



Policy on the development of Māori capacity

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Te Horopaki Ture

Ko te Ture a te Komihana 2002 (LGA) e mōhio ana i te whanaungatanga i waenganui i te Māori me te Karauna i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ko te wāhanga 4 o te LGA e kii ana:

Kia mōhio ai, kia whakaute hoki te kawenga ā te Karauna ki te tango i ngā kōrero tika mō ngā kaupapa o te Tiriti o Waitangi me te whakapai me te whakapai ake i ngā whai wāhitanga mō ngā Māori ki te uru atu ki ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa ā te kāwanatanga, kei roto i ngā Wāhanga 2 me te Wāhanga 6 ngā tikanga me ngā whakaritenga mō ngā kaunihera ā rohe ko ngā mea e hiahia ana hei whakauru i te whai wāhi ā ngā Māori i roto i ngā tukanga whakataunga ā te rohe.’ Me whakarato e te Kaunihera ngā tikanga me ngā whakaritenga ā te LGA hei whakauru i te whai wāhi a ngā Māori i roto i ngā whakahaere whakatau ā rohe.

Ko te Wāhanga 81 o te LGA e whakarato ana i te whai wāhi a ngā Māori ki te whakatau kaupapa mā te tono i ngā mana o te rohe ki te:

- Whakarite me te pupuri i ngā tukanga ki te whakarato i ngā whai wāhitanga mō ngā Māori ki te whai wāhi ki ngā tukanga whakataunga o te mana o te rohe; ā
- Whakaarohia ngā huarahi hei whakatairanga i te whakawhanaketanga o te raukaha o te Māori ki te whai wāhi ki ngā tukanga whakataunga o te mana o te rohe; ā
- Te whakarato i ngā kōrero tika ki te Māori mō ngā kaupapa o ngā kōwae (a) me (b).

Me whakarite e te kaunihera ki te whakaatu i roto i Te Mahere Roa, ngā huarahi katoa e hiahia ana rātou ki te kawhe ki te whakatairanga i te whakawhanaketanga o te kaha o te Māori kia whai wāhi ai ki ngā whakatau ā te kaunihera.

Ko te Ture Whakahaere Rauemi 1991 (RMA) e whakatairanga ana i te whakahaere taumau o nga rauemi taiao me te oranga tinana. E mohio ana hoki te RMA i te whanaungatanga i waenga i te Māori me te Karauna, me ngā kaunihera ki te whakaaro ki ngā kaupapa o te Tiriti o Waitangi (wāhanga 8) i te wā e mahi ana i ngā mahi.

Legislative context

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) recognises the relationship between Māori and the Crown under the Treaty of Waitangi. Section 4 of the LGA states:

‘In order to recognise and respect the Crown’s responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes, Parts 2 and 6 provide principles and requirements for local authorities that are intended to facilitate participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes.’

Councils must provide for the principles and requirements of the LGA to facilitate participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes.

Section 81 of the LGA provides for Māori participation in decision-making by requiring local authorities to:

1. *establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
2. *consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
3. *provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2.*

Councils are required to outline in their Long Term Plan, any steps that they intend to take to foster the development of Māori capacity in order to contribute to council decision-making.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. The RMA also recognises the relationship between Māori and the Crown and requires councils to take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (section 8) when undertaking its functions.

Ngā uara a te Kaunihera

E ai ki te whaingā matua ā te Kaunihera 'Te mahi tahi ki te hanga i te taiao hauora, te kaha o te ahumahi, me ngā hapori whaitake'.

Ko te tirohanga ā te Kaunihera e whakaatu ana i tētahi rohe e mahi ngātahi ana hei oranga mō te heke mai. I runga i ngā kawenga ture ki ngā Māori, ki te whakauru i a rātou ki te whakauru atu ki ngā tukanga ā te kawanatanga, ko te kaupapa arotahi mo te kaunihera ko te whakatairanga i te 'Te mauritau hononga me te tangata whenua'.

