

## Meeting Notes: Kaitiāia WWTP consent renewal

Thursday 13th April 2023 – Te Ahu / MS Teams – 1:30 – 4:30

### Attendees:

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#### Attendance:

Tanya Proctor, Mandy Wilson, Melissa Parlane, Martell Letica (via MS teams) – FNDC

Louise Mischewski – Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

Roz Popata, Hone Popata – Ngai Tohianga / Oturu Marae

Tui Bedgood – Te Uri o Hina / Te Uri o Hina marae

Malcom Robson – Ngāti te Ao / Te Rarawa marae

Troy Brockbank – PDP

#### Apologies:

Waikarere Gregory – Ngāti te Ao / Te Rarawa marae

Simon Greening – PDP

Simone Tongatule - FNDC

### Pre-hui

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The premise of the hui was to discuss the following items put forward by Troy Brockbank in meeting invite to all attendees:

- Whakawhanaungatanga – Introductions between project team and kaitiaki,
- Project update,
- Discuss draft consent conditions (see Appendix B in attached document),
- Discuss EEF condition, and fund amount,
- Discuss process for inviting additional identified tangata whenua into consent renewal discussions, and
- Other matters – as raised by Tangata Whenua or PDP/FNDC,

A memorandum, Draft Consent Conditions – Kaitiāia WWTP (A03576818M002) dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, was circulated to Tangata Whenua prior to the hui as pre-reading information. Appended to the memo were; minutes from the Tangata Whenua engagement hui on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, and a full set of revised draft consent conditions as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

An email from Waikarere Gregory was received prior to the hui on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (appendix A) with concerns and items to note in hui in her absence.

### Notes:

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Hui commenced at 1:30pm with Karakia and Mihi from Hone Popata, followed by whakawhanaungatanga and introductions from those in attendance.

#### Update on project

FNDC provided an update on the Kaitāia WWTP projects. FNDC expressed that the resource consent renewal is one of 3 Kaitāia WWTP projects (consent renewal, plant upgrade works, and discharge to land).

FNDC has been liaising with NRC regarding public notification of the application, and June/July timeframe has been proposed for this. This would mean that hearings would likely be held in August

Ongoing engagement with Tangata Whenua has been held to address consent conditions with regards to items raised in the received CVA's – submitted by Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa / Te Rarawa Marae / Te Uri o Hina Marae, & Ngai Tohianga/Oturu Marae.

### Draft Consent Conditions

PDP presented the revised draft conditions sent in memo A03576818M002 prior to hui. Each condition was stepped through and attendees provided feedback. Below are some of the key items discussed;

<b>WWTP Upgrades</b>	
<b>Condition No.</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tangata Whenua expressed concern that they have not been updated on upgrade works progress to date. They also expressed concerns that they have not been involved in the Kaitaia WWTP Options Assessment work by Harrison Grierson (November 2020 report).</li> <li>FNDC reassured that no progress has been undertaken on the plant upgrade works since the Kaitaia WWTP Options Assessment works report. The plant upgrade works would be triggered by the consent under condition 8. Majority of the proposed upgrade items are operational upgrade changes. Cl 8 f provides for installation of a new tertiary treatment system which has not be detailed in full.</li> <li>Tangata whenua suggested that upgrades to water quality should be prioritised. If there were upgrades due, those should take place irrespective of whether consent condition or not.</li> <li>FNDC confirmed that recommendations in the Kaitaia WWTP Options Assessment work by Harrison Grierson (November 2020 report) will go through further workshopping following granting of consent, in accordance with proposed consent conditions .</li> <li>FNDC asked Tangata Whenua were if they wanted to be part of this workshopping process, or to be informed by the outcomes.</li> <li>Tangata Whenua confirmed they would like to be invited to be part of this process.</li> </ul>
<b>Wastewater Discharge Limits</b>	
<b>Condition No.</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a placeholder for the discharge limits table.</li> <li>The monitoring data is based on high flows in the streams. Preliminary advice from experts is to undertake baseline monitoring at low flows to determine discharge levels.</li> <li>FNDC is currently reviewing the best approach.</li> </ul>

10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion was held on the appropriateness of the review requiring at least one of the SQEPs having knowledge in Mātauranga Māori, and ensuring the review includes the cultural health of the Awanui River in accordance with the Cultural Health and Wellbeing Monitoring Plan (CHWMP).</li> <li>Tangata Whenua consider the revised condition (10c), for a SQEP(s) to review the effect of the upgrade works on the cultural health of the Awanui river, to be satisfactory.</li> </ul>
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#### **Kaitiaki Forum (KF)**

