

# Te Tākai Here o Ngāti Toa Rangatira me Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi



TE RŪNANGA O  
**TOA RANGATIRA**

TE AWA  **KAIRANGI**  
HUTT CITY

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## TŪĀPAPA | FOUNDATIONS

*Te Tākai Here o ngā Mana Whenua o Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui me Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi* is underpinned by our rohe, Mana Whenua tikanga, mana kōhi and whakapapa. It binds and distinguishes the working relationship between Mana Whenua entities and Hutt City Council in fulfilling our shared obligations and responsibilities with respect to our people, the management of the rohe and all people who reside within Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai. For this Tākai Here to be successful, every bind, lashing, knot, and tie is vitally important in making sure that the bond is absolute, safe and fit for purpose.

This document sets out who this relationship is between, the values, principles, roles and responsibilities, protocols and terms being agreed to in order to give effect to this Tākai Here.

**"Whiria matua kaha, tākai here, kia tina, kia toka"**  
*Bind it together, lash it so it is strong, so that it is fixed*

## TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this Tākai Here is to set out the relationship between Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated (Rūnanga) and Hutt City Council (HCC) and set the key objectives of the partnership.

## TE TAI RANGAPŪ O TE TĀKAI HERE | PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
- Hutt City Council

## TE TĀKAI HERE | RELATIONSHIP

As a local authority, Council is guided by a legal framework that includes provisions for Māori and an obligation to include Māori in decision-making. These statutory obligations may be the foundations for organisational policy and delivery but, on their own, they do not adequately emphasise the importance of a Te Tiriti (The Treaty of Waitangi) partnership with Māori, and the critical value that this unique relationship can bring to the city.

Council's vision is that we will meaningfully embrace and incorporate the Te Ao Māori (Māori worldview) in our policies and practices, be aware and responsive to Māori needs and aspirations, and fulfil our obligations under the principles of Te Tiriti. Council recognises the critical value that a strong partnership with Mana Whenua can bring to building a city where everyone thrives.

Council aims to ensure we have the right relationships and processes in place to enable partnership with Mana Whenua, effective participation, and a shared decision-making focus. This includes meaningful, timely and inclusive engagement at all levels that requires teams to discuss the role of Mana Whenua in the planning and delivery of our work programmes and the equitable resourcing for this in line with Council obligations to Mana Whenua.

## **HE MIHI | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **Te Tiriti o Waitangi | Treaty of Waitangi**

The parties acknowledge the importance of the Te Tiriti /the Treaty of Waitangi as a founding document of Aotearoa / New Zealand.

HCC recognises the rights and responsibilities set out in the [Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014 \(the Settlement Act\)](#).

## **TE RŪNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA**

### **Kia tū ai a Ngāti Toa Rangatira; Hei iwi Toa, Hei iwi Rangatira.**

The vision of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira is that Ngāti Toa is a strong, vibrant, and influential iwi, firmly grounded in our cultural identity and leading change to enable whānau wellbeing and prosperity. We aim to enhance the mana, wellbeing, and prosperity of Ngāti Toa Rangatira iwi, hapū and whānau by empowering our whānau, reclaiming our own iwi self-determination, revitalising our environment through leadership, innovation, connectedness and exercising our rangatiratanga.

That Ngāti Toa Rangatira is a strong, vibrant, and influential iwi, firmly grounded in our cultural identity and leading change to enable whānau wellbeing and prosperity.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira is the mandated iwi authority of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and manages all political and public interest on behalf of Ngāti Toa Rangatira. These interests include Tiriti claims, commercial and customary fisheries, health services, local government relationships, and resource and environmental management. It is also responsible for commercial interests including property assets. Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira is a non-profit incorporated society with charitable status.

## **TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

### **The Vision for Hutt City Council is:**

A city where all of its people can thrive.

HCC is a territorial authority as defined in the Local Government Act 2002. Its role is to enable democratic local decision making and action by and on behalf of communities; and to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost effective for households and businesses

## WHĀINGA | OBJECTIVES

The parties to this Tākai Here seek to:

### Recognise

- The need to collaborate and develop collective solutions to projects and initiatives
- The common interests of the parties as organisations and entities that hold significant responsibilities for the communities they serve
- The need to work together on agreed and relevant initiatives and projects being led by HCC, including other Mana Whenua / tribal entities within the Te Awa Kairangi rohe

Working together in Partnership to ensure key outcomes and priorities are supported and provided for, these include:

### Statutory Acknowledgements

- The Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act (2014) include Statutory Acknowledgements that formally recognise the ongoing cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association Ngāti Toa Rangatira has with sites and resources of significance. Of relevance to Hutt City, Ngāti Toa Rangatira hold Statutory Acknowledgements over Te Awa Kairangi me ōna kautawa (Hutt River and its tributaries), Te Whanganui a Tara (Wellington Harbour) and Raukawa Moana (Cook Strait).

### Rights of First Refusal

- HCC must seek approval from the Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira when the Council intends to acquire, dispose of, or redevelop assets of which the Rūnanga hold a right of first refusal (RFR) option over.

