

He kaupapa here mō te noho rangapū ā-Tiriti me te Māori

Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Māori

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Tōna hautoru pea o te taupori e noho ana ki Te Taitokerau e tohungia he Māori ia — he nui ake tēnei wehenga tāngata i te nuinga o ngā rohe kē atu o Aotearoa whānui.

He motuhake a Te Taitokerau i Aotearoa nei, i te mea koia tēnei te wāhi i hainatia ai He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nū Tirenī me Te Tiriti o Waitangi e ngā rangatira tokomaha nō ngā hapū o tēnei rohe. I whakatauria e te uiuinga a te Paparahi o te Raki, i raro i Te Taraipūnara o Waitangi, kihai rātou ngā rangatira i hainatia Te Tiriti o Waitangi i tuku i tō rātou tino rangatiratanga. He mea tino nui ki ngā tāngata whenua o Te Taitokerau ā rātou kōrero tuku iho. E mōhiotia whānuitia ana te Tiriti o Waitangi hei kawenata tapu o te motu, ka mutu, e whakamanahia ana te noho rangapū a te iwi Māori me te Karauna. He mea whakaū hoki tēnei i te takune o He Whakaputanga.

I runga i tāna mōhio ki tēnei hītori me ngā whakarereanga iho, ka whakaaro nui te Kaunihera i roto i āna mahi ki ngā mōtika me te whai tikanga a te Māori i raro i Te Tiriti. Ka whaiwhakaaro hoki ki te whaipānga me te whakamahinga o Te Tiriti, āna mātāpono rānei, ngā mea e rua rānei, kua tūtohutia i roto i ngā ture me ngā tauākī kaupapa here ā-motu e whai take ana.

I a ia e whakawhanake kaupapa here ana, mahere hoki, ka whaiwhakaaro te Kaunihera, mā te kōrero tahi ki te Māori, mehemea me rerekē ngā huarahi mā te Māori i runga anō i ngā pānga rerekē ki a rātou i whakapaehia. Ka whaiwhakaaro hoki ki ngā taonga Māori me ngā tikanga pērā ki te mana, te whakapapa, te whanaungatanga, te manaakitanga, me te kaitiakitanga.

E mōhiotia ana e te Kaunihera ngā hua o te mahi tahi ki ngā tāngata whenua e āhei ai rātou ki te whai wāhi ōrite mai ki ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa o te Kaunihera, mā roto i ngā tikanga e whakatutuki ai i tā te Māori e hiahiaia ai, e wawatahia ai, tae atu rā ki ērā ā te rohe whānui anō hoki. Kua whakaūtia anōtia te ngākau whakamomori o te Kaunihera i runga i te pōtītanga o ngā kaikaunihera wāri Māori i te tau 2023.

Te Horopaki Whakature

E manahia ana e te Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) te hononga i waenganui i te iwi Māori me te Karauna i raro i te maru o te Tiriti o Waitangi. E pēnei mai ana te Wāhanga 4 o te LGA:

‘Kei te Wāhanga 2 me te Wāhanga 6 ngā mātāpono me ngā herenga mō ngā mana ā-rohe e whakamana ai, e whakaute ai hoki i te haepapa o te Karauna ki ngā mātāpono o te Tiriti o Waitangi, ka mutu, e mau tonu ai, e nui ake ai hoki te whai wāhi a te Māori ki ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa a ngā kāwanatanga ā-rohe. Ko te takune, kia ngāwari ai te whai wāhi a te Māori ki roto i ēnei tukanga whakatau kaupapa ā-rohe.’

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Approximately a third of Te Taitokerau region’s population identifies as Māori — a higher proportion than most other regions of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Te Taitokerau has a special place in Aotearoa as the signing place of He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nū Tirenī (Declaration of Independence of New Zealand) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi by many rangatira of the hapū of the region. The Waitangi Tribunal’s Paparahi o te Raki inquiry concluded that the rangatira who signed Te Tiriti did not cede their sovereignty. Tāngata whenua of Te Taitokerau feel very strongly about their heritage and regard Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of the nation, which recognises a partnership between Māori and the Crown, and further reinforces the intent of He Whakaputanga.

