



Tākai Here o ngā Mana Whenua o Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui me Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi

Between

Hutt City Council

and

Hīkoikoi Management Limited

On behalf of:

- Wellington Tenths Trust and,
- The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust



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1. 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 takiwā, Mana Whenua tikanga, mana kohi and whakapapa. It binds and distinguishes the working relationship between Hīkoikoi Management Ltd. and Hutt City Council in fulfilling our shared obligations and responsibilities with respect to our people, the management of the takiwā 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 relationship principles, objectives of the Tākai Here, operating framework, roles and responsibilities, values, and general terms being agreed to in order to give effect to this Tākai Here.

"Whiria matua kaha, tākai herea, kia tina, kia toka"

Bind it together, lash it so it is strong, so that it is fixed.

2. TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this Tākai Here is to set out the relationship and the key objectives of the partnership between: Hīkoikoi Management Limited on behalf of the Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust; and Hutt City Council.

The Tākai Here jointly establishes our relationship at a governance level. Funding and other operational arrangements including those of the Kāhui Mana Whenua (an additional forum at an operational level that seeks to enable and provide for collaboration and engagement on city development policy and projects across Hutt City Council's work programme) are dealt with in a supplementary agreement.

3. TE TAI RANGAPŪ O TE TĀKAI HERE | PARTIES TO THE TĀKAI HERE

The parties to the Tākai Here are Hutt City Council; Hīkoikoi Management Limited on behalf of Wellington Tenths Trust; and The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust.

4. WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST

The Wellington Tenths Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust and iwi authority constituted by the Māori Land Court in December 2003. The Trust administers Māori Reserve lands in Wellington and Upper Hutt that were set aside for iwi as part of the Port

Nicholson Block purchase agreement between the New Zealand Company and Mana Whenua in 1839.

The 7000+ beneficial owners of the reserves are descendants of the hapū of Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Tama, Taranaki, and Ngāti Ruanui tupuna who were living within the rohe in 1839.

5. PALMERSTON NORTH MĀORI RESERVE TRUST

The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust constituted under Section 244 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.

The Trust originated through an act of the Crown in 1866, when Governor Grey exchanged land interests in Wainuiomata held by Te Ati Awa living in Waiwhetū, with a block of land which is now part of central Palmerston North.

The Trust is a major landowner in central Palmerston North as well as owning land in Thorndon, Wellington, that was once part of Pipitea Pā. There are nearly 1200 beneficial owners of the Trust.

The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust and Wellington Tenth Trust are known as "sister trusts". This is because they emanate from the same parents, that being the land and waters at Te Whanganui-a-Tara. The key objective of the Trusts is to manage, maintain, and increase the assets and interests of the Trusts to ensure the best financial and social benefit for its owners and their whānau. The Trusts have a responsibility as kaitiaki to look after our environment and whenua, and to ensure that all people living on it are cared for.

6. HĪKOIKOI MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Hīkoikoi Management Limited is the management and administrative arm for the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust and their associated entities. Hīkoikoi Management Limited are responsible for many of the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust's business activities.

Hīkoikoi Management Limited is guided by the ōhākī, or dying wish, of the Te Āti Awa chief, Te Wharepouri in 1842.

"I muri nei kia pai ki aku taonga Māori, taonga Pākehā, kia tae ake te haruru o tō reo ki ahau, ki Te Reinga."

"After I have gone, be good to my Māori people and my European people, let the thunder of your voice reach me in the spirit land."

7. TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Hutt City Council's purpose is: A city where all of its people thrive.

Hutt City Council 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.

8. HE MIHI | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The parties acknowledge the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi | Treaty of Waitangi as a founding document of the Government in Aotearoa | New Zealand.

9. TE TĀKAI HERE | RELATIONSHIP

As a local authority, Hutt City 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 Te Tiriti o Waitangi, partnership with Māori and the critical value that this unique relationship can bring to the city.

Hutt City Council wants to do more to ensure that our city is a place where all of our people thrive. Council meaningfully embraces and incorporates Te Ao Māori (Māori worldview) in its policies and practices, is aware and responsive to Māori needs and aspirations and fulfils its obligations under the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. 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 think about the role of Mana Whenua in the planning and delivery of our work programmes and equitable resourcing.

The parties to this Tākai Here will:

- act as a strategic forum to inform and determine complementary efforts within and across local government;

- maintain a collaborative approach for the development of policies, practices, systems and investment approaches;
- advocate for the advancement and well-being of Mana Whenua and Mātāwaka through innovative solutions guided by our shared values; and
- advocate for the protection, prosperity and well-being of te taiao (te whenua me te wai) through solutions guided by our shared values and tikanga according to Mana Whenua.

10. 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; and
- the need to work together on agreed and relevant initiatives and projects being led by Hutt City Council which include other Mana Whenua / tribal entities within the Te Awa Kairangi takiwā.

11. POU TARĀWAHO O TE TĀKAI HERE | TĀKAI HERE FRAMEWORK

The parties to this Tākai Here acknowledge that the Tākai Here:

- gives effect to a meaningful partnership;
- sets a platform where communication between parties allows for transparency;
- 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 of Council and the mechanism/s in place for the parties to contribute to Council business and planning.

12. HAEPAPA | ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The parties, through the quarterly hui or other mutually agreed fora, 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. Te Herenga Kairangi, Council's first Māori Strategy, will directly contribute to achieving the outcomes in this Tākai Here.

13. UARA | VALUES

- **Whanaungatanga** – building a strong partnership with an inter-generational view to the sustainable prosperity and wellbeing of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai/connectedness and kinship.
- **Manaakitanga** – placing the care of our whānau and community at the centre/ enhancing mana through excellence, generosity and hospitality.
- **Kaitiakitanga** – caring for and protecting for our environment/sustaining our people and resources.
- **Whakapono** – working together in good faith with honesty and transparency.
- **Kotahi Tātou** – working together with Mana Whenua and the wider community to achieve agreed outcomes/inspiring unity and connection.
- **Whakataua Tika** – acting with honesty and integrity.
- **Wairuatanga** – our connection to te ao wairua.
- **Ahi Kā** – sustainability of Te Āti Awatanga.
- **Rangatiratanga** – visionary and courageous leadership.

14. KŌRERO WHĀNUI | GENERAL TERMS

a. 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; and
- can only be realised by an ongoing good relationship between parties.

This agreement comes into force on the date of signing.

b. Relationship Management

Regular meetings between the Chief Executive, Mayor (relevant councillors), Board members, relevant staff of both organisations will be held as agreed.

Hutt City Council recognises the importance of the relationship between Hutt City Council and Mana Whenua (Te Āti Awa as Tangata Whenua within Lower Hutt). Mana Whenua will be accorded special rights in Hutt City Council Standing Orders in terms of agenda items and speaking rights at Hutt City Council meetings (refer current relevant clauses in Hutt City Council Standing Orders Provisions for Tangata Whenua).

c. 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.

d. Termination of this Tākai Here

Any party may terminate its participation in this Tākai Here by giving the other parties at least 30 working days' notice of an intention to terminate.

This Tākai Here will continue to operate for all remaining parties after the termination by one or more parties, providing there are at least two parties remaining.

Signed on 11-02-2025

for and on behalf of Hutt City Council by:



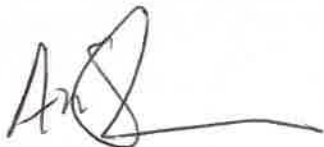
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Signed on

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