



**Far North
District Council**



Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika

AGENDA


Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting

Monday, 22 April 2024

Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
Memorial Avenue
Kaikohe

Membership:

Chairperson Harry Burkhardt
Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Cr Ann Court
Cr Felicity Foy
Cr Babe Kapa
Cr Penetaui Kleskovic
Cr Steve McNally
Cr Mate Radich
Cr Tāmami Rākena
Cr John Vujcich
Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

 <p>Far North District Council Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki</p>	Authorising Body	Mayor/Council
	Status	Standing Committee
COUNCIL COMMITTEE	Title	Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee Terms of Reference
	Approval Date	29 June 2023
	Responsible Officer	Chief Executive

Kaupapa / Purpose

The purpose of Te Kuaka Committee is to strengthen a Te Ao Māori perspective within Council decision-making across policies and strategies.

To perform his or her role effectively, each member must develop and maintain his or her skills and knowledge, including an understanding of the Committees' responsibilities, and of the Council's business, operations and risks.

Ngā Huānga / Membership

The Committee will comprise of Mayor and all Councillors as well as 12 iwi representatives nominated through Te Kahu o Taonui.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson roles are to be appointed by the Committee.

Mayor Tepania

Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

John Vujcich

Ann Court

Babe Kapa

Felicity Foy

Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Mate Radich

Penetaui Kleskovic

Steve McNally

Tāmati Rākena

Kōrama / Quorum

The quorum at a meeting of the Committee is 7 members comprising of 5 FNDC representatives and 2 Te Kahu o Taonui members.

Ngā Hui / Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet bi-monthly.

Ngā Apatono / Power to Delegate

The Committee may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers.

Ngā Herenga Paetae / Responsibilities

The Committees responsibilities are described below:

- Ensure that the work of Te Kuaka is carried out in a way that enhances the social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of the Far North District
- **Mahi ngātahi mā te huihui, wānanga** Recommend to Council, aspects of importance to Māori for incorporation into the development of the Strategic documents (e.g. Te Ao Māori Framework, Annual Plan, Long Term Plan, District Plan)
- **Manaaki** To assist Council as appropriate in conducting and maintaining effective, good faith working relationships with the Māori community (e.g. Iwi Hapu Environmental Management Plans)
- Recommend to Council aspects that the Far North District Council could pursue to develop and or enhance Māori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making processes.

Ngā Ture / Rules and Procedures

Council's Standing Orders and Code of Conduct apply to all meetings.

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will be held in the Council Chambers, Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe on:
Monday 22 April 2024 at 10:00 am

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Committee and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer or the Manager - Democracy Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

No requests for deputations were received at the time of the Agenda going to print.

4 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File Number: A4536221

Author: Imrie Dunn, Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Casey Gannon, Manager - Democracy Services

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The minutes are attached to allow the Committee to confirm that the minutes are a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 22 February 2024 as a true and correct record.

1) BACKGROUND

Local Government Act 2002 clause 7 Section 28 states that a local authority must keep minutes of its proceedings. The minutes of these proceedings duly entered and authenticated as prescribed by a local authority are prima facie evidence of those meetings.

2) DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The minutes of the meeting are attached.

Far North District Council Standing Orders Section 27.3 states that “no discussion shall arise on the substance of the minutes in any succeeding meeting, except as to their correctness”.

Reason for the recommendation

The reason for the recommendation is to confirm the minutes are a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

3) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications or the need for budgetary provision.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2024-02-22 Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Minutes - A4581651 [↓](#) 

Compliance schedule:

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with the Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7 Section 278.
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	It is the responsibility of each meeting to confirm their minutes therefore the views of another meeting are not relevant.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are no implications on Māori in confirming minutes from a previous meeting. Any implications on Māori arising from matters included in meeting minutes should be considered as part of the relevant report.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences.	This report is asking for the minutes to be confirmed as true and correct record, any interest that affect other people should be considered as part of the individual reports.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	There are no financial implications or the need for budgetary provision arising from this report.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.

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**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE
ON THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10:10 AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Harry Burkhardt, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr Ann Court, Cr Babe Kapa (Virtual), Cr Penetaui Kleskovic, Cr Steve McNally (Virtual), Cr Tāmati Rākena, Cr John Vujcich, Mori Rapana (Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Grimshaw (Kaitohutohu Taiao Senior Advisor- Te Kahu o Taonui)

STAFF PRESENT: Margriet Veenstra (Group Manager- Corporate Services), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager- Strategic Relationships), Ruben Garcia (Group Manager- Community and Engagement), Llani Harding (Manager- Te Hono), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka- Te Ao Māori Coordinator- Democracy Services), Jude Campbell (Principal Advisor- Te Hono), Piripi Rākena (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori- Te Hono), Dena-Maree Hemara (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori- Te Hono), Casey Gannon (Manager- Democracy Services), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

At 10:10 am Chair Burkhardt commenced the meeting, Cr Rākena opened with a karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2024/1

Moved: Cr John Vujcich
Seconded: Cr Tāmati Rākena

That the apology received from Cr McNally be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Nil

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA / CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Harry Burkhardt gave all members of Te Kuaka a chance to give an update.

Deputy Chair Hilda Halkyard- Harawira:

- acknowledged everyone in the room today and gave greetings for the new year
- acknowledged those who had recently passed
- updated members of the meeting they had in Rawene with Te Puna o Kupenuku.

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Kahika Moko:

- Gave his apologies for not being at the meeting in person as he was unwell.
- Acknowledges that FNDC are in the Northland Age regarding the Representation Review - Nga Tai o Tokerau Districtwide Māori Ward, and seeking of feedback to split that ward from a single ward to two geographic ward boundaries. Consultation is live of the FNDC website, and closes 31st March 2024.
- Also noted the Rep Review Consultation mentions whether far northerners would support Iwi representatives to have voting rights on Council, which is something that other Councils are doing.

Chairperson Harry Burkhardt:

- On 15 February 2024 Te Kahu o Taonui met, and confirmed their commitment to “lean into” it’s commitments with the FNDC. Te Kuaka Committee is one piece of strategic work that Te Kahu o Taonui is keen to balance over the next 12 months.
- Discussed the thought process on what Te Kuaka can offer, and on behalf of Te Kahu o Taonui are looking forward to leaning into this.
- Te Kuaka will be meeting by-monthly to ensure we have more information on our agendas

5 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A4561988, pages 8 - 14 refers

RESOLUTION 2024/2

Moved: Cr Tāmami Rākena
 Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 28 November 2023 are true and correct.

Note: Report item 7.2 Ratings Relief Policy Amendments, in the 28 November 2023 meeting minutes requested that a report be brought to the 22 February 2024 Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee, this was not received as required in part b) of the resolution.

CARRIED

*At 10:45am Chairperson Harry Adjourned the meeting to allow for staff consultation
 At 11:17am meeting was resumed*

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) PROCESS REVIEW

Agenda item 5.1 document number A4574353, pages 15 - 17 refers

RESOLUTION 2024/3

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
 Seconded: Cr Tāmami Rākena

That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Process Review.

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<p><u>Abstained:</u> Cr Ann Court</p>	CARRIED
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6.2 TE PAE O UTA TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK AND TE REO AND TIKANGA - UPDATE

Agenda item 5.2 document number A4574343, pages 18 - 98 refers

<p>RESOLUTION 2024/4 Moved: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic Seconded: Cr Tāmāti Rākena That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee note the report Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Māori Framework and Te Reo and Tikanga - Update. <u>Abstained:</u> Cr Ann Court</p>	CARRIED
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*At 11:31 am, Cr Ann Court left the meeting.
 At 11:32 am, Cr Ann Court returned to the meeting.*

6.3 IWI HAPU MANAGEMENT PLANS REFRESH UPDATE

Agenda item 5.3 document number A4576303, pages 99 - 100 refers

<p>RESOLUTION 2024/5 Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira Seconded: Cr John Vujcich That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Iwi Hapu Management Plans Refresh Update.</p>	CARRIED
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6.4 TE KUAKA TE AO MAORI COMMITTEE - RESOLUTIONS ESCALATED TO COUNCIL IN 2023 - UPDATE

Agenda item 5.4 document number A4574339, pages 101 - 105 refers

<p>RESOLUTION 2024/6 Moved: Cr John Vujcich Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Te Kuaka Te Ao Maori Committee - Resolutions Escalated to Council in 2023 - Update.</p>	CARRIED
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6.5 TE KUAKA- TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE FEBRUARY 2024

Agenda item 5.5 document number A4574035, pages 106 - 110 refers

<p>RESOLUTION 2024/7 Moved: Cr Tāmāti Rākena Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford</p>

That Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee:

- a) receive the February open resolution report;
- b) request an extraordinary workshop in urgency due to Long-Term Plan timeline constraints to enable EMS to discuss the implementation of Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 to address rating debt;
- c) recommend that Council direct CEO to include the consultation item for the implementation of Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 to address rating debt as part of this Long-Term Plan consultation document.