The RFR schedule recognises the importance for the Rūnanga in rebuilding their land holdings, and their relationship to the land as Mana Whenua. HCC recognises the significance of the RFR schedule and agrees to work collaboratively with the Rūnanga to protect and/or grow their interest and investment where HCC has the means to do so.

## **POU TARĀWAHO O TE TĀKAI HERE | TĀKAI HERE FRAMEWORK**

The parties to this agreement commit to developing a framework that:

- gives effect to a meaningful Partnership;
- enables Mana Whenua decision making, is strategically led, contributes to meaningful outcomes, and enables direct involvement across the operational functions of council; and
- outlines representation on Council and the mechanism/s in place for the parties to contribute to Council business and planning.

To do this the parties agree that a process will be agreed to develop the framework and that a person or persons will be identified to design the process. The parties will conclude these matters as soon as possible but no later than 30 June 2022.

## **HAEPAPA | ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The parties through a mutually agreed forum will establish an agreed mechanism/s to support the development and implementation of the aims, aspirations, priorities, objectives, and outcomes of the Tākai Here as it relates to the roles and responsibilities of partner organisations. In order to achieve this the parties will develop an equitable joint strategy and action plan.

## **HAUMITANGA | RESOURCING**

The parties recognise that in fulfilling their obligations to one another and to give effect to the Tākai Here, HCC will commit to the provision of yearly resourcing which will support Rūnanga involvement in key HCC led initiatives and projects.

Resourcing commitments will be discussed, established, and agreed upon by both parties annually through a schedule attached to this Tākai Here.

## **KŌRERO WHĀNUI | GENERAL TERMS**

### **Nature of this Tākai Here**

This Tākai Here –

- Is freely entered into by all parties in a spirit of good faith and partnership
- Is a statement of good intention based on the respective roles and responsibilities of each party
- Can only be realised by an ongoing good relationship between parties

This agreement comes into force as at the date of signing.

## Relationship Management

Regular meetings between the Chief Executive of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, the Chair (and/or relevant Member/s) of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, the Chief Executive of HCC, the Mayor (and/or relevant councillors), and relevant officers /staff of both organisations will be held as agreed by both parties.

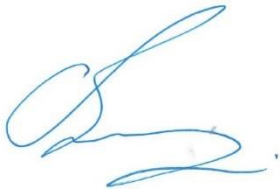
## Term and Review

The objectives recorded in this document shall commence on the date it is signed by all parties and last until this Tākai Here is replaced or terminated. To ensure the Tākai Here remains relevant and current for both parties, it will be reviewed annually by relevant representatives from both party organisations.

## Termination of this Tākai Here

Any party may terminate its participation in this Tākai Here by notice to the other and before terminating this Tākai Here, HCC or Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira must give the other at least 30 working days' notice of an intention to terminate.

Signed on 6 May 2022 for and on behalf of Hutt City Council by:



Campbell Barry Koromatua | Mayor



Jo Miller Tumuhakarae | Chief Executive

Signed on for and on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated:



Callum Katene Heamana | Chairperson



Helmut Modlik Tumuhakarae | Chief Executive

## ĀPITIHANGA | SCHEDULE

HCC is committed to working in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to support the development of a partnership through giving effect to the actions listed below:

- The Parties will discuss and seek to reach a consensus on how matters of strategic significance may be mutually addressed by both parties through acting in partnership. Matters of strategic significance include, but are not limited to:
  - economic development
  - environment
  - infrastructure
  - employment
  - social issues
  - education
  - health
  - housing
  - energy
  - urban growth
  - local democratic representation and decision-making
  - reforms that impact local government and the services that are provided, e.g., three waters and Resource Management Act reforms
- Both parties will work in collaboration to develop appropriate mechanisms to ensure efficient, effective, and appropriate input by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira into:
  - The Long Term Plan
  - Annual Plan
  - Any other planning or strategy development process as mutually agreed between the parties
- The active protection of taonga, both tangible and intangible, and safeguarding Ngāti Toa Rangatira concepts, values, and practices
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira will be engaged to support and show leadership at ceremonial activities of Council
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira will be engaged in the street naming process and will be given opportunities to gift names for projects, buildings, and initiatives of Council
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira will provide support on matters of Ngāti Toa Rangatira tikanga and culture to the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive, and other officers as mutually agreed
- Where a significant cultural or commercial development is being considered, the Council will appoint a contact person to co-ordinate all local body regulatory and other requirements

- Where Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira is undertaking a development that is intended to achieve social outcomes for our community such as social or affordable housing outcomes, HCC will work with relevant representatives to support and enable (as able) the initiative

**Haumitanga | Resourcing:** In giving effect to the Tākai Here, HCC will provide to The Rūnanga a total quantum of \$45,000 plus GST. The Rūnanga will invoice on a half-yearly basis. Please note that this figure may be adjusted in line with Council's policy for inflation.

**Pūrongo | Reporting:** Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira will provide an annual report noting all specific activities and projects they have engaged in.

**Arotake | Review:** The Schedule to this Tākai Here will be reviewed annually at the beginning of the HCC financial year (1 July).