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Between

**Hutt City Council** 

And

Hīkoikoi Management Limited (on behalf of the Wellington Tenths Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust)





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## TÜĀPAPA | 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 all Mana Whenua entities 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 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 PÜTAKE | PURPOSE

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

# TE TAI RANGAPŬ O TE TÂKAI HERE | PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

- Hīkoikoi Management Limited
- Wellington Tenths Trust
- Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust
- 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 The Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti), 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 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 think about 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 Treaty of Waitangi as a founding document of the Government in Aotearoa / New Zealand.

#### WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST

### The objective for the Wellington Tenths Trust is:

To maintain and develop the reserves to the best financial and social benefit of the descendants of the original owners. Therefore, the managing Trustees must look at investments and projects in a holistic way — incorporating cultural, social, spiritual, environmental, and financial considerations in their decision making. Another responsibility of the Trust is to uphold the mana whenua status in the region. This means that Wellington Tenths Trust are involved in many different projects and activities in the Wellington region.

The Wellington Tenths Trust is an Ahu Whenua trust constituted by the Māori Land Court Order of 16 December 2003, pursuant to Section 244 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, which varied the original Trust Deed of 1977, and the subsequent variation of Deed made on 17 July 1996.

The Trust was established to administer Māori Reserve lands, largely in urban Wellington, although it also administers a rural block in Kaitoke, Upper Hutt. The Trust owns a total of 81 hectares of land with an asset value of \$130 million at March 2021.

The beneficial owners of the reserves are descendants of hapu of Te Ati Awa, Ngāti Tama, Taranaki, and Ngāti Ruanui tūpuna who were living within the rohe in 1839. There are currently 7,116 registered beneficial owners and many other whānau through those beneficial owners.

### PALMERSTON NORTH MÄORI RESERVE TRUST

The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust constituted by the Māori Land Court under Section 244 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. This Trust originated through an act of the Crown in 1866. Governor Grey exchanged Te Āti Awa land interests in Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt, with a block of land which is now part of central Palmerston North. Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust trustees and owners acknowledge Rangitāne as mana whenua in Palmerston North.

The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust and Wellington Tenths Trust are known as "sister trusts". This is because they emanate from the same parents, that being the land and waters at Te Whanganuia-Tara. Both Trusts are comprised of ētehi o ngā hapū/iwi o Taranaki who are mana whenua at Te Whanganui-a-Tara. This, along with the terms of land exchange that created the Palmerston North Māori Reserve, shows how closely the Trusts are 'related' with many owners succeeding to both

Trusts. It is important to have an understanding of the 'whakapapa' of the Trusts in order to understand the closeness of the relationship they share. There are currently 1111 beneficial owners with many other whānau through those beneficial owners.

The Trust currently owns a total of approximately 13 hectares of land in central Palmerston North. The Trust has also secured property in Thorndon, Wellington in the company Haukawakawa Limited Partnership as a future development and is quietly determining its prospecting strategy on this traditional land.<sup>1</sup> The asset value of Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust is \$126 million at March 2021.

Jointly the Trusts are financially invested in Te Wharewaka o Poneke Charitable Trust in Wellington and Hīkoikoi, Pito-one. In addition, annually the Trusts declare and pay a dividend to its owners.

### HĪKOIKOI MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Hīkoikoi Management Limited is the administrative arm for the Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust and has offices at Hīkoikoi, 24d Marine Parade, Petone, and Te Wharewaka o Poneke, 2 Taranaki Street, Wellington.

## 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

¹ https://pnmrt.maori.nz/

# WHĂINGA | 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 working together on agreed and relevant initiatives and projects being led by HCC, including other Mana Whenua / tribal entities within the Te Awa Kairangi takiwā

# POU TARĂWAHO O TE TĂKAI HERE | TĂKAI HERE FRAMEWORK

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

- 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 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. This will include agreeing where and how funds are to be distributed and for what services. The parties will conclude these matters as soon as possible but not later than 30 November 2021.

## 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 a 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 The Trusts involvement in key HCC led initiatives and projects

Resourcing commitments will be established and agreed to yearly through a schedule attached to this Tākai Here

## KÖRERO WHÄNUI | 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 meeting between the Chief Executive, Mayor (relevant councillors), board members, relevant officers / staff of both organisations will be held quarterly as agreed. Additional meetings between officers and staff of both organisations will be held as and when required.

#### 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 Takai Here

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

Signed on Monday 20 December 2021 for and on behalf of Hutt City Council by:

Campbell Barry Koromatua I Mayor

Jo Miller Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive

Signed on Monday 20 December 2021 for and on behalf of Hīkoikoi Management Limited (on behalf of the Wellington Tenths Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust) by:

Anaru Smiler Heamana | Chairperson Wellington Tenths Trust

Ann Reweti Taratī | Trustee Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust

Mike Helleur Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive Hīkoikoi Management Limited

# ĂPITIHANGA | SCHEDULE

HCC is committed to working in partnership with the Trusts 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:
  - o economic development,
  - o environment,
  - o infrastructure,
  - o employment,
  - o social issues,
  - o health.
  - o housing,
  - o energy,
  - o urban growth,
  - o local democratic representation and decision-making,
  - o 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 the Trusts into:
  - The Long Term Plan
  - Annual Plan
  - District Plan
  - Plan Changes
  - o Spatial Plans
  - Any other planning or strategy development process as mutually agreed between the parties
- The active protection of taonga and safeguarding Te Āti Awa Taranaki Whānui concepts, values, and practices
- The Trusts will be engaged to support and show leadership at ceremonial activities of Council
- The Trusts will be engaged in the street naming process and will be given opportunities to gift names for projects, buildings, and initiatives of Council
- The Trusts will provide advice and support on matters of Te Ati Awa Taranaki Whanui 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 the Trusts 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 Trusts a total quantum of \$45,000 plus GST. The Trusts 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:** The Trusts 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).