Note: Democracy Services will follow up on the Open Resolutions that were not included on the February register.

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

At 11:58 am Cr Kleskovic closed the meeting with a karakia.

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11:58am.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

5.1 AROTAKE WHAKAAHUATANGA TANGATA - REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2024 UPDATE

File Number: A4635954

Author: Casey Gannon, Manager - Democracy Services

Authoriser: Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Provide Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee (Te Kuaka) with an update on the 2024 Representation Review and request support for the continuation of Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward as one district-wide ward; and endorsement for a submission to the Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill select committee which articulates the abhorrence for unnecessary legislative changes.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Territorial Authorities are required to conduct a Representation Review at least once every six years. Far North District Council conducted a full Representation Review in 2021 and have chosen to do another at three years.
- A Representation Review is a review of Council membership and basis of election, total number of Councillors, and how Councillors are elected (wards, district-wide, mix).
- If Council decide to be represented by wards the Representation Review considers how many wards, boundaries, names and the number of councillors to each.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee recommend that Council:

- a) support the continuation of Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward as one district-wide ward; and**
- b) endorse a submission to the Select Committee on the Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill articulating the abhorrence for unnecessary legislative changes.**

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The 2021 Representation Review included but is not exclusive to: the introduction of one district wide Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward, minor boundary changes throughout the district, and other community board subdivision changes (ie the separation of the Kerikeri/Waipapa subdivision into two subdivisions Kerikeri subdivision and Waipapa subdivision). One boundary change in the 2021 Representation Review included a shift of Awanui township into the Whatuwhiwhi subdivision and removed Awanui from the North Cape subdivision.

The 2024 Representation Review began in September 2023 with a workshop that resulted in three key consultation areas:

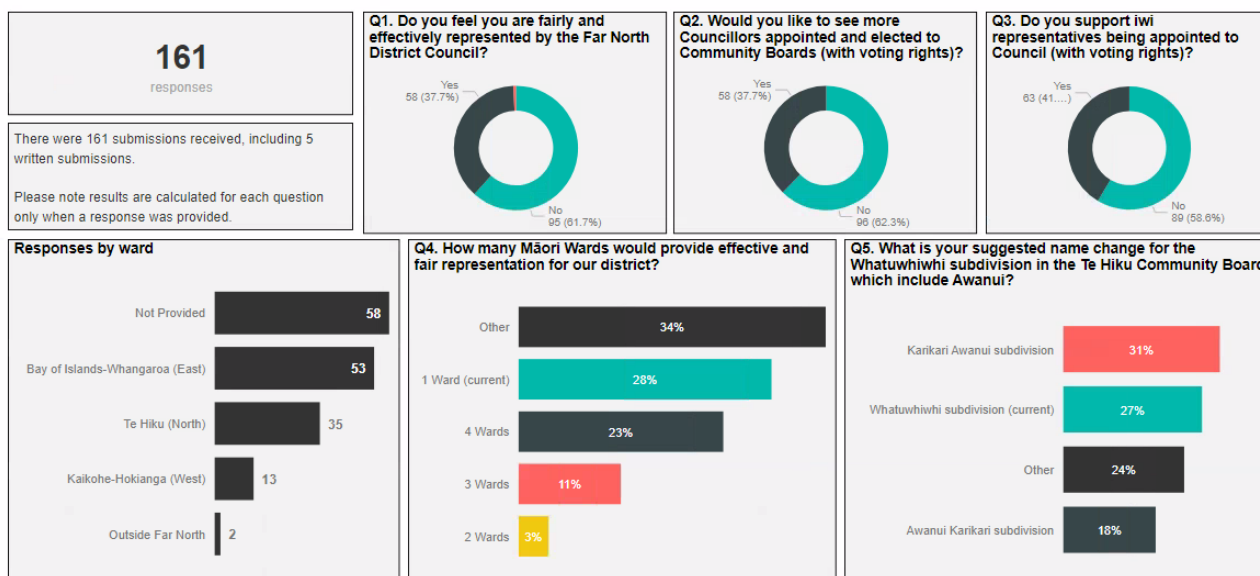
- Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward boundary (current legislation allows for up to four Māori wards)
- Name change Whatuwhiwhi subdivision
- Number of councillors appointed to community boards

Wednesday 20 September 2023	Council workshop 1 (overview)
December 2023 – March 2024	Iwi and community consultation
Tuesday 9 April 2024	Council workshop 2 (summary of consultation, development of scenarios)

At the 9 April 2024 Representation Review workshop the informal feedback data (attachment 1) was discussed.

Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tangata - Representation Review 2024

The Representation Review 2024 is your chance to think about how Far North District Council can represent your community in a fair and effective way.



MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

The timetable for the remainder of the 2024 Representation Review is as follows:

Thursday 9 May 2024	Council meeting (Initial Proposal Resolution)
Thursday 16 May – Monday 17 June 2024	Submission period (1 month)
Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 July 2024	Submission hearings
July (TBC)	Council workshop 3 (summary of submissions/deliberations)
Thursday 8 August 2024	Council meeting (Final Proposal Resolution)
Monday 12 August – Thursday 12 September 2024	Appeal/objection period (1 month)
End of September	Forward material to LGC (if required) or public notice of basis of election

NOTE: LGC = Local Government Commission

Māori Ward update:

Central Government plans to introduce a Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill.

Contained within the bill are statements which indicate this Bill would require:

- Councils that established Māori wards or constituencies without a poll to either:
 - conduct poll on Māori wards or constituencies alongside the 2025 elections or
 - resolve to disestablish Māori wards or constituencies

- reintroducing the ability for electors to demand poll if Council introduces Māori wards or constituencies, effective from 2025 (this was removed in 2021).

The estimated timeline for this Bill to be enacted is as follows:

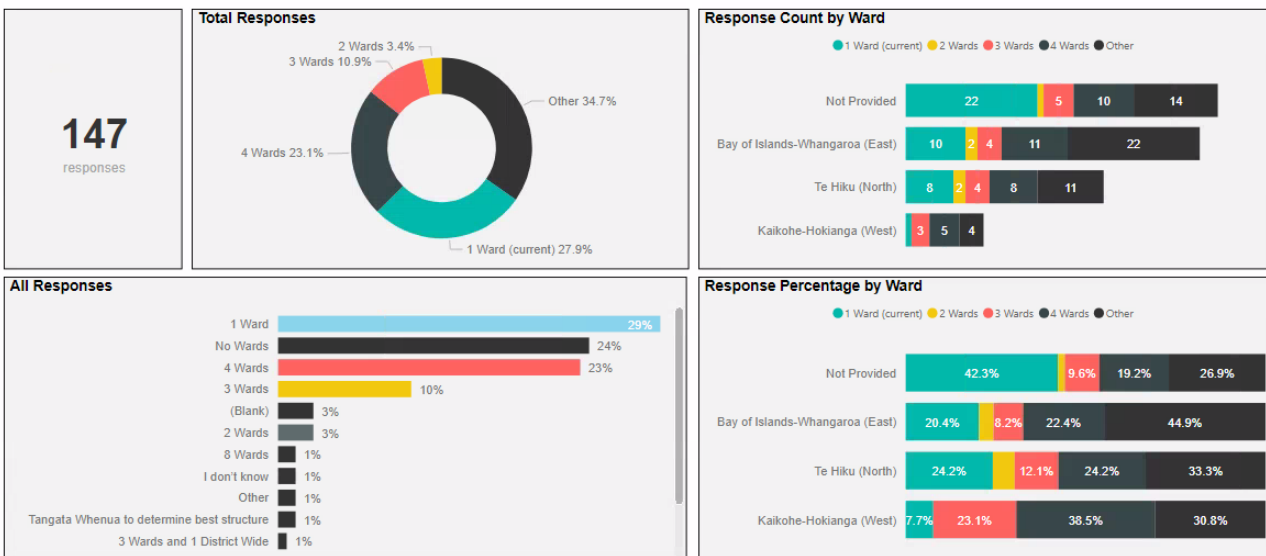
- introduction in May 2024
- 4 weeks in select committee June 2024
- enacted late July 2024

In response to the data received during the Representation Review informal feedback period and the actions that came out of the Representation Review workshop facilitated by Dale Ofoske (Far North District Council Electoral Officer-Election Services) held 9 April 2024 a submission to the select committee on the Local Electoral Māori Wards and Constituencies Amendment Bill was discussed as one way to participate in the process for proposed changes to legislation.

The current four Nga Tai o Tokerau, Māori Ward councillors agree that a continuation of the one district wide Māori ward is preferred which aligns with the data received in submissions during informal feedback period.

How many Māori Wards would provide effective and fair representation for our district?