Me whai whakaaro tēnei tika ki ngā mea katoa o te pakihi a te kaunihera. Hei awhina i te kaunihera me ngā kaimahi, me te whai hua, ka mahi te kaunihera ki te whakarite i ngā Māori (o mua, a mua me o rānei) ka whakanuihia a rātou ahurea me o rātou tikanga ki a mātou mahi.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Ko Te Taitokerau te iwi tuarua o ngā kaunihera rohe puta noa i Aotearoa, hautoru o ngā roopū o te rohe e tohu ana he Māori.

Ka tautoko te Kaunihera i te hiahia a te Karauna ki te tautoko i ngā kaupapa o te Tiriti o Waitangi, kia rite ki ngā tikanga o te kawanatanga me te ture whakataunga Tiriti.

Ko ēnei whanaungatanga me tō rātou mōhiotanga e hiahia ana te Kaunihera ki te mahi me te Māori ki te whakatenatena, ki te whakauru i te whakauru ā te Māori i roto i ngā whakahaere ā te kaunihera ki ngā huarahi hei whakatutuki i ō rātou hiahia me ō wawata, me ngā putanga ā-rohe.

Whanaungatanga

Ka mōhio te Kaunihera ki te hiahia kia whakapumautia te whanaungatanga kia taea ai te whakauru i ngā Māori ki roto i tana whakataunga. Ki tēnei ko te whakaaro, kua whakaturia e te Kaunihera he maha o ngā hononga matua puta noa i te ao, a, ka kaha ki te pupuri me te whakapakari i ēnei.

Ko te whanaungatanga matua ko te Roopū Mahi Tai Tokerau me te Kaunihera (Te Taitokerau Māori and Council - TTMAC). Ko te roopu mahi kaha 30 ko ngā mema o te iwi me te hapū me ngā

Council's values

Council's mission says 'Working together to create a healthy environment, strong economy and resilient communities'.

Council's vision articulates a region working together for a sustainable and thriving future. With statutory obligations to Māori, to empower them to participate in local government processes, a key focus area for council is through fostering 'Meaningful partnerships with tangata whenua'

This commitment needs to be reflected across all aspects of council business. To help guide council and staff, and be effective, council will work towards ensuring Māori (past, present and future), and their culture and traditions, are valued and reflected in our work.

Treaty of Waitangi

Te Taitokerau has the second-largest Māori population of regional councils across New Zealand, with approximately a third of the region's population identifying as Māori.

Council supports the intention of the Crown to uphold the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi as prescribed in local government and Treaty settlement legislation.

These relationships and their recognition require council to work with Māori to encourage and enable the participation of Māori in council processes in ways that meet their needs and aspirations as well as regional outcomes.

Relationships

Council will continue to develop genuine relationships with Māori that will underpin and facilitate the inclusion of Māori in its decision-making processes. Council will remain committed to maintaining and strengthening these relationships.

The Tai Tokerau Māori and Council (TTMAC) Working Party is a key relationship mechanism that is facilitating the inclusion of Māori in Council's decision-making processes. The 30 strong working party consists of iwi and hapū members (appointed

kaitohutohu, me te kaupapa matua kia 'whakatairanga i te taurira o te mahi Māori e tautoko ana i ngā kaupapa o te taiao me te hauora puta noa i te rohe'.

Ko te Kaunihera anō hoki i te timatanga o te hanganga o te hononga ā rohe me ngā Heamana ā Iwi, ka kaha ake te whakapakari i te hononga ki ngā rohe o ngā Iwi Chief Executives.

Te honohono me ngā korero

E mōhio ana te Kaunihera kia pai ai te uru o te Māori ki roto i ngā whakataunga ā te kaunihera kia whakaratohia ngā kōrero whaitake me ngāwari kia mōhiohia i te wā e tika ana me te āhua e tika ana.

Ka whakaae hoki te Kaunihera kia hiahiatia ngā kaimahi me ngā tikanga tika kia taea ai te rere o ngā kōrero me te taunekeneke ki te iwi Māori.

Te whakatairanga i te whai wāhi a te Māori

Ko ngā mahinga o te kaunihera ki te whakanui i te kaha me te whakarato i ngā whai wāhitanga mo ngā Māori ki te whai ki ngā whakataunga ā te kaunihera:

- Te tautoko me te mahi ā te Roopū Mahi TTMAC hei huarahi mo te whakauru ki te whakatau whakatau ā te kaunihera; me te huarahi hei hanga i te kaha o te hapori whānui Māori ki te whai ki ngā whakatau ā te kaunihera.
- Whakaauau tonu ki te tautoko i te whakahaere tonu a te Rangahau Whakangungu Hangarau Māori (he roopū o te TTMAC Working Group), ki te whakarato i ngā whakauru hangarau wawe ki ngā mahere ā te kaunihera.
- Whakamahia i mua i te whiriwhiringa me ngā Māori ki ngā tukanga whakamahere RMA katoa.
- Te whakatenatena me te tautoko i te whanaungatanga whanaketanga whakawhanake me ngā rohe o ngā Iwi.
- Kia mau tonu, kia tupu te whanaungatanga i waenga i ngā Kaiwhakahaere Matua o ngā rohe Mana Whenua

members) and councillors (elected members). The working parties key purpose is 'to advance a model of Māori engagement that supports environmental, economic, social, cultural and spiritual priorities across the region'.

Council is also in the early stages of establishing a regional level relationship with Iwi Chairs which will further strengthen existing relationship with the regions Iwi Chief Executives.

Liaison and information

For Māori to have effective input into council's decision-making processes, relevant information must be communicated accurately, in a timely manner, and in a form that is appropriate to the decision making process and audience.

Council staff will continue to develop it's processes and mechanisms to enable effective communication and positive interactions with Māori.

Fostering Māori participation

Specific steps council will take to foster capacity and provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to council's decisions are:

- *Continue to support continuation and operation of the TTMAC Working Party as an avenue for input into council's decision-making processes; and as an avenue to build the capacity of the wider Māori community to contribute to the decisions of council.*
- *Continue to support the ongoing operation of the Māori Technical Advisory Group (a sub-group of the TTMAC Working Party), to provide early technical input into council's plans and processes.*
- *Undertake early pre-consultation with Māori on all RMA planning processes.*
- *Encourage and support the developing governance relationship with the region's Iwi Chairs.*
- *Maintain and grow the relationship between the chief executives of the region's iwi authorities and councils, encouraging all of the region's councils to participate.*

me te Kaunihera, me te akiaki i ngā kaunihera rohe katoa kia uru mai.

- Whakamahia he hōtaka hei whakarei i te mana ahurea o te kaunihera.
- Te haere tonu ki te whakarato i te tautoko moni mō te tuhi me te arotake i ngā mahere whakahaere a te iwi me te hapori (e mōhiotia ana e te mana o te iwi).
- Whakaritea tonu te whakahaere i tētahi papaaratu whakapiri whakawhitinga reo Māori hei whakahaere, hei whakahoahoatanga hoki i waenga i te Kaunihera me te Māori.
- Tuhia ngā kape o ngā whakaaetanga rauemi ki ngā marae (hapū me ngā iwi) e uru ana ki te kaunihera.
- Me whakarite i te taumata tika o te hangarau ahumahi me te tautoko ahurea e whakaratohia ana mō ngā kaimahi me ngā kaunihera.

- *Implement a programme to enhance the cultural competency of council.*
- *Continue to provide funding support for writing or reviewing iwi and hapū environmental management plans (recognised by an iwi authority).*
- *Continue to manage a centralised Māori contact database to facilitate and enable contact between council and Māori.*
- *Distribute copies of resource consents to relevant marae (hapū and iwi) lodged with council.*
- *Ensure an appropriate level of specialist technical and cultural support is provided for staff and councillors.*