

## In Principle Draft

# TE IA O MANAWATŪ GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

### VISION

*Kei te ora te wai, kei te ora te whenua, kei te ora te tangata*

*If the water is healthy, the land and the people are nourished*

### OVERVIEW

#### 1. Purpose

1.1 Te ia o Manawatū is a process established by Tangata Whenua and Horizons Regional Council as a joint council committee to provide governance and a strategic direction for the Manawatū River.

1.2 This process is focussed on:

- the Manawatū River, which includes the interconnected waterways comprising the river, tributaries, lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater that form part of those interconnected waterways; and
- activities on the land in the Manawatū River catchment to the extent that those activities affect the interconnected waterways; and
- the mauri of Manawatū River.

1.3 The initial task for the governance group, is to develop a strategic direction for the Manawatū River, is set out in **Appendix One**.

#### 2. Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi

2.1 Te ia o Manawatū and the governance group is underpinned by the Treaty of Waitangi and the principles which can be summarised as:

- **Partnership:** tangata whenua and Council working together through a partnership-based approach;

- **Participation:** tangata whenua and Council working together to ensure that tangata whenua and all communities can participate effectively in the process; and
- **Protection:** the protection of Māori knowledge, interests, values, protocols, customs and language and other taonga, and the protection of the values of the Manawatū River.

### Guiding Principles

2.2 Te ia o Manawatū and the governance group are guided by the following principles:

- **Kotahitanga** – Developing and maintaining a unity of purpose and direction towards a shared vision.
- **Pūkengatanga** – Celebrating the strengths of each partner which stems from their diverse culture and identity.
- **Kaitiakitanga** – Nurturing, consolidating, developing and expanding each partner so that each can continue to fulfil their functions and duties.
- **Wairuatanga** - Fostering the spiritual essence of each partner in addition to the physical dimension.
- **Whanaungatanga** – Recognition of strength of the individual being a part of a larger whole of the governance group. It is about knowing that each partner has a wider set of acquaintances that can provide support, assistance, nurturing, guidance and direction when needed.
- **Manaakitanga** – Expressing acknowledgment of each partner’s mana, respecting another’s point of view, perspective and behaviour. Each partner should endeavour to enhance the mana of the other.
- **Rangatiratanga** – Expressing the attributes of a rangatira including humility, leadership by example, generosity, altruism, diplomacy, professionalism.
- **Tino Rangatiratanga** – Respecting the self-governance of each partner and their control over their own destiny.
- **Ūkaipōtanga** – Recognition of each partner’s place of belonging or identity; recognising or knowing the importance of where each partner belongs, where they count, where they can contribute and the connection between the partners.
- **Whakapapa** - Acknowledging whakapapa as the framework that connects people to one another, to generations past and future, and to the wider environment. It reminds us of our responsibilities to one another as well as to the kaupapa.

### **3. Membership**

- 3.1 Up to six Regional Councillors and six tangata whenua members.
- 3.2 The Regional Councillors will be appointed by Council.
- 3.3 The tangata whenua members will be recommended by Rangitāne o Manawatū, Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua, Ngāti Kahungunu, Muaūpoko, Ngāti Kauwhata and Ngāti Raukawa through their respective internal processes and appointed by Council.

### **4. Co-Chairs**

- 4.1 The governance group will have two Co-Chairs:
  - A Councillor member of the group, and
  - A tangata whenua member of the group appointed by tangata whenua.
- 4.2 At the commencement of each triennium:
  - The Council shall appoint the Councillor Co-Chair
  - The tangata whenua members shall appoint the other Co-Chair
- 4.3 Each Co-Chair shall be the presiding member at meetings of the governance group on an alternate basis. If a Co-Chair is absent from a meeting of the governance group for which they are scheduled to be the presiding member, the other Co-Chair shall preside at the meeting.

### **5. Voting entitlement**

- 5.1 Members of the governance group have full speaking rights and voting entitlements.

### **6. Quorum**

- 6.1 The quorum for the governance group is three members appointed by the Council and three members appointed by tangata whenua.
- 6.2 Decision-making shall be by consensus where possible.
- 6.3 In the event that consensus cannot be reached then decisions will be made by support of the majority of:
  - the members appointed by the Council (who are present and voting at a meeting); and
  - the members appointed by tangata whenua (who are present and voting at a meeting).