Currently, Māori Ward councillors are elected at large (to represent the whole district). There is an option to have more than one Māori Ward (up to four).



Council will be making a decision on the 2024 Representation Review Initial Proposal at the 9 May 2024 Council meeting. The initial proposal report will include the following key points:



- six population variations based on current arrangements (attachment 2) (anything outside of the +/- 10% rule must be forwarded to the Local Government Commission for determination)
- name change for Whatuwhiwhi subdivision
- number of councillors appointed to community boards

The decision made based on the informal feedback received during the informal feedback period is to keep the Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward as one district wide ward means that the number of Māori wards is no longer required to be a part of the initial proposal as it will remain as the status quo.

PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

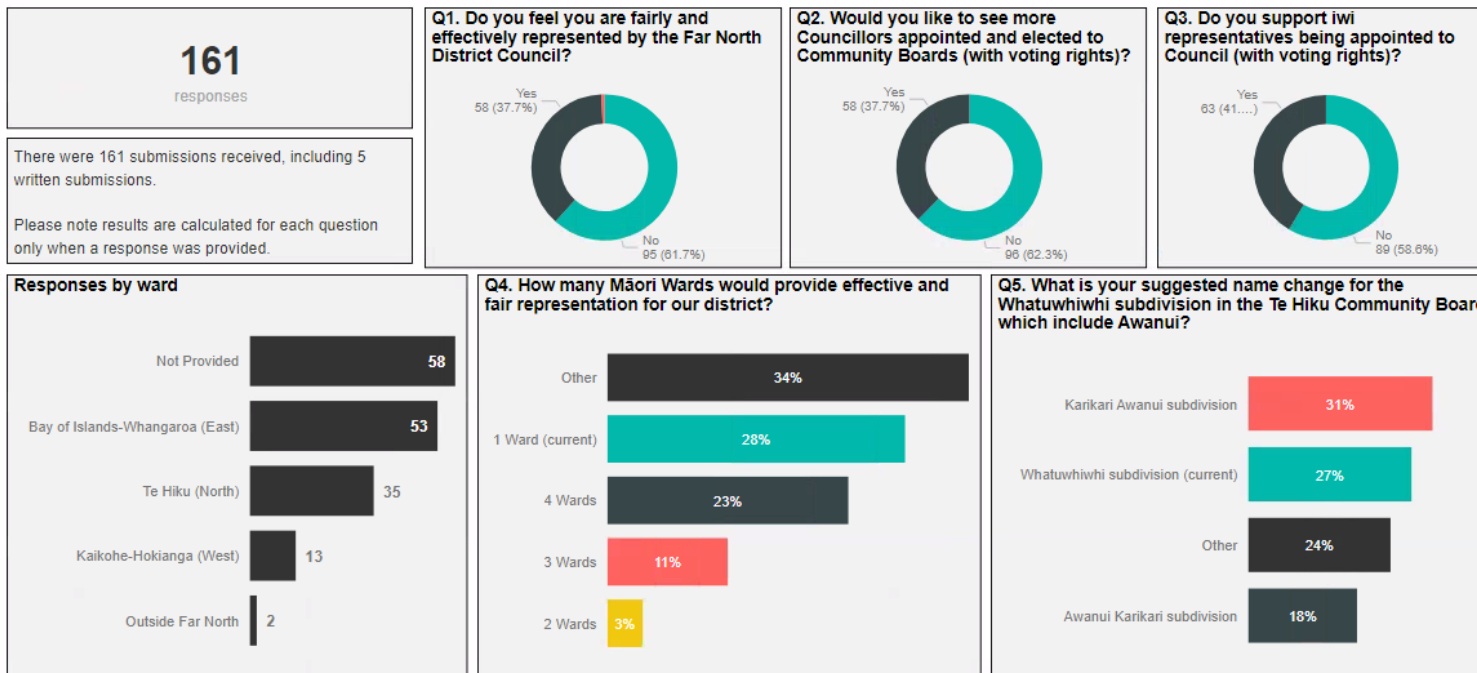
There are no financial implications or need for budgetary provision in receiving this report.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

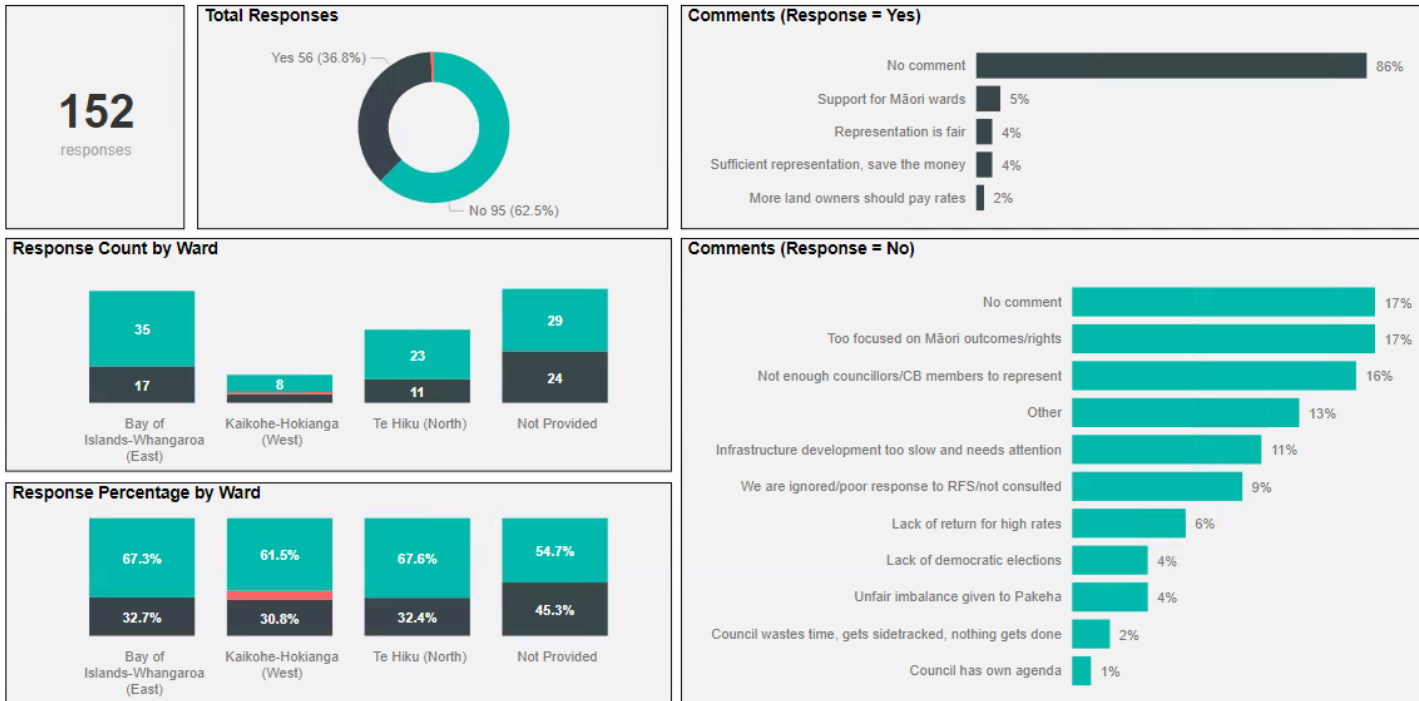
1. **Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tangata - Representation Review 2024 - Informal Feedback Data - A4659009** [↓](#) 
2. **Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tangata - Representation Review 2024 Current Arrangements - Six Variations - A4659008** [↓](#) 

Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tangata - Representation Review 2024

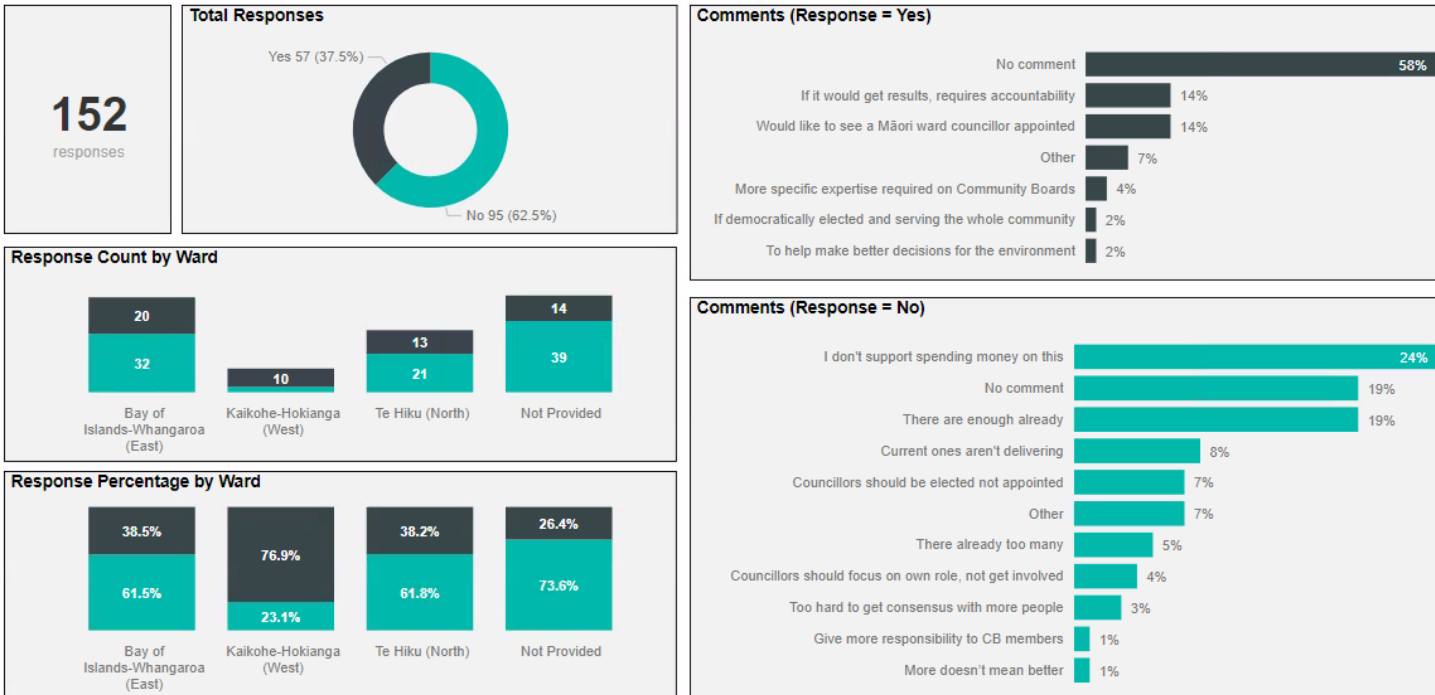
The Representation Review 2024 is your chance to think about how Far North District Council can represent your community in a fair and effective way.



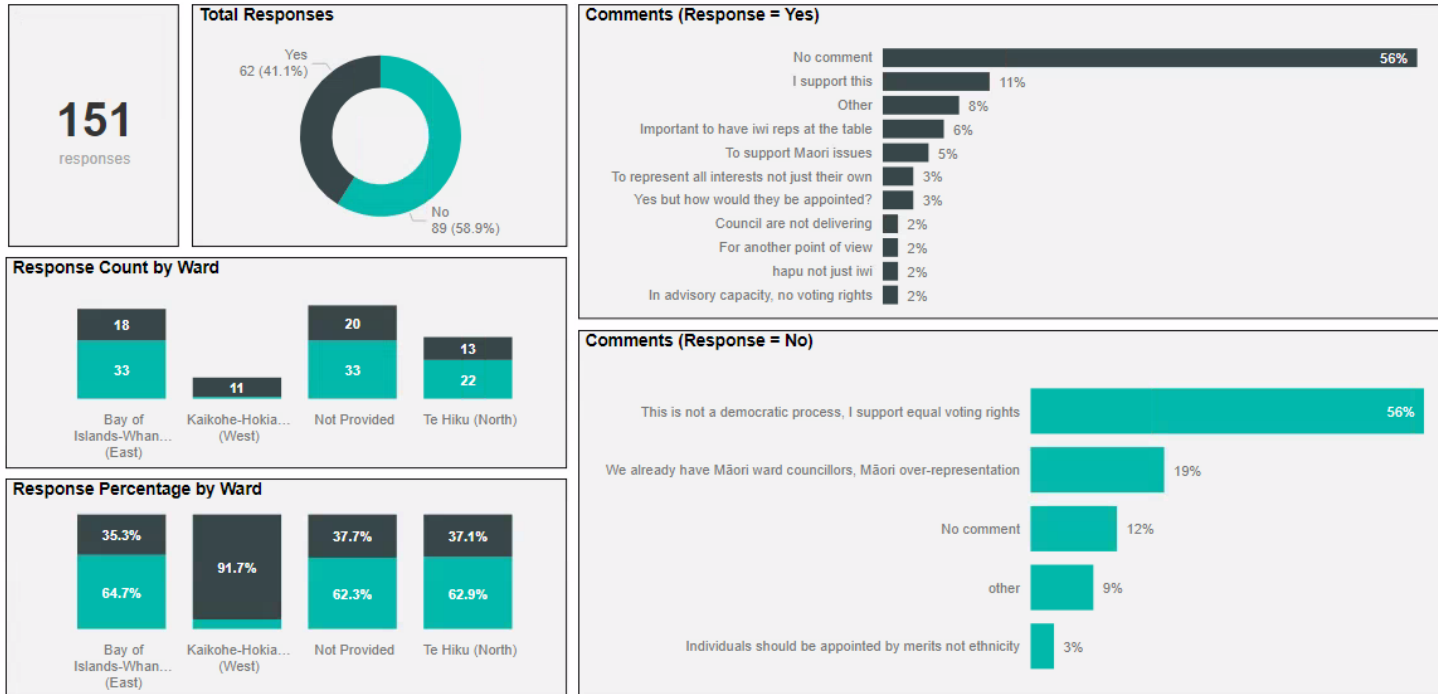
Do you feel you are fairly and effectively represented by the Far North District Council?



Would you like to see more Councillors appointed and elected to Community Boards with voting rights?

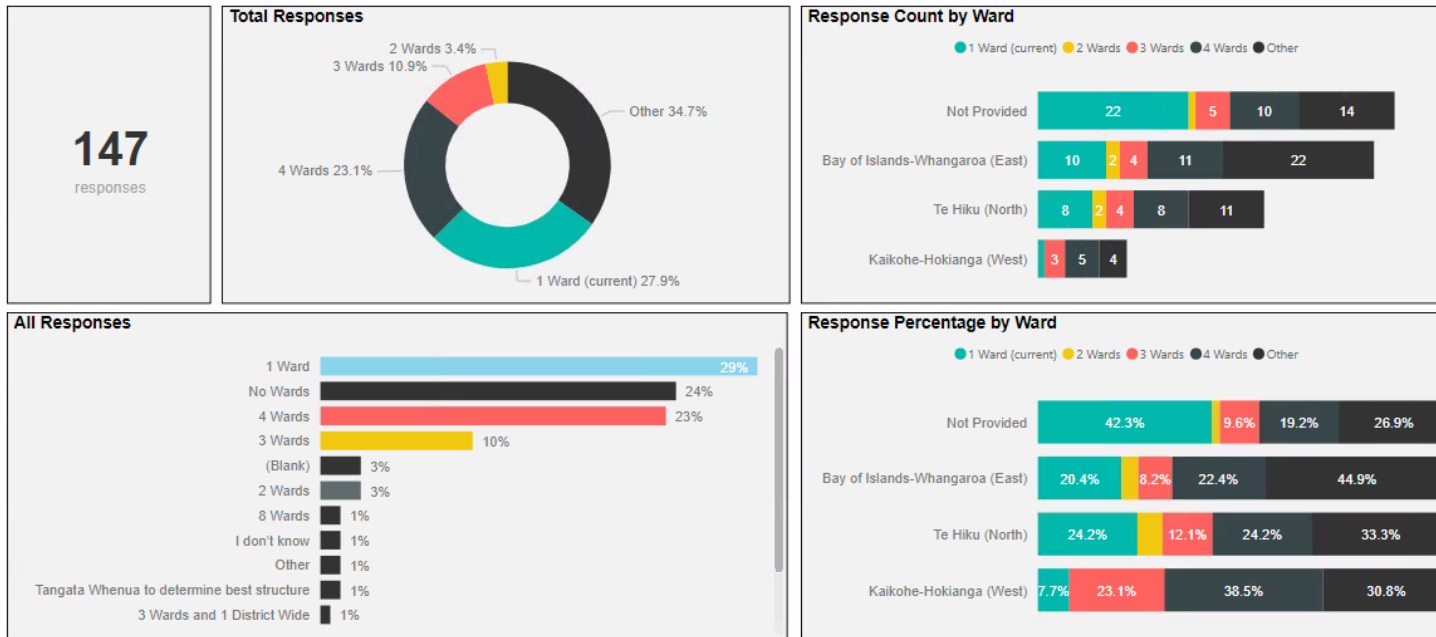


Do you support iwi representatives being appointed to Council (with voting rights)?