Condition No.	Discussion
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion on determining if we had captured the relevant Tangata Whenua, hapū and Iwi, entities for the KF.</li> <li>Tangata Whenua are happy for FNDC to reach out to Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Takoto, Ngāti Kahu, Te Paatu to discuss the prospect of including them, via invitation, to the KF. Tangata whenua provided contacts for these entities.</li> <li>The recommended process is to contact each entity individually and consult with them on the proposed condition to invite them to the KF.</li> <li>Troy with discuss Simone to be consistent with FNDC engagement processes.</li> </ul>

#### **Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF)**

Condition No.	Discussion
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion was held about including the Riparian Planting Plan under the EEF. It was determined to not include it under the EEF. This was agreed by FNDC.</li> </ul>
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion was held on the accountability and effectiveness of the monetary contribution of the EEF towards achieving a positive environmental outcome.</li> <li>Tangata whenua expressed that any proposed environmental initiative needs to provide a demonstrable positive environment outcome in accordance with this consent. They agreed that the added measures and responsibilities added to the conditions where appropriate.</li> </ul>
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion was held on the initial and annual investment amount from FNDC.</li> <li>Malcom expressed that an initial value of \$150,000 &amp; \$20,000 per following year for the duration of the consent would be an appropriate EEF to support the enhancement of cultural wellbeing and environment. This was supported by all Tangata Whenua as an appropriate EEF.</li> <li>FNDC expressed that they will add these values into the mix for discussion internally with funding decision makers.</li> </ul> <p><i>[POST hui] – An email from Roz Popata was received following the hui on 14th April 2023 (appendix B) with feedback on the fund and supporting the fundings proposal put forward by Malcom in the hui.</i></p>

39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A discussion was held on the limited the riparian planting to publicly held land and Māori owned land, and also the planting area distance (700m) from the discharge point.</li> <li>• Tangata Whenua expressed the riparian planting should apply to all land, not just Public and Māori owned land.</li> <li>• The 700m distance was deemed to be an appropriate minimum distance from the discharge point.</li> </ul>
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**General**

Condition No.	Discussion
Expiration Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waikarere (appendix A) raised That if renewal is granted any length of renewal aligns with date(s) of implementation of Freshwater Plans - so there is no contradictory activity happening .</li> </ul>

**General Business**

- Tanya provided an update on; overview of Far North Waters Alliance & restructure, Cadet pathways (including potential for iwi partnership cadetships), and FNDC projects and programme
- Louise, Malcom, & Tui provided an update of Te Rarawa project ‘Me He Wai (te mana o te wai)’ funded by MfE. This included update of recent wānanga at Pukepoto for Tāngonge restoration.
- Louise enquired about the water quality monitoring & compliance reports for the WWTP under the current consent and asked if these could be shared with Tangata Whenua.
- Louise and Roz mentioned their concern with respect of onsite meeting with FNDC (Ben Bowden) regarding transfer station onsite wastewater disposal consent application renewal and that they’re looking at connecting to Kaitaia WWTP reticulation to convey and treat onsite wastewater from that site. Overall, hapū felt they were not getting the complete picture of all the kaupapa in their rohe, especially the kaupapa which are relative to each other.

## Actions

Date Started	Action	Responsible	Due
4/11/2022	Revise draft conditions based on feedback received during hui.	Troy/Simon	<b>DONE</b>
4/11/2022	FNDC to work with Tangata whenua on proposed fund amounts	Troy/Martell	<b>DONE</b>
4/11/2022	Discuss invitation to KF with Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Takoto, Ngāti Kahu, Te Paatu	Troy	<b>Ongoing</b>
13/04/2023	Revise draft conditions based on feedback received during hui. Refer Appendix C for changes identified in hui.	Troy	<b>Prior to next hui</b>
13/04/2023	FNDC to discuss EEF internally with decision makers, and provide outcome to Tangata Whenua	Tanya/Mandy/Melissa/Martell/Troy	<b>Prior to next hui</b>
13/04/2023	Provide project update to Tangata Whenua	Troy/Martell	<b>Ongoing</b>
13/04/2023	Confirm process for consultation with Tangata Whenua entities for the KF invitation	Troy/Simone/Martell	<b>Ongoing</b>
13/04/2023	Share water quality monitoring & compliance reports for the WWTP under the current consent with tangata Whenua	Martell	<b>Ongoing</b>

## Next meeting topics

- Discuss revised consent conditions
- Update on project

Hui closed at 4:30pm with Karakia from Malcom Robson

## Appendix A: Email from Waikarere Gregory on 13/04/2023 (prior to hui)

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----- Original message -----

