

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

We commit to partnering with our community and Immigration New Zealand (INZ) to build and maintain a welcoming environment. We recognise that proactively fostering an inclusive community where everyone can belong and participate creates social, economic, civic and cultural benefits for our community. To do this, we will engage with newcomers (recent migrants, international students and former refugees) and local residents.

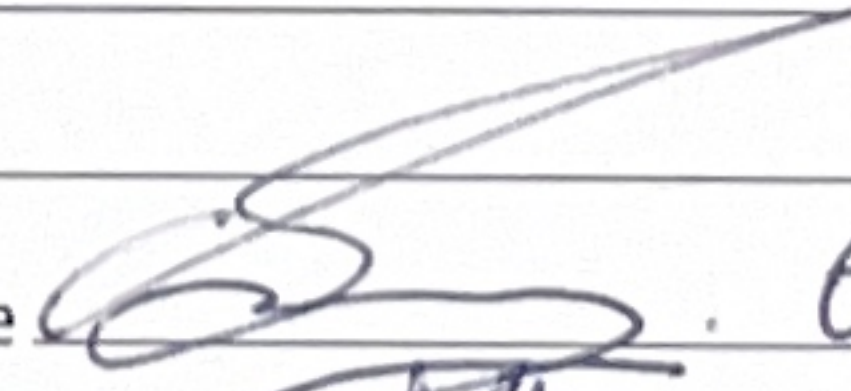


We resolve to participate in the Welcoming Communities programme and commit to:

- › **Joining a network of councils and communities** that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
- › **Publicly communicating our commitment** to becoming an intentionally Welcoming Community.
- › **Appointing a dedicated staff member** to establish and facilitate implementation of the Welcoming Communities programme.
- › **Signing a funding agreement** with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and completing the associated project tasks and reporting requirements.
- › **Communicating regularly with INZ's Welcoming Communities team** to progress planning and share learnings with other councils and communities participating in Welcoming Communities.

INZ will support our Council in a number of ways, including:

- › **Advice and guidance.** Personalised and regular contact with Wellington and regional-based INZ staff.
- › **Knowledge sharing.** Supporting the council and community to network, share best practice, learn from each other and access international and national resources.
- › **Standard + Welcoming Plans + Accreditation.** Providing the Welcoming Communities Standard for New Zealand (the Standard) to benchmark council policies, services, programmes and activities. Supporting us to develop and implement our Welcoming Plan to meet the Standard's outcomes. Supporting us to seek accreditation as an Established, Advanced or Excelling Welcoming Community.
- › **Celebrating success.** Showcasing success in Welcoming Plan activities and shining a light on achievements.

The intent and commitment to participate in Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori is made by the following parties.

Name of council	<u>HUTT CITY COUNCIL</u>	
Name of district	<u>LOWER HUTT</u>	
Mayor (print name)	<u>CAMPBELL BARRY</u>	Sign & date <u> 6/09/23</u>
Deputy Mayor (print name)	<u>TUI LEWIS</u>	Sign & date <u> 6/9/23</u>
Council CEO (print name)	<u>JO MILLER</u>	Sign & date <u> 6/9/23</u>