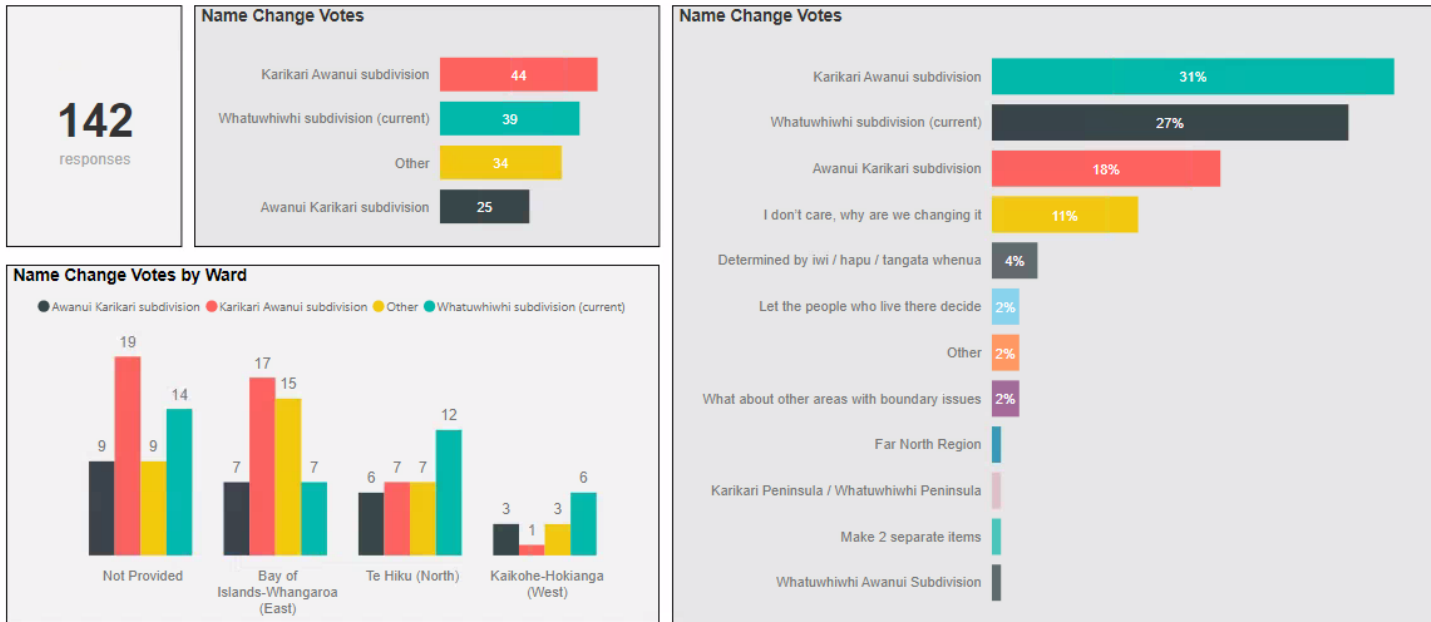
How many Māori Wards would provide effective and fair representation for our district?

Currently, Māori Ward councillors are elected at large (to represent the whole district). There is an option to have more than one Māori Ward (up to four).



Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision Name Change

We are considering a name change for the Whatuwhiwhi subdivision in the Te Hiku Community Board, which includes Awanui. What is your suggested name change?

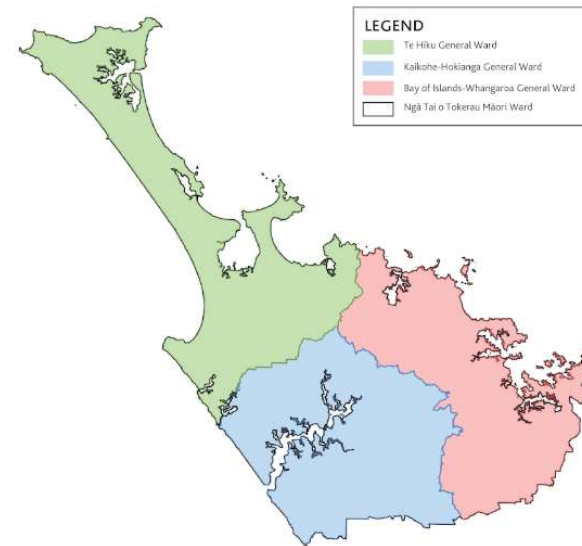


Current arrangements - wards

Wards	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
Te Hiku General Ward	13,900	2	6,950	-1,127	-13.95
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward	26,500	3	8,833	757	9.37
Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward	8,060	1	8,060	-17	-0.21
Total	48,460	6	8,077*		

*plus/minus 10% range 7,269 – 8,884
Population Estimates 6/23

Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward	26,300	4	6,575		
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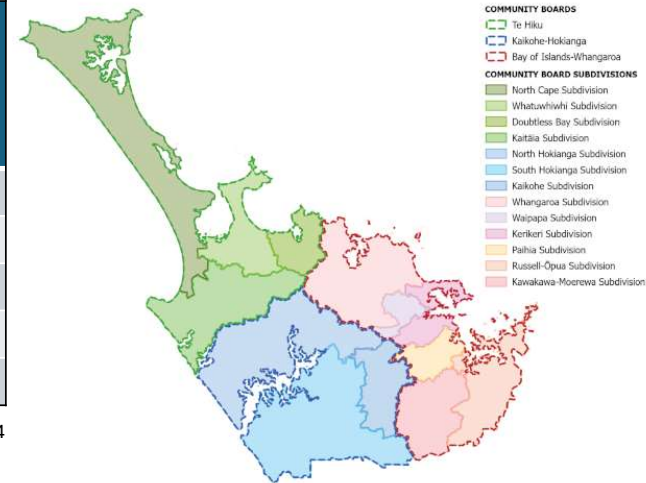


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Current arrangements – community boards

Te Hiku Community Board Subdivision	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
North Cape Subdivision	3,370	1	3,370	-507	-13.07
Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision	3,880	1	3,880	3	0.09
Doubtless Bay Subdivision	4,310	1	4,310	433	11.18
Kaitāia Subdivision	11,700	3	3,900	23	0.60
Total	23,260	6	3,877*		



*plus/minus 10% range 3,489 – 4,264
Population Estimates 6/23

Plus one appointed member from the Te Hiku General Ward

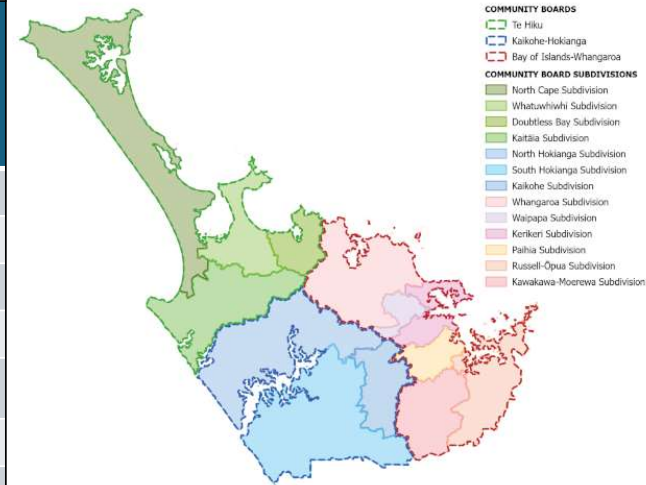


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Current arrangements – community boards

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Subdivision	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
Whangaroa Subdivision	4,350	1	4,350	-617	-12.42
Waipapa Subdivision	5,070	1	5,070	103	2.07
Kerikeri Subdivision	10,800	2	5,400	433	8.71
Paihia Subdivision	5,320	1	5,320	353	7.10
Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision	5,080	1	5,080	113	2.27
Russell-Ōpua Subdivision	4,150	1	4,150	-817	-16.45
Total	34,770	7	4,967*		



- plus/minus 10% range 4,470 – 5,464
- Population Estimates 6/23

Plus one appointed member from the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward



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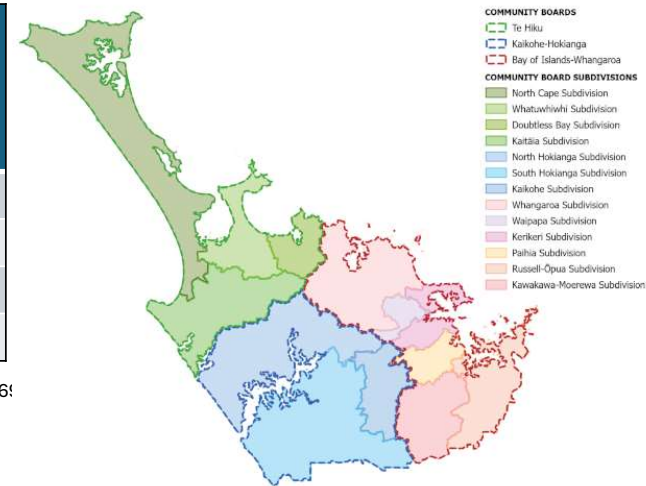


Current arrangements – community boards

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Subdivision	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
North Hokianga Subdivision	2,700	1	2,700	-90	-3.23
South Hokianga Subdivision	4,870	2	2,435	-355	-12.72
Kaikohe Subdivision	9,170	3	3,057	267	9.56
Total	16,740	6	2,790*		

- plus/minus 10% range 2,511 – 3,061
- Population Estimates 6/23

Plus one appointed member from the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward



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6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UPDATE REPORT

File Number: A4650704

Author: Dena-Maree Hemara, Kaiarahi Kaupapa Maori

Authoriser: Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee (Te Kuaka) on the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) roadshow and relationship hui/meetings with our Iwi partners.