Cognisant of this history and its legacy, Council commits to have regard in its work to the rights and interests of Māori under Te Tiriti, and to consider the relevance and application of Te Tiriti and / or its principles as prescribed in relevant legislation and national policy statements.

When developing policies and plans, Council will, in consultation with Māori, consider whether different approaches are required for Māori due to expected different effects or impacts on them, and will take into account Māori taonga, and tikanga values and practices such as mana, whakapapa, whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga.

Council recognises the benefits of working with tāngata whenua to enable equitable participation in council decision-making processes, in ways that meet the needs and aspirations of Māori as well as regional outcomes. The election of Māori ward councillors in 2023 has given further expression to Council’s commitment.

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.’

Me whakatinana mārika ngā Kaunihera i ngā mātāpono me ngā herenga o te LGA kia ngāwari ai te whai wāhi a te Māori ki roto i ngā tukanga whakataua kaupapa ā-rohe.

E whakamanatia ana i te Wāhanga 81 o te LGA te whai wāhi a te Māori ki roto i ngā whakataunga kaupapa, mā te tono ki ngā kaunihera ā-rohe ki te:

- Whakarite, mau hoki i ngā tukanga e whai wāhi ai te Māori ki ngā tukanga whakataua kaupapa o te mana ā-rohe; ā,
- Whakaaro mō ngā huarahi e whakawhanake ai i tō te Māori raukaha ki te whai wāhi ki ngā tukanga whakataua kaupapa o te mana ā-rohe; ā,
- Whakamōhiotia atu ki te Māori ngā pārongo whaitake e tutuki ai ngā kaupapa o ngā kōwae a) me te b).

Me whakaatu e ngā kaunihera i roto i ā rātou Mahere Paetawhiti ngā hātepe katoa e whanake ai tō te Māori raukaha ki te whai wāhi atu ki ngā whakataunga kaupapa a ngā kaunihera.

E whakatairanga ana Te Ture Whakahaere Rauemi 1991 (RMA) i te whakahaere toitū o ngā taonga a taiao — māori mai, ōkiko mai hoki. E manahia ana e te RMA te hononga i waenganui i te Māori me te Karauna, ā, e tonongia ana ngā kaunihera kia whakaarotia ngā mātāpono o te Tiriti o Waitangi (Wāhanga 8) i roto i ā rātou mahi. Kua tautuhitia ēnei mātāpono e ngā kōti me Te Rōpū Whakamana i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ko ngā mātāpono matua ko te noho rangapū, te tauutuutu, ngā painga pātahi, me te whakahaumarū hāoho. He utanga tō te Kaunihera (hei kanohi o te Karauna), tō te iwi Māori hoki, kia mahi matatika i runga i te ngākau pono. He haepapa hoki tō te Kaunihera ki te whakataua kaupapa i runga i te tino mōhio. Ko te āta wānanga tahi me te whiriwhiri tahi i waenganui i te Kaunihera me te tangata whenua tētahi o ngā huarahi e whakaatungia ai te ngākau pono. Mā tēnei e kaha ake ai te whakatinana o te rangatiratanga me te noho rangapū i raro i Te Tiriti.

Ko te whakahaumarutanga o te reo Māori kei raro hoki i te haepapa whakahaumarū hāoho. E whakamanahia ana te reo Māori hei reo ōkawa o Aotearoa e Te Ture mō te Reo Māori / Māori Language Act 2016 (1987 i ngā wā o mua). Kua tauākītia i tēnei Ture te utanga o te Karauna ki te mahi ngātahi me te iwi Māori e whakahaumarū hāohotia, e whakatairangatia hoki ai te reo Māori, e mōhio whānuitia nei he taonga tuku iho. Kei te Kaunihera hoki tēnei haepapa.

