



# Tākaī 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**

**Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa  
ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui**



**Te Rūnanga o Toa  
Rangatira**



**Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae**



**Arohanui Ki Te Tangata  
(Waiwhetū) Marae**



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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 Mana Whenua entities who are parties to this agreement 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 Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Incorporated, Te Tatau o te Pō Marae, Arohanui ki te Tangata (Waiwhetū) Marae, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira 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; Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui, Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae, Arohanui Ki Te Tangata (Waiwhetū) Marae and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira.

#### **4. TE RŪNANGANUI O TE ĀTI AWA KI TE UPOKO O TE IKA A MĀUI**

*Te Āti Awa tupua rau, he auripo i te manga nui, he kaitiaki ki te whenua*  
*Te Āti Awa of many phenomenon, a swirl in the water, a guardian to the land*

Te Rūnanganui is a Mana Whenua entity providing health, social services, iwi justice and educational services to the people who reside within the tribal boundary of the Te Āti Awa Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika.

#### **5. TE RŪNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA**

##### **The vision for the Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira is:**

To promote the mana of Ngāti Toa Rangatira by enhancing the social, economic, educational, cultural, and spiritual development of all tribal members, in an open and responsive manner by enabling them opportunities to attain their full potential for the benefit of the iwi and the community.

The Rūnanga is a non-profit incorporated society with charitable status. The Rūnanga is the mandated iwi authority for Ngāti Toa Rangatira and is the administrative body of iwi estates and assets. The Rūnanga deals with the political and public issues of national interest such as Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims, commercial and customary fisheries, health services including primary mental health and residential care services, local government relationships and resource and environmental management.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. 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.

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. 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.
- **Whakatau 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.

### 13. 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

30-01-2025

for and on behalf of Hutt City Council by:



**Campbell Barry**

Koromatua I Mayor

Signed on

for and on behalf of Te Rūnanganui o  
Te Āti Awa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira by:



**Kura Moeahu**

Heamana I Chairperson



**Callum Katene**

Heamana I Chairperson



## 14. ĀPITI HANGA 1 | Appendix 1

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira 1a) Statutory Acknowledgements

Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act for Lower Hutt and the adjoining coastal areas.

(<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2014/0017/latest/DLM5954219.html>).

They are:

- The Hutt River and its tributaries;
- Cook Strait, and
- Wellington Harbour.

### 1b) Rights of First Refusal

Hutt City Council must obtain written approval from Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira when the Council intends to acquire, dispose of, or redevelop assets of which Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira holds a right of first refusal (RFR) option over.

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

## 15. ĀPITI HANGA 2 | APPENDIX 2

*Te Tai Rangapū O Te Tāpiri Atu Ki Te Tākai Here | Parties to this Appendix*

- Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae
- Arohanui Ki Te Tangata (Waiwhetū) Marae
- Hutt City Council

### a. He Mihi | Acknowledgements

*Te Tiriti o Waitangi | Treaty of Waitangi*

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

*Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae:*

*Ko Pukeariki te mounga*

*Ko Te Korokoro o Te Mana te awa*

*Ko Pukeariki te marae*

*Ko Te Tatau o Te Pō te pouwhare*

*Ko Te Āti Awa te iwi*

*Ko Ngāti Te Whiti, ko Ngāti Tāwhirikura ngā hapū*

Opened in 1933, under the leadership of Mr Wī Hapi Love Snr and with the support of the Taranaki Trust Board, Te Tatau o Te Pō is the marae of the Ngāti Te Whiti and Ngāti Tāwhirikura hapū of Te Āti Awa. This was the first local modern marae complex built in the 20th century and takes the name of the original house at the Pito-One pā during the era of Hōniana Te Puni Kōkopu. Te Tatau o Te Pō is located on Hutt Section 16, Subdivision 21, part of the original block awarded to the people of Pito One Pā in 1847 as part of the McCleverty awards. The land for the marae complex was provided for by members of the Wārena, Takarangi, Mātene, and Love families.

*Waiwhetū Marae:*

*Ko Pukeatua te mounga*

*Ko Waiwhetū te awa*

*Ko Waiwhetū te marae*

*Ko Arohanui ki te Tangata te pouwhare*

*Ko Te Āti Awa te iwi*

*Ko Ngāti Puketapu, ko Te Matehou, ko Ngāti Hāmua ngā hapū*

Opened in 1960 after years of fundraising, the Waiwhetū marae complex is in the heart of the Waiwhetū papakāinga – the oldest traditional communal occupation of Te Āti Awa people in Te Whanganui a Tara. Over the six following decades the marae complex has expanded with the creation of the Te Aroha Association clubrooms, Waiwhetū Hauora Medical Centre, Waiwhetū Gym, and the whare rūnanga, Te Māori.

b. Tāpiri Atu Ki Te Tākai Here | Appendix to the Tākai Here

The parties to this appendix seek to recognise:

- The historic and territorial rights of Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae and Waiwhetū Marae, as Mana Whenua marae, over Te Awa Kairangi; and
- the significant responsibilities of Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae and Waiwhetū Marae, as Ahi Kā marae, for the communities that they serve.

c. Kōrero Whānui | General Terms

*Nature of this appendix to the Tākai Here*

This appendix to the 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 as at the date of signing.

d. Term and Review

The resourcing recorded in the supplementary agreement 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 at the beginning of the Hutt City Council financial year.

e. Reporting

Each marae will provide an annual report or performance report generated for an Annual General Meeting noting all specific activities and projects they have engaged in.

f. Termination of this appendix to the Tākai Here

Any party may terminate its participation in this appendix to the Tākai Here by notice to the other. Before terminating this appendix to the Tākai Here, Hutt City Council or the marae must give the other at least 30 working days' notice of an intention to terminate.

Signed on 30-01-2025

for and on behalf of Hutt City Council by:



**Campbell Barry**

Koromatua I Mayor

Signed on

for and on behalf of Te Tatau o te Pō

Marae and Arohanui ki te Tangata (Waiwhetū) Marae by:



**Lee-John Hunter**

Heamana I Chairperson



**Kura Moeahu**

Heamana I Chairperson