To present and review the actions and outcomes for each Iwi and hapu.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Far North District Council (FNDC) Elected Members and Chief Executive (CE) Guy Holroyd have begun discussions/kōrero with Iwi and Hapū partners to refresh the relationships.
- A number of hui/meetings have been held across the district achieving the first step in extending our partnerships and forming the basis for strong relationships moving forward.
- These have been quite successful and well attended and supported by Group Managers and staff of Council.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Memorandum of Understanding Update Report.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

CEO Guy Holroyd has expressed support for a review of the existing MOU agreement and has proposed a Collective Charter as an effective alternative to the MoU Agreement.

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION

Ngāti Whātua, Ngātiwai, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Rēhia, Te Whiu Hapū, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Te Aupōuri.

Common themes:

- A willingness to have further discussions towards a relationship document/MOU/Charter.
Te Hono are currently liaising with Iwi and Hapū for further clarification on action points and discussing the draft MOU/relationship documents.
- Interest expressed in the procurement of contracts and infrastructure.
There is potential for local Iwi/Hapū owned entities to subcontract to successful contractors but there are also opportunities for Iwi/Hapū owned entities to bid for their own contracts.
- Allowing Iwi and Hapū to participate in decision-making and prioritisation on roading needs.
- Mana Whakahono ā Rohe relationships were repeatedly raised in these meetings/hui.
Te Hono explained that under the Local Government Act, FNDC are required to engage with Iwi however the legislation does not provide the same for Hapū level relationships and engagements within the Mana Whakahono framework.

- A number of our Hapū and Iwi partners have asked for further discussion on specific areas for example housing and economic investment opportunities for Iwi and Hapū members to further their development. Te Hono is capturing these topics to pursue in follow-up hui.
- Ngāti Hine is interested in reviewing the work-plan they previously submitted, with council.
- Rating of “unproductive and/or landlocked” land was a hot topic for most Hapū with rating relief also being discussed.
- All Hapū and Iwi groups were invited to participate in the Representation Review regarding Māori Wards.

Te Roroa

Te Roroa is an Iwi from the region between the Kaipara Harbour and the Hokianga Harbour in Northland. They are part of the Iwi Local Government Agencies Chief Executive Forum (ILGACE) and represented by Taoho (Snow) Tane.

Te Roroa met with FNDC staff and CE Guy Holroyd on 1st December 2023, to discuss a working relationship between the two organisations under an MOU.

Discussions included;

- Recognising He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni (Declaration of Independence) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) as the founding covenants of Te Taitokerau and Aotearoa respectively.
- Focus on roading in the Te Roroa rohe/area, and housing/papakāinga restoration for Waipoua Forest.
- Te Taiao (The Environment), revitalisation of the cultural, economic and social potential of the people of Te Roroa.
- Establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between FNDC and Te Roroa.

Ngāti Kahu

Ngāti Kahu is one of the six Muriwhenua Iwi based in the Far North. It is a part of the Iwi, Local Government Agencies Chief Executive Forum (ILGACE Forum) and represented by Margaret Mutu (Chair) and Bardia Matiu (CEO).

Ngāti Kahu met with elected members, CE Guy Holroyd and Council staff on 25th Jan 2024, to discuss a working relationship between the two organisations under an MOU.

- Ngāti Kahu in general supports an MOU but is more interested in Council gaining support directly from Hapū, first.

NEXT STEPS

Te Hono will continue to provide administration support and meet with Iwi and Hapū partners regarding MOU discussion.

Scheduled Hui alongside Iwi include:

- Te Rūnanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi – 24 April 2024
- Te Rarawa – to be confirmed
- Ngāti Kuri – to be confirmed
- Ngai Takoto - to be confirmed

Te Hono will also move into post-hui discussions by tabling draft Memorandums of Understanding and draft Work Programmes to action with Iwi and Hapū representatives.

PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications for this paper.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6.2 TE PAE O UTA TE AO MAORI FRAMEWORK PROGRESS UPDATE

File Number: A4653189

Author: Jude Campbell, Principal Advisor

Authoriser: Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide a progress update and the timeline of the Te Pae o Uta implementation plan, including up-to-date supporting documentation.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Far North District Council (FNDC) adopted the Te Pae o Uta Framework in the Council hui (resolution 2023/8 dated 7 September 2023). The overall principles for Council in respect of the Te Pae o Uta are to:

- Recognise He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni (Declaration of Independence) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) as the founding covenants of Te Taitokerau and Aotearoa respectively;
- Acknowledge the importance of relationships both tangible and intangible e.g., Ngā Atua, Whenua, Mauri o Te Wai, Taiao (Oranga Taiao, Oranga Tangata);
- Focus on the pursuit of excellence in the Te Ao Māori space;
- Valuing Te Ao Māori requires staff to understand key Māori concepts and practices;
- Acknowledge kōrero tukuiho at FNDC by recognising iwi and hapū kōrero.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Maori Framework Progress Update and supporting documentation.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The whāinga (goals) for the framework are:

Focus	<p>Relationships – strengthening relationships with mātauranga and Te Ao Māori;</p> <p>Participation – enabling Māori participation in council decision-making processes;</p> <p>Decision making – shared decision-making opportunities alongside Māori on matters of interest to them.</p>
Outcome for Whāinga 1	<p>Prosperous Māori communities as evidenced by strong partnership arrangements – Māori communities are strong, resilient, and realising opportunities;</p> <p>Advance mana whenua rangatiratanga in leadership and decision-making and provide for customary rights.</p>
Implementation	<p>FNDC staff are equipped to provide Te Ao Māori Governance direction and advice to better inform our Elected members;</p> <p>FNDC is committed to developing robust systems that enable Māori participation in council decision-making;</p> <p>FNDC is committed to developing systems to engage with hapū at hapū level -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalising the implementation of Iwi Hapū Environmental Management Plans.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a hapū engagement framework. • Review FNDC Significant and Engagement Policy to include hapū engagement and resourcing
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Whāinga (Goal) 2 – Create enablers across staff to respond more effectively to Māori.

Focus	<p>People – building organisational capability, capacity, and cultural competency;</p> <p>Policy – effective consideration and understanding of Māori needs and issues in policy thinking and development;</p> <p>Process – improvement of processes and systems to maintain and enhance capability to give effect to roles in relation to Māori and to promote a responsive culture and working environment.</p>
Outcome for whāinga 2	<p>Tangata whenua report that FNDC have the capability, capacity, confidence and are partnering and engaging successfully with Māori.</p> <p>Applying this lens can provide for more robust, diverse, and long-term solutions and outcomes for Māori.</p>
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNDC leaders are capable of making informed decisions based on Te Pae o Uta goals, principles and values. • In-house training is developed and available so staff can develop the confidence and basic capability to identify and apply a Te Ao Māori lens across internal workstreams. <i>See capability map for more examples.</i> • People, policies and strategies are reflective of Te Pae o Uta goals, principles, and values. • Value and recognise staff cultural competency. • Review training competency measures. • Increased use of te reo across our services.