E mea ana te RMA kāhore e whakaae ana kia tapareretia e ngā kaupapa here me ngā mahere o te Kaunihera ngā ture whaitake mō te whai wāhi a ngā iwi me ngā hapū (tae atu ki ngā whakataunga Tiriti). Nā konā, me whai whakaaro te Kaunihera ki ngā whakataunga Tiriti i roto i āna kaupapa here, mahere, tukanga hoki. He tikanga anō ngā Mana Whakahono ā-Rohe i raro i te RMA e taea e ngā Kaunihera te mahi tahi me ngā iwi, hapū rānei, ki te whakawhitihiti kōrero, whakaae me te whakataua i ngā huarahi e whai wāhi atu ai ngā tāngata whenua ki roto i ngā tukanga whakahaere rauemi, whakataunga kaupapa anō hoki.

Ngā uara o te Kaunihera

Ko te uaratanga hukihuki a te Kaunihera, "Tiakina te taiao, tuia te here tangata".

I runga anō i ngā herenga ā-ture o te Kaunihera ki te whakamana i te whai wāhi a te Māori ki ngā tukanga o te kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ko tētahi aronga matua a te Kaunihera ko te poipoi i ngā 'hononga mauroa i raro i Te Tiriti ki ngā tāngata whenua'.

E kōrerotia ana te kaupapa 'He iwi tahi tātou kia ora ai te taiao / Kāwanatanga and Rangatiratanga work together for the wellbeing of the taiao' i roto i a Tāiki ē. I whakaaetia ngātāhītia tēnei rautaki, a Tāiki ē, e te Kaunihera ā rohe o Te Taitokerau me Te Ohu Mahi o te Kāhui Māori o Te Taitokerau me Te Kaunihera (TTMAC). Ko te aronga matua o Tāiki ē ko te para i tētahi huarahi pai e

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:

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

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 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 their functions. These principles have been defined by the courts and the Waitangi Tribunal. Key principles include partnership, reciprocity, mutual benefit, and active protection. There is an obligation on Council (as a representative of the Crown) and Māori to act reasonably, honourably, and in good faith. There is also a duty for Council to make informed decisions. Genuine and meaningful consultation and negotiation among Council and tāngata whenua is one way of demonstrating good faith. Such consultation should enhance the exercise of rangatiratanga and serve to strengthen the Treaty partnership.

The duty of active protection includes protecting te reo Māori. Te Ture mō te Reo Māori / Māori Language Act 2016 — formerly 1987) recognises the Māori language as an official language of New Zealand. In this Act, the Crown expressed its commitment to work in partnership with Māori to actively protect and promote te reo Māori, which is recognised as a taonga tuku iho (cultural treasure). Council also has this responsibility.

The RMA states that council policies and plans cannot limit any relevant iwi and hapū participation legislation (including treaty settlements). Accordingly, Council must take into account Treaty settlements in its policies, plans and processes. Mana Whakahono ā-Rohe (iwi participation arrangements) are another mechanism under the RMA that Council can enter into with iwi or hapū to discuss, agree and record ways in which tāngata whenua may participate in resource management and decision-making processes.

Council's values

Council's draft mission statement is 'Tiakina te taiao, tuia te here tangata — Nurture the environment, bring together the people'.

With statutory obligations to empower Māori to participate in local government processes, a key focus area for Council is fostering 'meaningful partnerships with tāngata whenua under Te Tiriti'.

The mission of Tāiki ē speaks of 'He iwi tahi tātou kia ora ai te taiao / Kāwanatanga and Rangatiratanga work together for the wellbeing of the taiao'. Tāiki ē is a jointly agreed strategy of Northland Regional Council and Te Taitokerau Māori and Council (TTMAC) Working Party. The purpose of Tāiki ē is to provide a clear roadmap towards giving effect to Te Tiriti

whakatinanatia ai ngā haepapa o NRC me TTMAC ki te whakamana i Te Tiriti. E hono ana ōna whāinga matua ki te Wai/Moana, te Whakawhanake i te Raukaha me te Āheinga, te Tairaru Āhuarangi, te Whai Kanohi Māori, me te Whakawhanaketanga o te Ōhanga Māori.