From: Waikarere Gregory <[tuituiart@hotmail.com](mailto:tuituiart@hotmail.com)>

Date: 13/04/23 9:43 am (GMT+12:00)

To: Troy Brockbank <[Troy.Brockbank@pdp.co.nz](mailto:Troy.Brockbank@pdp.co.nz)>, Oturu Marae <[oturumarae@gmail.com](mailto:oturumarae@gmail.com)>, [malcolmrobson01@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmrobson01@gmail.com)

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Subject: Re: Kaitāia WWTP - Tangata Whenua Engagement - confirm date this week plz

Morena koutou,

Aroha mai unable to make hui this arvo.

And without having read the updated material my concerns would be that the following are noted and included:

1. That if renewal is granted any length of renewal aligns with date(s) of implementation of Freshwater Plans - so there is no contradictory activity happening
2. That hapū have ready and easy access to results of water sampling/monitoring etc
3. That in fact hapū members are/can be the ones who do the sampling/monitoring - so support in capacity building for this mahi
4. Stress the point that the Waihou channel/outlet into the Awanui River which is downstream of the KWWTP discharge pipe is hugely important as the migration place of huge numbers of tuna and inanga into the Rangaunu Harbour from as far away as Maungataniwha and most of the waterways west along the range. Still both are source of kai for our people
5. Also historically the Waihou area was a place to camp, catch tuna and gather karaka, remnant trees still standing and bearing fruit, and process to remove toxin, part of which involved steeping in running water for some weeks. With the revival of these practices there is local interest to do similarly again at place - so impact of water quality and ongoing discharge to water would prevent this.

Look forward to hearing outcomes of hui today, again my apologies.

Noho ora mai,

nā Waikarere Gregory,

Maruao/Plastic Free Te Hiku and Para Kore ki Te Hiku

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## Appendix B: Email from Roz Popata on 14/04/2023 (following hui)

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**From:** Oturu Marae <oturumarae@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2023 7:14 PM

**To:** Troy Brockbank <Troy.Brockbank@pdp.co.nz>; Mandy Wilson <Mandy.Wilson@fndc.govt.nz>; Martell Letica <Martell.Letica@fndc.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Melissa Parlane <Melissa.Parlane@fndc.govt.nz>; Simon Greening <Simon.Greening@pdp.co.nz>; Louise Mischewski <louise@terarawa.co.nz>; Tui Bedggood <tui.bedggood@gmail.com>; malcolmrobson01@gmail.com; Hone Popata <popatahone@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Response to Draft Consent Conditions: 38 EEF

Kia ora tātou,

Oturu Marae have considered the costings that Matua Malcolm had put forward in our hui yesterday alongside the costings of planting work that we have been doing at Moerua Pa - Sportshub.

We have determined that an initial figure of \$150,000 and \$20,000 per year thereafter up to 15 years suits the purpose of the intention of the fund. For this reason we recommend that these figures are inserted in the condition 38.

Our role as kaitiaki is to protect, enhance and imbed manaaki practises for the betterment of our Whenua. Oturu Marae believe this figure is more likely to address the intention of the EEF, that is;

- to support environmental initiatives ...that provide a demonstrable positive environment outcome in accordance with this consent.

Happy to have the debate later down the line related to these values however Oturu Marae regard this fund is of high priority for us and would like to see these values noted in the final draft of consent conditions.

Ngā manaakitanga

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Roz Popata

Hapū rohe Kaitiaki

Oturu Marae

## Appendix C: Changes to be made to consent conditions

Item	Clause	Recommendations
EEF	36)	Remove “The EEF must be used to prepare the RPP required by condition 39 & 41”
RRP	39)	Replace “The Consent Holder must engage a SQEP to prepare a RPP within the budget provided for in condition 38 that provides for riparian planting on publicly held land or māori-owned land within 700 m of the point of discharge to the Awanui (subject to landowner approval)” with “The Consent Holder must engage a SQEP to prepare a RPP that provides for riparian planting on land within 700 m of the point of discharge to the Awanui (subject to landowner approval).”
	Advice Note a)	Replace “The purpose of the RPP is to detail improvements to existing planting onsite and along neighbouring waterways on publicly held land or māori-owned land, including Awanui and Tāngonge.” with “The purpose of the RPP is to detail improvements to existing planting onsite and along neighbouring waterways, including Awanui and Tāngonge.”
Annual Monitoring Report	49 (f)	Fix minor spelling mistake  Replace “...KG...” with “...KF...”