**7. Remuneration**

- 7.1 The remuneration of the non-Councillor members of the governance group will be determined and approved by the Council.

**8. Duration of the governance group**

- 8.1 With reference to clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the governance group/committee is not discharged following the next triennial election.

**9. Review of the governance group**

- 9.1 A review of the governance group's terms of reference will be undertaken when the Manawatū catchment strategy has been approved, or at any time at the governance group's discretion.

- 9.2 It is acknowledged that the Manawatū River Advisory Board will in due course be established to provide advice to Council on issues relating to the Awa. Once established, governance arrangements for the catchment, including this governance group, will be reviewed.

**10. Special terms of reference**

- 10.1 Members are to be appointed and are to apply their particular skills and knowledge to deliver on the vision of Te ia o Manawatū, to enhance the mauri of the awa, and the communities that rely upon the river.
- 10.2 While members will reflect the perspectives of their appointers, they must work together with the primary focus being on the mauri of the awa and the wellbeing of communities.
- 10.3 The governance group shall provide for the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest and shall adopt procedures to deal with those matters so as to avoid any perceptions or allegations of conflict, bias or predetermination.
- 10.4 The participation of tangata whenua members on the governance group will not be a substitute for any engagement with Iwi authorities as required by the RMA.
- 10.5 The participation of tangata whenua on the governance group is consistent with the Council's obligations under the LGA to facilitate Māori participation in the Council's decision-making processes.

## APPENDIX ONE

### TE IA O MANAWATŪ

#### DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR THE MANAWATŪ RIVER

- 1.1 The first task for the governance group is to develop a strategic direction for the Manawatū River.
- 1.2 This process is focussed on:
- the Manawatū River, which includes the interconnected waterways comprising the river, tributaries, lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater that form part of those interconnected waterways; and
  - activities on the land in the Manawatū River catchment to the extent that those activities affect the interconnected waterways; and
  - the mauri of Manawatū River.
- 1.3 Once the governance group has completed the strategic direction process, it may agree to move on to other tasks relating to the Manawatū River.
- 1.4 In order to develop the strategic direction, the governance group will:
- Oversee development of a freshwater management strategy for the Manawatū River and its catchment. That strategy will contain recommendations to the Council in relation to improving the mauri, health and sustainable management of the Manawatū River and its catchment.
  - Appoint a community collaborative group to assist in development of that strategy. This collaborative group will undertake ‘on the ground’ work, with hapū, whānau, communities and stakeholders, to develop the detail of the strategy, and will report back to the governance group with a draft strategy.
  - Approve the Manawatū catchment strategy, and support its implementation, once completed.
  - Provide advice to the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council in relation to freshwater and estuarine management issues concerning the Manawatū River catchment.
  - To avoid doubt, the respective functions of the Council and governance group are as follows:

- the governance group will be responsible for developing and approving the strategy which will include recommendations to the Council in relation to improving the mauri, health and sustainable management of the Manawatū River and its catchment;
- the Council will consider the strategy and its recommendations and will meet with the governance group to work through those recommendations;
- the Council and the governance group will seek to reach consensus on the strategy and recommendations;
- the Council will have the function of deciding what and how any recommendations, particularly those with fiscal or statutory implications for Council, will be taken forward into the implementation phase (for example through an RMA planning process);
- the Council will seek advice and support from the governance group in relation to proposals for the implementation and monitoring of the strategy.

- 1.5 The catchment strategy is not intended to be a statutory document. It will, however, inform the implementation process including the potential development of proposed plans, variations, and plan changes in accordance with the requirements of the RMA and its instruments. When preparing and approving the strategy, the governance group will ensure that the contents of the strategy reflect the purpose, principles and requirements of the RMA and are able to be adopted through RMA processes, should the Council decide to do so.
- 1.6 The catchment strategy is a core component of the Council's implementation of national environmental policy, including the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. It must also consider estuarine and coastal effects, in accordance with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.
- 1.7 It is expected that development of a catchment strategy will follow a collaborative process, with the meaningful involvement of community members and interest groups. That process may differ from the Collaborative Planning Process described in Schedule 1 of the RMA, but should be guided by the engagement requirements of the RMA and the LGA.