E ngākau titikaha ana te Kaunihera ki te whakawhanake me te tiaki i ngā hononga pūmau ki te iwi Māori i roto i āna mahi katoa. Hei ārahi i te Kaunihera me āna kaimahi ki te whakatutuki i tēnei whāinga, ka wāriutia e te Kaunihera te Māori (o inamata, o onamata, o anamata anō hoki), tōna ahurea me āna tikanga hoki, me te whakatinana i tēnei i roto i ā rātou mahi katoa.

Ngā hononga

Ka raranga tonutia e te Kaunihera ngā hononga pūmau me te iwi Māori hei tūāpapa e pai ai tāna whai wāhi mai ki roto ki ā te Kaunihera tukanga whakatau kaupapa. Ka ū tonu te Kaunihera ki te tiaki me te whakakaha hoki i ēnei hononga.

He taukaea Te Ohu Mahi o te Kāhui Māori o Taitokerau me Te Kaunihera (TTMAC) e whiringia ana te iwi Māori ki roto i ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa o te Kaunihera. E toru tekau ngā mema o te rōpū mahi nei, ka mutu e 21 mema nō ngā hapū/iwi, ā, tokoiwa ko ngā kaikaunihera katoa. Ko te whāinga matua o tēnei rōpū kia 'kōkiritia he tauira mahi ngātahi ki te iwi Māori, e tautoko nei i ngā kaupapa matua o te taiao, te ōhanga, te pāpori, te ahurea, te wairua hoki puta noa i te rohe'.

E ngākau whakamomori tonu ana te Kaunihera ki te raranga i tētahi hononga ā-rohe ki Te Kahu o Taonui (te rōpū ā-rohe o ngā Heamana ā-Iwi), ki ngā Heamana ā-Iwi, rātou ko ngā Kaiwhakahaere Matua ā-Iwi.

Te whakawhitiwhiti kōrero me te pārongo

E whai hua ai te whai wāhi a te Māori ā-tāngata whenua nei ki roto i ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa o te Kaunihera, me tika te tuku pārongo whaitake, i te wā tika, mā te hanga e whai patanga ana ki taua tukanga whakatau kaupapa, otirā, ki te hunga e whiwhi ana i aua pārongo.

Ka whakawhanake tonutia e te Kaunihera ōna tukanga mahi, ngā rauemi kaimahi, te āheitanga ā-ahurea, ngā huarahi me ngā tikanga whakawhitiwhiti kōrero hoki, e pai ai te whakawhiti kōrero whai hua me te mahi tahi ki te iwi Māori.

Te poipoi i te whai wāhi a te Māori

E whai ake nei ko ngā hātepe whāiti ka whāia e te Kaunihera ki te poipoi i te whakapiki raukaha me te whakarite kia whai wāhi mai te Māori ki roto i āna whakatau kaupapa:

- » Kia aro nuitia, kia whakatinana tonutia a Tāiki ē (Te Rautaki Whakamana i Te Tiriti o NRC, me tāna Mahere Whakahaere). Ko ngā arotahinga matua o Tāiki ē pēnei: kia nui ake ai te raukaha me ngā āheinga o te iwi Māori ki te whakatutuki i ōna wawata, ka mutu, kia pai ai te whai kanohi Māori i roto i ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa o te Kaunihera, mā te mahi ngātahi i raro i Te Tiriti.
- » Kia rite tonu te arotaketia e ngā mātanga motuhake te tutukitanga a te Kaunihera i ngā Paetohu Mahi Matua (KPI) mō Te Tiriti, e tika ai tā te Kaunihera whakatinana i āna herenga ki Te Tiriti.
- » Kia rangona tonutia i ngā anga mana urungi o te Kaunihera te reo whaimana o ngā kaikaunihera, kua pōtitia e te Māori, me ngā mātanga tāngata whenua motuhake hoki, i roto i ngā take nui ki te Māori.

obligations and to make NRC and TTMAC accountable in achieving them. Its key whāinga have regard for Wai/Marine, Building Capacity and Capability, Climate Crisis, Māori Representation, and Economic Development.