Whāinga (Goal) 3 - Kōkiri Tahī – Empowered communities, working collaboratively

Focus	<p>Engagement – effective communication and engagement with Māori;</p> <p>Wellbeing – council’s role in contributing to Māori wellbeing;</p> <p>Capacity – building Māori capability and capacity.</p>
Outcomes for whāinga 3	<p>Meet the needs and support the aspirations of tamariki and their whānau;</p> <p>Invest in marae to be self-sustaining and prosperous;</p> <p>Strengthen rangatahi participation in leadership, education and employment outcomes;</p> <p>Grow Māori intergenerational wealth;</p> <p>Celebrate Māori culture and support te reo Māori to flourish.</p>
Implementation	<p>FNDC will work in the following areas to achieve the outcomes noted above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papakāinga and Māori housing; • Whānau and tamariki wellbeing; • Marae development; • Te reo Māori; • Māori identity and culture;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Māori business, tourism and employment; • Realising rangatahi potential; • Kaitiakitanga/te taiao.
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Progress report on the Te Pae o Uta implementation plan:

KEY DATES	TASKS	RESPONSIBLE
March 2024	<p>COMPLETED TASKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Pae o Uta implementation plan was presented to the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) – refer to Attachment 1. • Internal/external/organisational capability measurements completed – refer to Attachments 2, 3 and 4. • Māori responsive maturity model completed – refer to Attachment 4. 	Te Hono
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a key success factor (KSF) associated with Te Pae o Uta whāinga, for all Council kaimahi to adopt. • Te Pae o Uta drop-in sessions begin. • Presentation to managers and team leaders on Te Pae o Uta. 	Te Hono
May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior leadership team to provide 3 work programmes/plans for their teams to contribute to the annual Te Pae o Uta work programme. • Deliver Te Pae o Uta framework, and expectations to Committees of Council. • Develop monitoring and reporting for the Te Pae o Uta annual work programme. • Develop steering group for the Te Pae o Uta work programme. 	Te Hono
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Workbooks for Te Reo Māori, Tikanga, Te Tiriti and He Whakaputanga workshops. • Te Pae o Uta work programme is finalised to start July 2024. • Te Reo Māori action to be completed to give effect to the Te Reo Māori and Tikanga policy. 	Te Hono
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation date, which includes annual work programme, Te Pae o Uta in all KSFs, Council staff start workshops on Tikanga, Te Tiriti, He Whakaputanga, Te Reo, Engaging with Māori. 	All Council





MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

To ensure that Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Māori Framework aligns with the work programme for Te Kuaka a workshop will be scheduled regarding the Te Kahu o Taonui Pou (Pou Tikanga, Pou Tangata, Pou Taiao, Pou Tahua) to provide Council alignment.

PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

Te Hono has budget allocation for the implementation of Te Pae o Uta for Te Hono, all sections of Council need to ensure they have appropriate budgetary requirements to give effect to Te Pae o Uta.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Maori Framework Presentation 002 - A4653340** [↓](#) 
2. **Te Pae o Uta - Maori Capability - Internal - A4653421** [↓](#) 
3. **Te Pae o Uta - Maori Outcomes - External - A4653422** [↓](#) 
4. **Te Pae o Uta - Maori Organisational Capability - A4653427** [↓](#) 

TE PAE O UTA



TŪ KOTAHI



WHANAKE TAHI



KŌKIRI TAHI

TE WHAKAPAPA O TE PAE O UTA

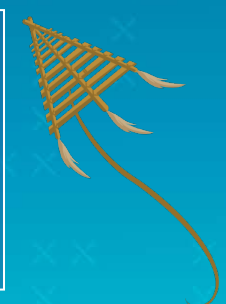
Aug 2022
Te Pae o Uta is developed by Te Hono

May 2023
SLT approve Te Pae o Uta

Sep 2023
Te Pae o Uta TPOU, Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Policy are tabled at Te Kuaka

Sep 2023
Te Pae o Uta, Te Reo Māori, Tikanga Policy are approved at Council

Dec 2023
MOU Roadshow begin



Feb 2024
TPOU update at Te Kuaka

March 2024
Te Kapa Haka o Te Kaunihera stands at Te Tai Tokerau Regional competition

March 2024
TPOU update to SLT – work programme alignment

June 2024
TPOU fully effective in Council



TŪ KOTAHI – STAND AS ONE

FOCUS: Increased participation in council structures and decision-making processes.

Relationships: strengthening relationships with mātauranga and Te Ao Māori

Participation: Enabling Māori participation in Council decision-making processes

Decision-Making: Shared decision-making opportunities alongside Māori on matters of interest to them



WHANAKE TAHI – DEVELOP AS ONE

FOCUS: Create enablers across staff to respond more effectively to Māori

People: Building an organisational capability, capacity and cultural competency

Policy: Effective consideration and understanding of Māori needs and issues in policy thinking and development

Process: improvement of processes and systems to maintain and enhance capability to give effect to roles in relation to Māori and to promote a responsive culture and working environment



KŌKIRI TAHI- LEAD AS ONE

FOCUS: Empowered communities, working collaboratively

ENGAGEMENT: Effective communication with Māori

WELLBEING: Council's role in contributing to Māori wellbeing

CAPACITY: Building Māori capability and capacity

6.3 PROGRESS UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

File Number: A4653702

Author: Marlema Baker, Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide the Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee (Te Kuaka) with updates on ongoing matters as a mechanism to communicate progress.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Te Kuaka is committed to ensuring that the work of the Committee is carried out in a way that enhances the social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of the Far North District and assist Council as appropriate in conducting and maintaining effective, good faith working relationships with the Māori community.
- This report serves as a mechanism to provide Te Kuaka with updates on matters that have raised by the Committee and are being actioned by staff.
- Included in this report are:
 - Whenua Māori Amendment Act – Staff Workshop update.
 - 1 Wharo Way & Pōhutukawa Tree update.
 - Kaitaia Aerodrome/Airport update.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Progress Update on Outstanding Reports to the Committee.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Whenua Māori Amendment Act – Staff Workshop update

On Tuesday 26 March a staff workshop was held to understand and develop a plan around the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021

- The workshop discussed having a clear problem statement to understand why we have circa 10 million in Māori land rate debt.
- Risks of not writing off and writing off were discussed.
- The lack of data on the issue was clear. A move to collect the appropriate data was agreed by the group to inform a future plan and decision on writing off the debt.
- Ensuring the correct operational teams are involved in any recommendations is key to future recommendations and implementation into work programmes.

The workshop was attended by the Finance/Rating team, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Acting Group Manager (GM) Corporate Services, GM Strategic Relationships, Manager Te Hono, GM Planning & Policy, Manager Strategy & Policy, Manager Data Analytics and facilitated by the Manager Stakeholder Relationships.

Refer to the next steps below.

1 Wharo Way & Pōhutukawa Tree update

- December 2023 - Purchase of land was completed.

- Land is held in fee simple and will be classified as Historic reserve. This work is in process and will be done alongside other classifications.
- August 2023 a tree assessment was carried out to determine the health of the tree. The recommendation is for the tree to be left and to let nature take its course. These trees hang off the side of cliffs and will retain their presence for years. However, it is recommended this tree is monitored for any further lean.
- Health of the tree: based on feedback from the tree assessment it appears as though the tree had been in “shock”, however there are signs of new growth coming through.

Refer to the next steps below.

Kaitaia Aerodrome/Airport – update

- Following the 2023 negotiations lead by Pat Snedden (appointed by Crown) a lease with Te Rūnanga o Ngaitakoto Settlement Trust was finalised on or about 20th of October 2023.
- Council remains willing and able to enter the lease with the legal landowner. At the date of this report, the legal owner remains Crown.

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

Whenua Māori Amendment Act – Staff Workshop update

- Follow up staff workshop scheduled Friday 12th April to analyse data and develop recommendations for the Chief Executive.
- Update to Chief Executive and SLT by Friday 19th April with recommendations.
- Full Report to Te Kuaka for June 27th with data and outcomes.

1 Wharo Way & Pōhutukawa Tree – update

- There are structures still located on the site which will need to be removed, and Council staff will arrange onsite hui with Ngā hapū o Ahipara which will extend to the development of a co-management agreement as per Council’s resolution.
- A plaque to commemorate the historical significance of Moringai to Nga Hapū o Ahipara is still to be actioned.

Kaitaia Aerodrome/Airport – update

Staff will continue to monitor this process.

PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications or need for budgetary provision in receiving this report.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6.4 TINO RANGATIRATANGA ME TE KĀWANATANGA: THE REPORT ON STAGE 2 OF THE TE PAPAHAHI O TE RAKI INQUIRY

File Number: A4593306

Author: Llani Harding, Pouhoutu Te Hono - Manager - Te Hono

Authoriser: Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee (Te Kuaka) with the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry Report (Wai 1040) and recommendations.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Te Paparahi o Te Raki (Northland) inquiry (Wai 1040), presided over by Judge Craig Coxhead, inquired into around 415 claims. The claims were brought by hapū from Ngāpuhi, Ngātiwai, Ngāti Hine, Patuharakeke, Ngāti Rehua, Ngāti Whātua and Ngāti Manuhiri.

The northern boundary of this inquiry district runs along the ridge of the Maungataniwha Range and includes Whāngāpē Harbour. The western boundary includes the inland boundary outside the Te Roroa and Kaipara inquiry districts. The southern boundary runs along the North Shore of the Waitemata Harbour. The eastern boundary runs down the east coast and includes some of the outlying islands, such as Rangitoto and Aotea (Great Barrier).

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: The Report on Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Major issues in the Te Raki stage 2 inquiry included:

- Tino rangatiratanga, kāwanatanga and autonomy: political engagement between Māori and the Crown, including the 1860s rūnanga system and the Crown's relationship with the Kotahitanga movements of the 1880s, 1890s, and the twentieth century.
- The immediate aftermath of the Treaty of Waitangi (in particular the Old Land Claims process 1841–43, scrip, and surplus lands, Crown pre-emption and purchasing, and the Northern War 1844–46).
- The operation of the Native Land Court and the alienation of Māori land in the 19th and 20th centuries.
- The management of Māori land in the twentieth century, including local government and rating, and public works takings.
- Ownership and management of environmental, water and other non-land resources.
- Takutai moana/foreshore and seabed.
- Economic development and socioeconomic issues and capability.
- Te reo Māori, wāhi tapu, taonga, and tikanga.
- Specific local issues including the Port of Whāngārei/Northport, Marsden Point Refinery, Hauturu (Little Barrier Island) and Hato Petera College – sale of Crown Grants Lands.

The inquiry panel for Stage 1 and 2 was presided over by Jude Coxhead.

Stage 2 hearings concluded in October 2017. Final closing submissions were received in May 2018. The inquiry is now in the report writing phase.

The Tribunal released its pre-publication version of part 1 of Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: The Report on Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry in December 2022.

A ceremony to hand over the final published version of the report was held on 9 December 2023 at Waitangi Treaty grounds in the Bay of Islands.

To read the full versions of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki (Northland) Stage 2 reports please click the links below:

Volume 1

[Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: The Report on Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry \(justice.govt.nz\)](https://www.justice.govt.nz/tino-rangatiratanga-me-te-kawanatanga-the-report-on-stage-2-of-the-te-paparahi-o-te-raki-inquiry)

Volume 2

[Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: The Report on Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry, Part I \(justice.govt.nz\)](https://www.justice.govt.nz/tino-rangatiratanga-me-te-kawanatanga-the-report-on-stage-2-of-the-te-paparahi-o-te-raki-inquiry-part-1)

Volume 3

[Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: The Report on Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry, Part I \(justice.govt.nz\)](https://www.justice.govt.nz/tino-rangatiratanga-me-te-kawanatanga-the-report-on-stage-2-of-the-te-paparahi-o-te-raki-inquiry-part-1)

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

That Te Kuaka receive this report and note the Te Paparahi o Te Raki (Northland) Stage 2 Report Recommendations attached.

These recommendations are included in **Volume 3 – Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kāwanatanga: The Report on Stage 2 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki - Chapter 12.2 on pages 1468 – 1470.**

A workshop is scheduled for May 2024. Staff are engaging external guest speakers/facilitators and a final date will be notified to the Committee members as soon as practicable.

PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no budgetary implications for receiving this report

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Recommendations - Te Paparahi o Te Raki - Volume 3 - section 12.3 - A4658933**  

6.5 TE KUAKA- TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE APRIL 2024**File Number: A4647627****Author: Imrie Dunn, Democracy Advisor****Authoriser: Casey Gannon, Manager - Democracy Services****TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee (Te Kuaka) with an overview of outstanding Committee decisions from 29 June 2023.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Open resolutions are a mechanism to communicate progress against decisions/resolutions.
- Open resolutions are also in place for all formal elected member meetings.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Māori Committee receive the report Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori April 2024 Open Resolution Report.

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Any resolution or decision from a meeting is compiled on an open resolution status report, to capture actions triggered by Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee decisions. Staff provide updates on progress against tasks that are not yet completed.

The open resolution report also includes outstanding actions from previous triennium committees.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The outstanding tasks are often multi-facet projects that take longer to fully complete. Where a decision differs to the recommendation of staff there may be unintended consequences or challenges that take longer for staff to work through.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION.

To provide Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee with an overview of outstanding decisions from 29 June 2023.

3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications or need for budgetary provision in receiving this report.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Open Resolution Report - A4656207**  

6.6 TE PUNA O KUPENUKU UPDATE

File Number: A4541172

Author: Michelle Rockell, Team Leader - Property Management

Authoriser: Kevin Johnson, Group Manager - Delivery and Operations

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update to the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee in regard to Te Puna o Kupenuku, current leaseholders of 78 Parnell Street, Rawene, also known as the old Rawene Campus.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Te Puna o Kupenuku presented a deputation to Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee in November 2023.
- From this deputation, it was decided to hold a meeting with key council staff, Elected Members and Te Puna o Kupenuku representatives to discuss the future of the lease. This meeting was held on 14th February 2024.
- This report details the events and outcomes from this meeting.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receives the report: Te Puna o Kupenuku Update.

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

On 12 February 2024, council staff, the Mayor and Kaikohe – Hokianga Community Board Chairperson met in preparation for the meeting organised with Te Puna o Kupenuku on 14 February 2024.

During this meeting, it was noted that Far North District Council would be open to beginning the process of a new, longer-term lease with Te Puna o Kupenuku, as long as the group could provide enough information to support this request.

Additionally, the Memorandum of Understanding between Far North District Council and Te Puna o Kupenuku was discussed as it expired on 30 December 2023. Council staff have presented Te Puna o Kupenuku with an updated Memorandum of Understanding for their review.

Condition assessment overviews were presented regarding the 11 buildings located on the property, all of which require substantial amount of maintenance and renewal work. It is expected to cost on average \$148,414.00 each year for the next 10 years to carry out renewal and maintenance works as per the assessment. Under the current lease, all building maintenance and upkeep is the responsibility of Te Puna o Kupenuku.

On 14 February 2024, the Mayor, Elected Members and Far North District Council staff met with Te Puna o Kupenuku and Te Pūkenga representatives at the campus to discuss potential mutually agreeable solutions to the challenges the campus faces.

Ngāti Hau, Ngāti Kaharau and Te Māhurehure expressed a desire to have the land and all assets located at 78 Parnell Street returned to their ownership. It is important to note that the buildings were previously owned by the former Northtec – when their lease was terminated, the buildings became property of Far North District Council.

Te Pūkenga advised that it is currently too risky for them to invest time and money into courses for Te Puna o Kupenuku due to the current duration of the lease. The New Zealand Qualifications Authority do not approve of any current investments into the campus.

Te Puna o Kupenuku requested a letter of support from Far North District Council which details that Council supports the remaining 7 years of the current lease. This letter will assist any current funding

endeavors and encourage commencement of new courses until expiry of the lease. (See attachment).

There appeared to be support from Elected Members and the Kaikohe – Hokianga Community Board Chair to enter into a new 30-year lease with Te Puna o Kupenuku. A long-term lease will allow Te Puna o Kupenuku to continue providing courses to the public whilst commencing the process to return the land.

Staff are yet to receive an official request in writing from Te Puna o Kupenuku.

Should this process commence, the steps will be as follows:

- A report will be presented to the Kaikohe – Hokianga Community Board for recommendation to Council on the initiation of public consultation for the granting of a new lease to Te Puna o Kupenuku.
- Council will then make a decision on the resolution to initiate public consultation.
- An update report will be presented to Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee.
- Staff develop the engagement plan. Once complete, public consultation will commence, lasting 4-6 weeks.
- Public submissions are collated and anyone who wishes to be heard may present a verbal submission to the Kaikohe – Hokianga Community Board meeting after public consultation finalises.
- A report is then presented to the Kaikohe – Hokianga Community Board for recommendation to Council on the granting of a new lease to Te Puna o Kupenuku.
- Council will then resolve on the granting of a new lease to Te Puna o Kupenuku.
- An update report will be presented to Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee.

It is expected that this process will take roughly 8-12 months to complete.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Far North District Council staff have approached Te Puna o Kupenuku and have proposed that the group could request a new 30-year ground lease and transfer of the ownership of the 11 buildings to Te Puna o Kupenuku.

Te Puna o Kupenuku have advised they will discuss this option with other Board members and hapū and provide their response to council staff.

Council staff will continue to present bi-monthly reports to the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee updating on any changes or progress made with Te Puna o Kupenuku.

The next report will be presented on 27 June 2024.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

A long-term 30-year lease will provide Te Puna o Kupenuku with the longevity and security they require to continue providing long duration courses (such as nursing, dental and medical courses) and support their requests for funding necessary to upkeep the buildings.

Whilst the New Zealand Qualifications Authority do not currently support any investments into Te Puna o Kupenuku, they have advised that the site is of prime interest and will invest with a long-term lease in place.

Te Puna o Kupenuku are aware that whilst this option has been presented by council staff, the final decision in the granting of any lease will fall to Elected Members.


3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

Far North District Council does not have any budget to carry out the renewal or maintenance work detailed in the condition assessment within the next 10 years. Current agreements within the lease with Te Puna o Kupenuku are that all building maintenance is their responsibility.

This recommendation would remove any maintenance or renewal work responsibilities from Far North District Council as ownership of the buildings would be that of Te Puna o Kupenuku.

Council staff would continue to check in regularly with Te Puna o Kupenuku to ensure the buildings are being maintained.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. TPoK letter of Support - 3 April 2024 - A4648459 [↓](#) 

7 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<p>7.1 - Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p>7.2 - Patia o Matariki Waahi Tapu Memorandum of Understanding - Update</p>	<p>s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

9 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE