

**Submission to the FNDC application to NRC
to renew Hokianga sewerage resource consents**

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Ko te mea Tuatahi, e mihi ana ahau ki ngā Kaikōmihana, ko Sharon, ko Reginald, i ngā kaimahi mō ngā kaunihera e rua. Ehara tēnei he mahi māmā, He mahi uaua, he mahi pakeke. No reira kia kaha koutou. Ko te mea tuarua, e mihi ana ki a tatou kua huihui mai e pa ana tēnei kaupapa nui. Ngā kaikōrero, ngā kai tautoko, ngā ringa wera, tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Rākautapu te maunga
Ko Tapuwae te awa
Ko Hokianga te moana
Ko Ngāi Tūpoto, ko Ngāti Here ngā hapū
Ko Ngāi Tūpoto te marae

At this late stage of day four of the hearings I wish to take a few minutes to make a few points and observations.

Treaty settlement, Te Rarawa

I was one of the Treaty claims negotiators for the Te Rarawa claim which was concluded in 2015. In the deed of settlement there are statements of association, including the Hokianga Harbour. The Crown acknowledged that the Hokianga Harbour is 'of the utmost cultural, spiritual and environmental significance to the Iwi of Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi and that the respective hapū are kaitiaki.' These are there to ensure the Crown, and Councils take us in to account under the RMA etc. This has not been happening, and even getting these applications to a public hearing was a struggle.

The settlement also provided a pou herenga for cultural redress over the Hokianga Harbour. The deed of settlement commits to 'the Crown entering in to negotiations in good faith for an appropriate redress package in relation to the Hokianga Harbour with Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi at an agreed time. Any cultural redress package will be based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi.'

The Crown documented their acknowledgement which included recognition of the iwi and hapū aspirations for a 'comprehensive and holistic approach that restores customary authority and is focused on improving the health and sustainability of the harbour and enhancing outcomes.'

We will be pushing for legal personality, pērā i Te Awa o Waikato, Te Awa o Whanganui, Taranaki Maunga, Te Urewera, era atu taonga.



Te Rarawa

Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

TREATY SETTLEMENT OFFER
He Whakamāramatanga

Hokianga Harbour

In the Deed of Settlement the Crown acknowledges that the Hokianga Harbour is of the utmost cultural, spiritual and environmental significance to the Iwi of Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi, and that the respective hapū of Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi are kaitiaki.

It notes that while Te Rarawa is proceeding to settle historic claims with the Crown on behalf of the hapū, Ngāpuhi is not yet in a position to begin negotiations. It is therefore necessary to address the interests of Te Rarawa hapū without prejudicing the interests of Ngāpuhi hapū. It is also therefore appropriate to establish a process that will lead to shared cultural redress.

The Deed commits the Crown to enter into negotiations in good faith for an appropriate cultural redress package in relation to the Hokianga Harbour with Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi at an agreed time. The process will be led by mandated representatives of Te Rarawa and Ngāpuhi who will engage with and advocate for the kaitiaki hapū.

Any cultural redress package reached will be based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Crown acknowledges the aspirations of the Iwi and the respective kaitiaki hapū for a comprehensive and holistic approach that restores customary authority and is focused on improving the health and sustainability of the Harbour and enhancing outcomes.

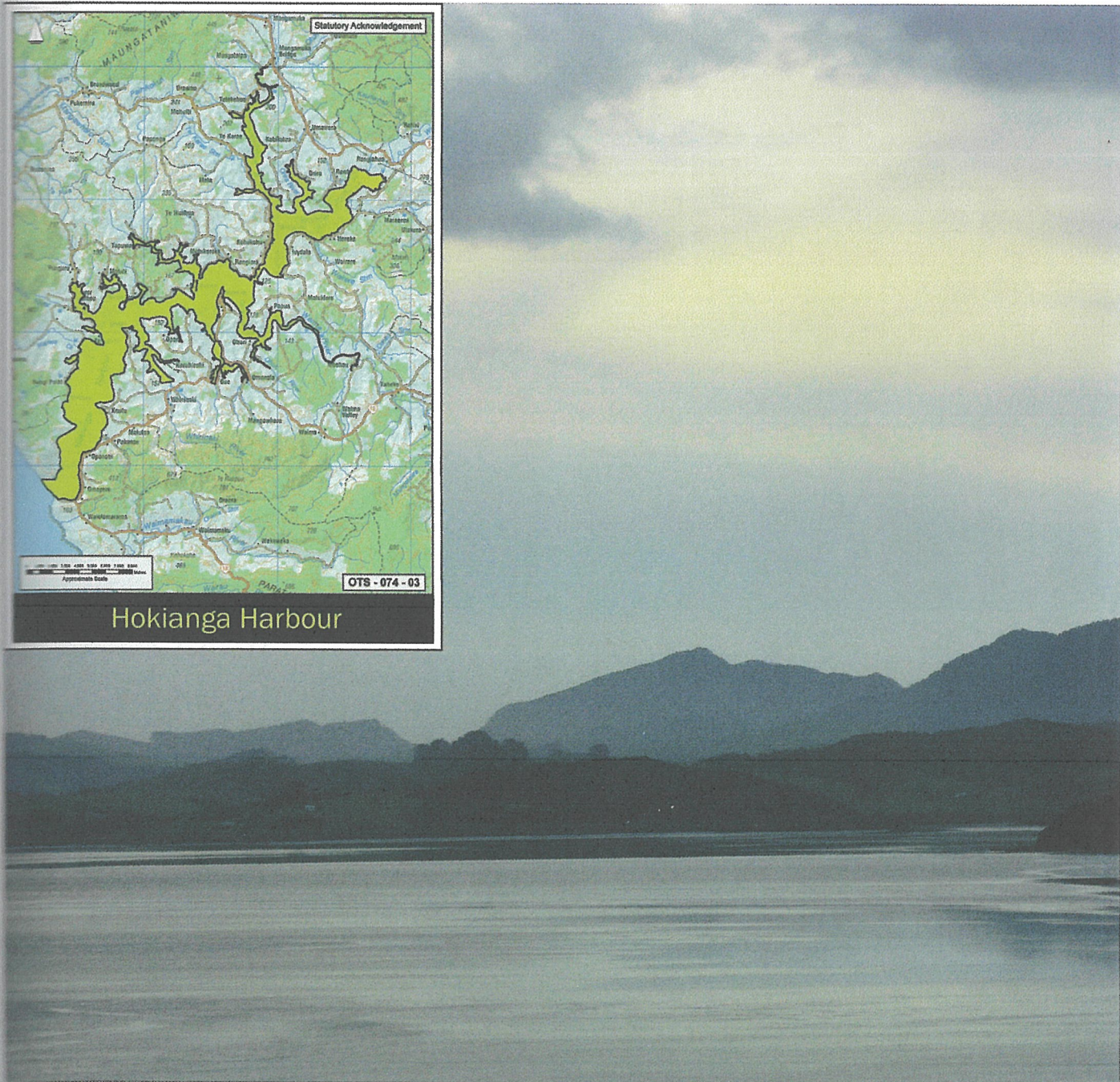


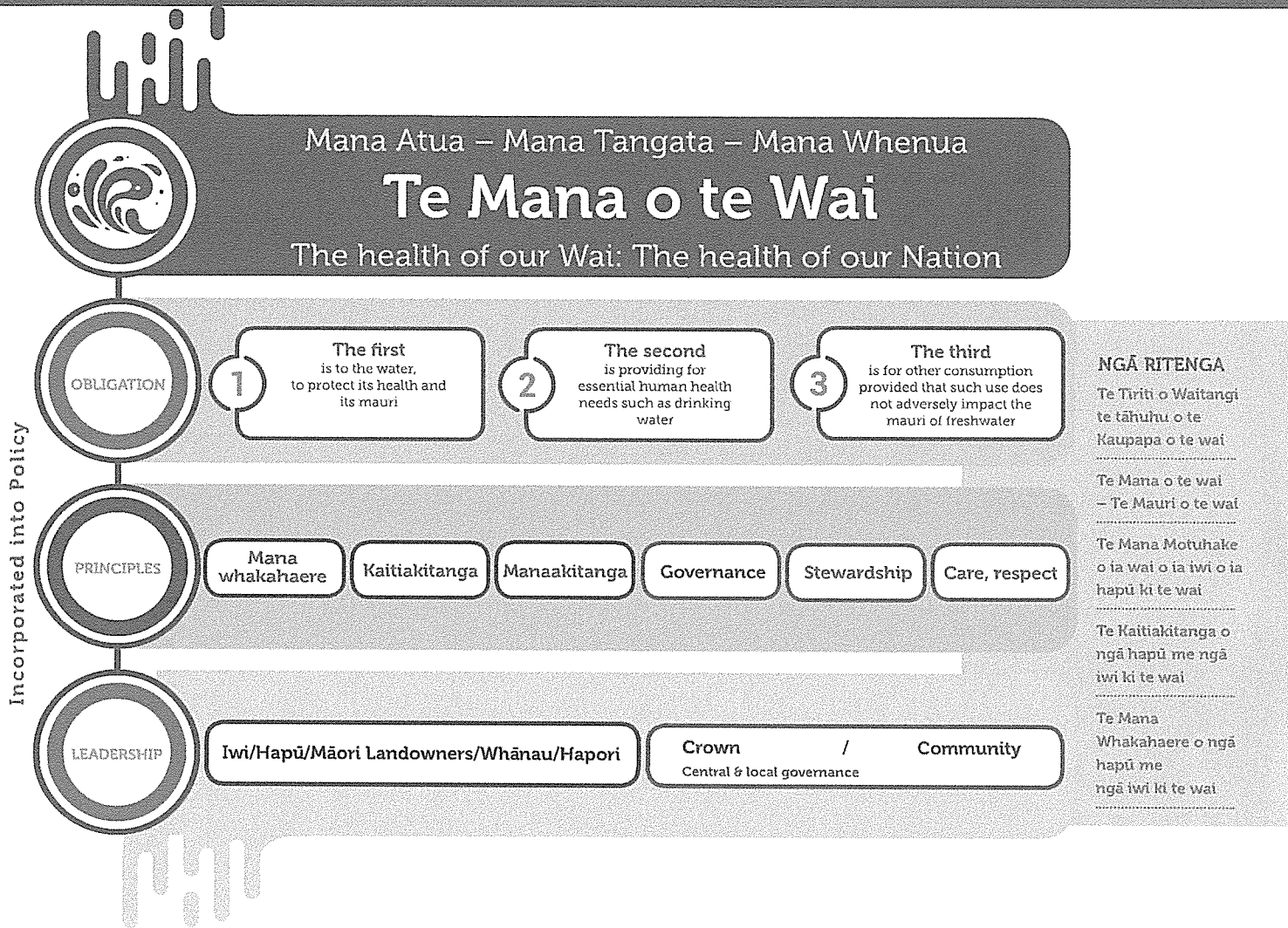
Statutory acknowledgements and statements of association

A Statutory acknowledgement is where the Crown recognises a statement of Te Rarawa's particular cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association with specified areas. This ensures that Te Rarawa's interests are taken into account by local and regional

authorities as part of the Resource Management Act. The initialled Deed of Settlement includes seven statutory acknowledgements and statements of association for the following awa and moana:

- Hokianga Harbour
- Whāngāpe Harbour
- Herekino Harbour
- Awaroa River
- Te Tai Hauāuru
- Takahue/Awanui River
- Wairoa Stream





1. Aotearoa New Zealand's current resource management system is broken. It is failing to achieve its purpose and has become complex, dysfunctional and inaccessible.
2. Our waters are sick. We must heed the cry to make our waters well again.
3. Diverse communities all over Aotearoa New Zealand are hearing these cries.
4. Te Mana o te Wai is the korowai that should frame and inform structural and system reform.
5. We set out a programme of action for our nation to journey together in implementing a managed transition to a new system of care and respect for water.
6. It is time for a new system.



This report is provided to Hon Minister Parker by Te Kāhui Wai Māori.