Council is committed to developing and maintaining meaningful partnerships with Māori across all aspects of council business. To help guide Council and staff in achieving this goal, Council will ensure that Māori (past, present and future), and their culture and traditions, are valued and reflected in their work.

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 Taitokerau 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 21 iwi/hapū members and all nine councillors, and its key purpose is 'to advance a model of Māori engagement that supports environmental, economic, social, cultural and spiritual priorities across the region'.

Council remains committed to building a regional relationship with Te Kahu o Taonui (regional Iwi Chairs collective), Iwi Chairs and Chief Executives.

Liaison and information

For Māori as tāngata whenua 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 will continue to develop its processes, staff resources, cultural competency, and communication channels and methods, to enable effective communication and positive interactions with Māori.

Fostering Māori participation

Below are specific steps that Council will take to foster capacity-building and provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to Council's decisions:

- » *Continue to prioritise and deliver on Tāiki ē (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan). Tāiki ē focuses on actions to improve the capacity and capability of Māori to give effect to their aspirations, and to achieve effective Māori representation in Council decision-making via a Treaty-based partnership.*
- » *Continue to do regular reviews of council's performance against Te Tiriti Key Performance Indicators by independent experts (the bi-annual Te Tiriti Health Check), to ensure council gives effect in a meaningful way to its Te Tiriti obligations.*
- » *Ensure that Māori elected councillors and independent tāngata whenua experts continue to have an effective voice on matters important to Māori in the governance of Council.*

