Collate a Te Hiku approved list and generic Commissioners list. | Ngāti Kuri Technical Steering Representative |
| 4. | OIA Report - Board request The Official Information Act report from Kaimoana from the 2 day Spat Collectors wananga. | Beach Board |
| 5. | Follow-up - Once the report from the Kaimoana Board is received and reviewed, the Beach Board will initiate a conversation with Aquaculture New Zealand and Te Ohu Kaimoana. | Beach Board |

Whakamoemiti Whakamutunga: The meeting concluded at 12.37pm Whakamoemiti by George Riley.

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UNCONFIRMED

TITLE: July 2025 workplan update

From: Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 15 July 2025

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This paper is to provide an update to the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board on the progress of the rautaki workplan.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'July 2025 workplan update' by Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori and dated 10 July 2025, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe articulates the desired outcomes, objectives and actions for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (the beach). These outcomes, objectives and actions were developed by Te Oneroa a-Tōhe Board (the Board) to realise the need to protect and care for the beach now and into the future. This workplan looks at the progress being made against the short-term and priority action items contained within Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

Summary of workplan

The beach plan identifies 54 key action items that will assist in achieving the Boards vision, values outcomes and objectives for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe beach management area. Of these 54 action items, 18 are a priority to be completed in the short term (39% of the action items contained in the plan).

A further eight action items have been identified as a priority due to their association with a proposed regional policy statement, regional plan change, or district plan change process update. Although these seven action items are not classified with a short-term delivery time frame, it may be more practicable for councils to fulfil their obligations in relation to these action items by completing them alongside other action items with short term delivery timeframes.


Priority action items


Below is a summary of the number and percentage of priority action items for each value identified in the beach plan. From this analysis, it is evident that the primary focus of the Boards 2021 workplan will be on enhancing the values of Ngā Ture Wairua | Spiritual Value and Ngā Kaiārahi | Leadership (65% of priority action items).

| Analysis of priority action items by value | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Value | Total number of action items | Number of priority action items | Priority % |
| Ngā Ture Wairua Spiritual Value | 13 | 10 | 77% |
| Ngā Kaiārahi Leadership | 14 | 7 | 50% |
| Ecology and Biodiversity | 7 | 2 | 29% |

| Analysis of priority action items by value | | | |
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| Mahi Oranga Economic Wellbeing | 3 | 1 | 33% |
| Kaupapa Whakahirahira Recreation | 8 | 2 | 25% |
| Whakakotahitanga Collaboration | 7 | 3 | 43% |
| Maātauranga Education | 2 | 1 | 50% |
| Total action items | 54 | 26 | 48% |

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Attachment 1 Workplan update July 2025 [↓](#) 

Attachment 2: Attachment 2 Workplan priority action items [↓](#) 

| Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Workplan Update - July 2025 | | | | | Status |
|---|--|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | | | | On track |
| | | | | | Potential delay |
| | | | | | Delayed |
| Agents | Activity | Action items | Responsible | Commentary | Expected delivery |
| The board | Mechanical mussel spat harvesting | A34. | The board | Direction required for TSG to progress this action item. | direction required |
| | Technical Steering Group Terms of Reference | | | Updates have been provided to Chair. Awaiting confirmation of next steps | Aug-25 |
| MPI/Fisheries | Fisheries signage at on/off ramps | A26. A27. | unknown | Board directive required | Dec-24 |
| Te Hiku Iwi | Explaining the values and significance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua | A8. | | Partially drafted - Prepare the information necessary for explaining the values and significance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape, and the activities that may have adverse effects on them, for the purposes of this information going into the regional and district plans as outlined in A9. | 90% complete |
| | Speed signage | A38. | NTA | Support for placement of signage remains unpaid voluntary support. | Completed |
| | Map/List of Māori placenames | A5. | | Drafted not agreed - In partnership with Iwi, maintain a list/map with correct Māori place names and their history on the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe website. | Aug-25 |
| | Development of paper on mauri | A13. | | The Board will work with Iwi to develop a paper on mauri, to inform proposed changes to regional and district plans, bylaws and other relevant documents that relate to the beach management area. | Aug-25 |
| | Approved commissioners | A18. | Iwi representatives | Iwi representatives to agree on list of preferred hearing commissioners. | Sept-24 |
| | Te Puawaitangi o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe | A5. A6. A8. A13. A19. A25. A29. A30. A32. A34. | Te Puawaitanga | Nga Puawai Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe has been a catalyst for the delivery of many action items within the rautaki. Funding to support some of the iwi deliverables has been secured via Access 2 Experts. Other funding avenues are currently being considered. | Jun-25 |
| NRC | Regional Plan Change | A6. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Provide GIS mapping expertise and templates to support Iwi, Hapū and whānau to identify wāhi tapu and sites of significance in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, for the purposes of include | Completed |
| | Regional Plan Change | A7. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Work continues on the plan change documentation - Include sites identified in A6 in the regional and district plans for protection as relevant. - | Dec-25 |
| | Regional Plan Change | A9. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Drafted not approved - Identify Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape in the regional and district plans and specify provisions requiring protection from inappropriate activities | Dec-25 |
| | Scattering of ashes | A11. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Provide information to the public explaining that the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways is inappropriate. Share information via: 1. the Board's website; and 2. local funeral providers. Letters were produced in 2021 and distributed to funeral providers. Information to be updated on website as a part of a co-ordinated revamp alongside Iwi project team. | Completed |
| | Regional Plan Change | A12. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Drafted not approved - Reflecting Tikanga Māori, include rules in the regional plan prohibiting the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways. | Dec-25 |
| | Resource consent notification and renewal processes | A16. A22. | Stuart Savill | Papers on process have previously been submitted to the board. Refresh to be provided at Dec-24 board meeting. | Completed |
| | Hearing commissioner process | A17. | Stuart Savill | Papers on process have previously been submitted to the board. Refresh to be provided at September board meeting. | Completed |
| | Approved commissioners | A18. | Stuart Savill | Awaiting to agree process | May-25 |
| | Regional Plan Change | A20. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Drafted not approved - Change the regional and district plans so that activities that require resource consent in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, or adjacent to the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area that may have an impact on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, must include in their assessment of environmental effects an analysis of the effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. | Dec-25 |
| | Regional Plan Change | A21. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Drafted not approved - Change the regional and district plans to recognise that the Board must be considered an affected person/body regarding notification of a resource consent application where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are minor or more than minor. | Dec-25 |
| | Regional Plan Change | A35. | Alison Newell, Tami Wood | Drafted not approved - Amend regional and district plans to require resource consent for new commercial activities related to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, including requirements: 1. For the assessment of consistency with the vision, objectives and desired outcomes outlined in this Beach Management Plan. 2. That specify that the Board is an affected person regarding notification of an application, where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are considered minor or more than minor. | Dec-25 |

| Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Workplan Update - July 2025 | | | | | Status |
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| FNDC | Use of Public Places Bylaw | A1. | | FNDC does not have a Public Places Bylaw. This bylaw revoked in 2017. Regulation of Te Oneroa a Tohe is undertaken via the Regional Plan and NRC. FNDC now have Ka Irihia which outlines our commitments to Public signage within our spaces | Completed |
| | Vehicle safety on beaches (limits, signage, vehicle type) | A38. A39. A40. | | Action item resolved by Council at the November meeting. Variation to speed mangagement plan to be presented to NZTA for approval. Signage installed. | Completed |
| | District Plan Change | A6. A7. A9. A20. A21. A35. | | District Plan Change – Hearings are currently in progress Hearings information Far North District Council link: https://www.fndc.govt.nz/Your-council/district-plan/proposed-district-plan/Hearing-1 | Underway |
| | Environmental management plans | A23. | | Annual contestable rounds available for Iwi/Hapu. IHMPs are available on request. | Completed |
| | Resource consent notification and renewal processes | A16. A22. | | We only process consents adjacent to the statutory area. Any consents within the beach area is NRC not FNDC. Consents adjacent to the Te Oneroa a Tōhe Beach are immediately sent to the board as an affected party. | Completed |
| | Hearing commissioner process | A17. | | as above | Completed |
| | Approved commissioners | A18. | | Awaiting to agree process | Delayed |

| Action items | | |
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| Aero Club | Awaiting confirmation as to what support is required by the Aero Club in improving education around the importance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Awa Wairua. | TSG - TBC |
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| PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS | |
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| Action | Description |
| A1 | Through an update to the FNDC Control of the Use of Public Places Bylaw, require approval from the Board for all signage that would otherwise require council approval relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. |
| A2 | Require agencies, who may establish signage relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, to consult with the Board first. |
| A4 | Require any signage relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe to be bilingual (e.g. in Te Reo and English). |
| A6 | Provide GIS mapping expertise and templates to support Iwi, Hapū and whānau to identify wāhi tapu and sites of significance in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, for the purposes of including these for protection in the district and/or regional plans. |
| A7 | Include sites identified in A6 in the regional and district plans for protection as relevant. |
| A8 | Prepare the information necessary for explaining the values and significance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape, and the activities that may have adverse effects on them, for the purposes of this information going into the regional and district plans as outlined in A9. |
| A9 | Identify Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape in the regional and district plans and specify provisions requiring protection from inappropriate activities. |
| A11 | Provide information to the public explaining that the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways is inappropriate. Share information via: 1. the Board's website; and 2. local funeral providers. |
| A12 | Reflecting Tikanga Māori, include rules in the regional plan prohibiting the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways. |
| A13 | The Board will work with Iwi to develop a paper on mauri, to inform proposed changes to regional and district plans, bylaws and other relevant documents that relate to the beach management area. |
| A16 | Formalise the process by which the Board is notified and receives all applications for resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area for consideration. |
| A17 | Investigate and implement a process for delegating authority to the Board to appoint a commissioner (along with the council consents manager) to decide on non-notified resource consent applications (or applications that do not require a hearing) for resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area. |
| A18 | Formalise a list of approved commissioners to consider resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area. |
| A20 | Change the regional and district plans so that activities that require resource consent in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, or adjacent to the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area that may have an impact on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, must include in their assessment of environmental effects an analysis of the effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. |
| A21 | Change the regional and district plans to recognise that the Board must be considered an affected person/body regarding notification of a resource consent application where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are minor or more than minor. |
| A22 | Establish a process for the Board to receive and review resource consent applications relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. |
| A26 | Provide signage explaining fisheries limits and customary practices on each formal entrance to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (link to signage strategy). |
| A32 | Create an inventory on the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe website of all current, ongoing and proposed projects in and around the Beach Management Plan relating to the betterment of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. |
| A34 | By 30 June 2021, the Board will determine the specific adverse effects of concern from mechanical mussel spat harvesting on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe requiring management, and the appropriate method for management. If the identified method is for mechanical mussel spat harvesting to obtain resource consent, then the NRC will initiate a plan change to include such rules in the regional plan. Note: In the interim, the Board accepts the Code of Practice in its current state as the appropriate means for managing the impacts of mechanical mussel spat harvesting. |
| A35 | Amend regional and district plans to require resource consent for new commercial activities related to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, including requirements: 1. For the assessment of consistency with the vision, objectives and desired outcomes outlined in this Beach Management Plan. 2. That specify that the Board is an affected person regarding notification of an application, where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are considered minor or more than minor. |

| PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS | |
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| Action | Description |
| A38 | Undertake changes to the FNDC Bylaw(s) specifying safe speed limits and other measures along Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe including: 1. 30km/per hour speed limit within 200m of any beach accessway or any activity (e.g. boat launching, people fishing etc) on the beach; 2. 60km/per hour speed limit for the remainder of the beach; 3. No driving vehicles along the beach in the sea except when launching boats. 4. Prohibiting vehicles on sand dunes. |
| A40 | Provide signage to identify speed restrictions on the beach. |
| A46 | Deliver presentations to explain the Beach Management Plan (once finalised), regarding its interpretation and implementation, to: 1. Key council personnel (e.g. full council presentation, consent planners, policy planners etc); 2. Iwi and Hapū; and 3. Other agencies. |
| A48 | Actively communicate the presence and purpose of the Iwi endorsed kaitiaki through: 1. profiles on websites 2. media releases 3. updates on social media. |
| A51 | Seek commitment and timeframes from Iwi and Hapū, FNDC, NRC and other relevant agencies as to when the Beach Management Plan will be implemented in regional and district strategies and plans, local government planning, Iwi and Hapū management plans and the Northland Conservation Management Strategy. |
| A54 | Work with other agencies to develop a regularly updated events programme that celebrates Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe by connecting, engaging and educating people. |

TITLE: **Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe - Advice for Board paper on Funding**

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 15 July 2025

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide advice in regard to the ability of the “Board” to apply for funding in its own right.

The Board has been established under the Te Hiku Settlement Legislation (Ngāti Kuri Claims Settlement Act 2015, Ngāi Takoto Claims Settlement Act 2015, Te Aupōuri Claims Settlement Act 2015 and Te Rarawa Claims Settlement Act 2015), referred to together as the “Settlement Legislation”.

The Settlement Legislation establishes the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board. It is legally a “statutory body” and therefore it is an entity which can enter into contracts, such as funding agreements.

The Settlement Legislation also stipulates that the Board is to be a joint committee of both the Northland Regional Council and the Far North District Council. This appears to be for the purposes of having a framework for the operation of the Board (with some specific carve outs from Local Government legislation relating to joint committees). This joint committee status does not change the Board’s legal status as Statutory Body.

Before any application for funding is made, the Board will need to ensure that it is clear as to what the funding will be for, as this will need to be clearly articulated in any application for funding (including whether the funding will be used for capital works or operational costs). The Board should also ensure that any activity that it is considering undertaking with the funding meets the purpose and objectives of the Board¹.

There will also need to be an analysis of each potential funder to determine if there are any conditions/restrictions on the Board applying for funding from that funder. For example, Pub Charities requires the applicant to be an Incorporated Society (which the Board is not), and the purpose of the funding is for either charitable purposes, promotion of amateur sport or non-commercial benefits to the whole or section of the community. Whereas Foundation North allows applicants who are a range of legal entities, including statutory bodies and unregistered groups.

If the Board does obtain funding, the Settlement Legislation (at Schedule 2/3, clause 12) states that NRC holds those funds on behalf of the Board and expends funds as directed by the Board. It is unclear whether NRC should apply for funding on behalf of the Board - whether such assistance to the Board would be considered “technical and administrative support to the Board in the performance of its functions” which both NRC and FNDC are statutorily required to provide to the Board.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe - Advice for Board paper on Funding ' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and dated 15 July 2025, be received.

That a workshop be held at the next Board meeting to consider the long-term financial viability and funding opportunities that align with the purpose and objectives of the Board and the priorities outlined in the Beach Management Plan.

Background/Tuhinga

The purpose of the Board is to “work collectively and collaboratively to provide governance and direction to protect and enhance environmental, economic, social, cultural and spiritual well-being within Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe management area now and in the future.” Detailed functions are in the Terms of Reference and in clause 68 of Schedule 2/3 of the Settlement Legislation.”

<https://www.teoneroa-a-tohe.nz/terms-of-reference>

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil