



3 June 2026

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Tēnā koe Marie,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 20 May 2026, which was transferred to Hutt City Council on that date by Tiaki Wai, as the request relates to the Tiaki Wai Partners' Committee administered by Council. Specifically, you requested:

"Pursuant to the Official Information Act, can you please advise me how many committee members from the two local Iwi have been appointed. How often will meetings take place and the actual cost to the rate payer for these Iwi members to be present at these meetings. Also, do they get paid a salary/wages or is it just purely a one off payment per meeting. If it is a wages/salary basis, how much is that salary/wages and how many members of the local Iwi are employed. I would also like to know if any members of the local Iwi have any tertiary education degrees in water management or civil engineering degrees in infrastructure".

Answer:

In response to your questions about iwi representation on the relevant committee, the Partners' Agreement for Te Komiti Tiaki Wai identifies Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira as Mana Whenua Partners. The Agreement provides these partners with a formal role in governance, including representation on the Partners' Committee.



The Agreement is publicly available here: [Partners Agreement – In relation to Tiaki Wai Limited](#).

At the inaugural meeting on 18 December 2025, the following representatives and alternates were appointed to Te Komiti Tiaki Wai:

- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira: Helmet Modlik (representative) and Rawiri Faulkner (alternate)
- Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika: Kara Puketapu-Dentice (representative) and Dr Anna-Marie White (alternate)

These appointments are recorded in the publicly available agenda and minutes for the relevant meetings, which can be accessed here:

- [Agenda of Partner’s Committee Tiaki Wai | Te Komiti Tiaki Wai – Thursday, 18 December 2025](#)
- [Agenda of Partner’s Committee Tiaki Wai | Te Komiti Tiaki Wai – Friday, 13 March 2026](#)

Meetings of the Partners’ Committee are scheduled and publicly notified in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Information about meeting frequency and scheduled dates is available on the Council’s website here: [Meeting calendar | Hutt City Council](#).

In relation to costs and remuneration, the Council does not hold information on payments made to Mana Whenua representatives.

Similarly, the Council does not hold information on the educational qualifications or professional backgrounds of the appointed Mana Whenua representatives. Where information is not held by Council, this part of your request is refused under section 17(g) of the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [Office of the Ombudsman – Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases - Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui

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Rebekah van der Splinter

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