

**Te 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

**Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui (Port Nicholson Block
Settlement) Trust**



TARANAKI WHĀNUI
KI TE UPOKO O TE IKA

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 takiwā, Mana Whenua tikanga, mana kōhi 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 PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this Tākai Here is to set out the relationship between Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui (Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust (Taranaki Whānui) and Hutt City Council (HCC) and set the key objectives of the partnership.

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

- Hutt City Council
- Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui (Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust

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 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 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.

HCC recognises the rights and responsibilities set out in the Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui (Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust) Settlement Act 2009.

TARANAKI WHĀNUI KI TE UPOKO O TE IKA A MĀUI

The vision for the Taranaki Whānui is:

Restore, revitalise, strengthen, and enhance the cultural, social and economic well-being of Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika.

Taranaki Whānui represent the interests of its members who collectively belong to the iwi of Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika, these iwi include:

- Te Āti Awa
- Ngāti Tama
- Taranaki
- Ngāti Ruanui
- Other iwi from the Taranaki area (for example Ngāti Mutunga)

Taranaki Whānui is a Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) and HCC recognises the rights and responsibilities established under the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Block – (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Claims Settlement Act 2009 and the associated deed of settlement.

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 takiwā

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

Hōniana Te Puni Local Purpose Reserve

- The fee simple title ownership of the Hōniana Te Puni Reserve (the Reserve) transferred to the Taranaki Whānui Settlement Trust on 2 September 2009 with HCC appointed as the Administering Body in accordance with the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Act. The parties commit to the development and implementation of a reserve management plan for Hōniana Te Puni Reserve, cognisant of the aspirations of Taranaki Whānui, which establishes a framework for how it will be managed and developed and will evolve.

East Harbour Regional Park

- The historical association and relationship of Taranaki Whānui to this area and specifically the fee simple ownership of the lake beds of Lake Kōhanga Piripiri and Lake Kōhanga Te Rā. The parties commit to ensuring the Mana Whenua interests, aspirations and practices are supported and mutually enabled through our shared association with the East Harbour Regional Park.

Statutory Acknowledgements

- As part of the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Act there is an obligation to recognise the association that Taranaki Whānui has with areas of traditional, historical, cultural, and spiritual significance within their rohe. Areas that require statutory acknowledgements relevant to the HCC include Wellington Harbour, Hutt River, Waiwhetū Stream, Riverside Drive Marginal Strip, Seaview Marginal Strip, Remutaka Forest Park, Wainuiomata Recreation Area, and the Tūrakirae Head Scenic Reserve.

Rights of First Refusal

- HCC must obtain written approval from Taranaki Whānui when the Council intends to acquire, dispose of, or redevelop assets of which Taranaki Whānui hold a right of first refusal (RFR) option over, noting Taranaki Whānui's dislike of the Public Works Act and its processes, as they are not reflective of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The RFR schedule recognises the importance for Taranaki Whānui 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 Taranaki Whānui to protect and/or grow their interest and investment where Council 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. 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 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 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 Taranaki Whānui involvement in key HCC led initiatives and projects.

Likewise, Taranaki Whānui will commit to the provision of yearly resourcing which will support HCC led initiatives and projects that have been mutually agreed to by both parties that promote community wellbeing.

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

KÖRERO 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 meeting between the Chief Executive, Mayor (relevant councillors), board members, relevant officers / staff of both organisations will be held as agreed

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 Taranaki Whānui must give the other at least 30 working days' notice of an intention to terminate.

Signed on Wednesday 30 March for and on behalf of Hutt City Council by:



Campbell Barry Koromatua | Mayor



Jo Miller Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive

Signed on Wednesday 30 March for and on behalf of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui
(Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust:



Mahina Puketapu | Deputy Chairperson



Lee Hunter Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive

ĀPITI HANGA | SCHEDULE

HCC is committed to working in partnership with Taranaki Whānui 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 Taranaki Whānui into:
 - The Long Term Plan
 - Annual Plan
 - District Plan
 - Plan Changes
 - Spatial Plans
 - Any other planning or strategy development process as mutually agreed between the parties

- The active protection of taonga and safeguarding Taranaki Whānui concepts, values and practices

- Taranaki Whānui will be engaged to support and show leadership at ceremonial activities of Council

- Taranaki Whānui will be engaged in the street naming process and will be given opportunities to gift names for projects, buildings, and initiatives of Council

- Taranaki Whānui will provide support on matters of Taranaki Whānui 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 Taranaki Whānui 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 Taranaki Whānui a total quantum of \$50,000 plus GST. Taranaki Whānui will invoice on a half-yearly basis. Please note that this figure may be adjusted in line with Council's policy for inflation

In giving effect to the Tākai Here, Taranaki Whānui will provide the sum of \$10,000 towards a project aimed at reducing gambling in the community (the Project) on the provision that HCC will also provide a sum of \$10,000 towards the Project. If the parties cannot agree on the scope and implementation of the Project, then the above annual contribution of \$50,000 paid by HCC will be reduced to an annual payment of \$45,000.

Pūrongo | Reporting: Taranaki Whānui 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).

