

Report No.	21-46
<b>Decision Required</b>	

## IWI RELATIONSHIPS REPORT

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report will inform Council on various matters concerning iwi and hapū. It includes a brief report on a regional hui-ā-iwi (meeting of iwi), an update on Treaty of Waitangi settlements and arrangements, and iwi and hapū relationship agreements.
- 1.2. The report seeks decisions from Council concerning the appointment of members to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua.

### 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Horizons called a two-day hui-ā-iwi to discuss a range of matters; most iwi were available to attend the hui and they provided valuable feedback on a range of issues, which we continue to work with iwi on.
- 2.2. Two more iwi groups are closer to completing their Treaty settlements. Relationship development work between iwi and Horizons continues.
- 2.3. Council is advised to reappoint for members of Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua and to begin a process to seek a new member from the primary sector.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-46;
- b. notes that Horizons appointed five (5) members to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua for a three year term in early 2018; those members can be reappointed or removed at Council's discretion;
- c. notes that the member appointed to represent primary sector interests has stood down from the role, and a process will start soon to fill the vacancy;
- d. reappoints the remaining four (4) members, previously appointed by Horizons to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua, for another three year term.

### 4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4.1. There are no significant financial implications associated with this report.

### 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 5.1. Iwi engagement work is ongoing on a range of topics and levels. Horizons must involve iwi, to the extent that they want to be involved, in the work required of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. Engagement with the wider community will be running in parallel.

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## 6. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 6.1. There are no significant risks associated with matters in this paper.

## 7. CLIMATE IMPACT STATEMENT

- 7.1. As the report deals entirely with administrative matters, there is no climate change impact.
- 7.2. An iwi member has been ratified by iwi for inclusion in the Joint Climate Action Committee to provide an iwi perspective and ideas on climate change issues.

## 8. IWI ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 8.1. Horizons continues to engage with iwi and hapū across the organisation on a range of activities, including river management, consenting, monitoring, freshwater work, partnerships and Treaty settlement processes. Regardless of whether iwi have settled or not, their capacity to engage with local government remains challenging. They have many organisations seeking their attention and with the recently released, and ongoing policy development work of Central Government, iwi will have increasing demands on their time and resources.
- 8.2. Hui-ā-Iwi – in mid-November 2020. Horizons organised a meeting to discuss matters with the iwi of the region. Hosted in Marton, by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, it was a good turnout with most iwi available to attend. A range of matters were discussed as described in the following paragraphs.
- 8.3. Essential Freshwater – staff members talked to the Government's Essential Freshwater package, highlighting those matters that we considered important to iwi. We opened the discussion on Horizons' Oranga Wai Our Freshwater Future work programme. The first workshop of the programme was held on the 25th of February 2021, with the second being held on the 8th of April 2021. Horizons remains conscious of the need to consider bespoke processes to give effect to Treaty settlement arrangements such as Te Awa Tupua and Te Waiū o te Ika.
- 8.4. Civil Defence – Mr Chris Kumeroa was ratified by iwi in mid 2020 to provide an iwi perspective to the **Coordinating Executive Group (CEG)**. He gave an update of his involvement in the CEG and other Civil Defence matters. Iwi were invited to appoint advisors to the **Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEMG)** Joint Standing Committee. After their involvement in the pandemic response, iwi were interested in being active on that committee and invited Horizons to draft a process for ratifying members. That was duly completed and a voting process ran from late January through to late March 2021. Three members were ratified by iwi to act as advisors to the Joint Committee.
- 8.5. Climate Change – Horizons discussed the strategy development work being undertaken for the region and invited iwi to consider appointing members to the Joint Climate Action Committee. Horizons ran a process that has seen one iwi member ratified for inclusion into the Joint Committee. Due to further interest, it is likely that we will run another voting process to ratify more iwi members.
- 8.6. Resource Consents – It was agreed to form a small working group of iwi and Horizons staff; to consider ways of making the RMA process less onerous for iwi to respond. They are set to have their first meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.
- 8.7. Effective Māori representation in decision-making – Horizons presented a paper on constituencies as well as other inclusive decision making models in use as the start of a longer conversation.

### Treaty Settlements

- 8.8. Settlements continue with two iwi groups moving closer to settling their Treaty grievances:
- Ngāti Maniapoto initialled their Deed of Settlement in mid December 2020.
  - Ngāti Maru signed their Deed of Settlement in late February 2021.
- 8.9. Te Waiū o Te Ika (the Whangaehu River) co-governance component of the Ngāti Rangi Settlement is awaiting initiation; Horizons remains ready to engage when invited.

### Appointees To Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua

- 8.10. **Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua (Te Kōpuka)** is the group responsible for producing the strategy document that will address and advance the environmental, social, cultural and economic health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua. There are up to seventeen (17) members on Te Kōpuka; five (5) of which are appointed by Horizons.
- 8.11. In early 2018, Horizons appointed members for a three-year term. Horizons' has the discretion to reappoint or remove any or all of these members. One member has decided to stand down, while the others have indicated their preference for reappointment. The following people were appointed in 2018:
- The Horizons Regional Council appointed member is Councillor Nicola Patrick.
  - The member appointed to represent primary sector interests was Mr Geoff Burton; he has stepped down from that role.
  - The member appointed to represent environmental and conservation interests is Mr Keith Beautrais.
  - The member appointed to represent tourism interests is Mr Rory Smith.
  - The member appointed to represent recreational interests is Mrs Nicole Dryden.
- 8.12. The members that wish to continue understand their role have developed relationships with other Te Kōpuka members and are engaged in the process. It is recommended that they all be reappointed.
- 8.13. A process to find a replacement for the member to represent primary sector interests will begin shortly. Dates have yet to be determined, however it is proposed that the interview panel be comprised of the following:
- A Council elected member.
  - A Council executive member.
  - A Council employee with cultural experience.

## 9. TIMELINE / NEXT STEPS

- 9.1. The Oranga Wai Our Freshwater Future engagement with iwi will continue with regular workshops.
- 9.2. A process to select a member to represent primary sector interests on Te Kōpuka will begin shortly.

## 10. SIGNIFICANCE

- 10.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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## ANNEXES

There are no attachments for this report.