- » Kia tautoko tonu i ngā whakahaere o Te Ohu Mahi TTMAC, me te whakarato tonu i ngā rauemi ki a ia, hei huarahi mā te iwi Māori e whai wāhi ai ia ki roto i ngā tukanga whakatau kaupapa o te Kaunihera, ā, hei whakapiki hoki i te raukaha o ngā hapori Māori whānui ki te whai wāhi ki ngā whakatau a te Kaunihera.
- » Kia tautoko tonu i te mahi a te Rōpū Mātanga Tohutohu Māori (MTAG) (he rōpū iti i raro i te Ohu Mahi TTMAC) me te whakarato tonu i ngā rauemi ki a ia. Ko te mahi a MTAG he tuku wawe mai i ngā tohutohu mō ngā mahere me ngā tukanga mahi o te Kaunihera.
- » Kia tautoko tonu i te mahi a te Rōpū Mātanga Tohutohu Māori mō ngā Kaupapa Wai-māori (TWWAG) me te whakarato tonu i ngā rauemi ki a ia. Ko ngā mahi a te rōpū nei: ka tahi, he tātari, he tuku kupu tūtohu ki a TTMAC mai i te tirohanga Māori, e tautoko ai i te tukanga panoni mahere wai-māori; ka rua, he whakawhanake tūtohu mō te Kaunihera ki te kōrero ki te hapori Māori whānui mō te kaupapa o te panoni mahere wai-māori; ka toru, he whakapiki hoki i tā NRC mārama ki te mana me te mauri o te wai.
- » Kia wawe te whakawhiti kōrero me te Māori i mua noa atu mō ngā tukanga whakamahere katoa i raro i te RMA.
- » Kia whakatairanga, kia tautoko hoki i te tohatoha pārongo me te whakawhiti kōrero i waenganui i ngā iwi me ngā Heamana Kaunihera, kaikaunihera hoki i tēnei rohe. Ka pēnei mā te tōpūtanga ā-iwi o Te Kahu o Tainui (TKOT), me te wānanga o te Iwi Local Government Chief Executives (ILGACE).
- » Kia whakatairanga, kia tautoko hoki i te tohatoha pārongo me te whakawhiti kōrero tonu i waenganui i ngā kaiwhakahaere matua o ngā mana ā-iwi me ngā kaunihera hoki o te rohe.
- » Kia whakapakari tonu te mōhio ā-ahurea o ngā kaimahi kaunihera, rātou ko ngā kaikaunihera, mā te whakangungu, te whakarato i ngā rauemi mōhiohio, te tuitui i ngā tūtakitanga kanohi-ki-te-kanohi me ngā tangata whenua mā te whai i ngā tikanga Māori. He whakarato hoki i te tautoko taha tikanga me te taha reo mai i te Rōpū Hononga Māori o te Kaunihera.
- » Kia whakaratohia ngā kaimahi e mātau ana ki te ahurea Māori, hei āwhina i ngā kanohi a ngā hinonga me ngā hapori tangata whenua ki te mahi tahi ki ngā kaimahi kaunihera, otirā, kia mārama ai rātou ki ngā tukanga mahi o te Kaunihera anō hoki.
- » Kia tukuna tonutia ngā pūtea tautoko hei whakawhanake, whakahou rānei i ngā Mahere Whakahaere Take Taiao a te Iwi/Hapū.
- » Kia tiakina, kia whakahoungia tonutia te pātengi raraunga whakapāpā Māori kia ngāwari ai ngā taunekeneke i waenganui i te Kaunihera rātou ko ngā hinonga me ngā hapori Māori.
- » Kia tuaritā atu ngā tārua o ngā tono whakaaetanga whakahaere rauemi, kua tukuna kē mai ki te Kaunihera, ki ngā marae, hapū, me ngā mana ā-iwi e whaipānga ana ki a rātou aua tono, e tū ana rānei hei māngai mō ngā tāngata whenua ka pāngia pea e aua whakaaetanga.
- » Whakaratongia tonutia ngā kōwhiringa maha ki ngā rangatira, ngā mātanga, ngā kaitiaki Māori hoki kei te rohe, kia ako ai rātou mō te taha whakature, ngā kaupapa here, ngā waeture, ngā mahere, me ngā ture e whaitake ana ki a rātou.
- » Whakaratongia ngā kōwhiringa ki ngā pakihi Māori me ngā mātanga Māori, i runga anō te kaupapa here o te Kaunihera e pā ana ki te whiwhinga ratonga Māori.
- » *Ensure that Council's governance structures reflect a commitment to Māori representation and independent tāngata whenua experts.*
- » *Continue to support and resource the operation of the TTMAC Working Party as an avenue for Māori to provide input into Council's decision-making processes, and for building the capacity of the wider Māori community to contribute to the decisions of Council.*
- » *Continue to support and resource the operation of the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG – a sub-group of the TTMAC Working Party), to provide early technical input into Council's plans and processes.*
- » *Continue to support and resource the operation of the Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG), to provide analysis and to make recommendations to TTMAC from a Māori perspective, to support the freshwater plan change process; to develop recommendations to Council on engagement with the wider Māori community on the freshwater plan change; and to generally enhance NRC's understanding of te mana me te mauri o te wai.*
- » *Undertake early pre-consultation with Māori on all RMA planning processes.*
- » *Promote and support information sharing and consultation among Iwi and Council Chairs/councillors in the region through Te Kahu o Taonui (TKOT) iwi collective, and the Iwi Local Government Chief Executives (ILGACE) forum.*
- » *Promote and support ongoing information sharing and consultation among the chief executives of iwi authorities and councils in the region.*
- » *Continually enhance the cultural competency of Council staff and councillors, through training, provision of information resources, facilitation of kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) interaction with tāngata whenua following tikanga Māori, and provision of tikanga and language support from Council's Māori Relationships Team.*
- » *Provide culturally competent staff support to help representatives of tāngata whenua entities and communities to interact with Council staff and understand Council processes.*
- » *Continue to provide grants for developing or updating Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management Plans.*
- » *Maintain and continuously update Council's Māori contact database to facilitate Council's interaction with Māori entities and communities.*
- » *Distribute copies of resource consent applications lodged with Council to marae, hapū and iwi entities that may have an interest in the applications or that represent tāngata whenua who may potentially be affected by those consents.*
- » *Provide regular opportunities for Māori leaders, technicians, and kaitiaki in the region to learn about legislation, policies, regulations, plans and rules that may be relevant to them.*
- » *Provide opportunities for Māori businesses and experts in accordance with Council's Māori services procurement policy.*