AGENDA

Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting

Thursday, 31 October 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Council Chambers
Memorial Avenue
Kaikohe

Membership:

Harry Burkhardt – Chairperson
Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira – Deputy Chairperson
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 Tāmati Rākena
Cr John Vujcich
Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika
Far North District Council

Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika Far North District Council	**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.

Kahika/Mayor Moko Tepania

Harry Burkhardt - Chairperson

Hilda Halkyard-Harawira – Deputy Chairperson

Kōwhai/Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

John Vujcich

Ann Court

Babe Kapa

Felicity Foy

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:
Thursday 31 October 2024 at 10:00 am

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1 KARAKIA TĪMATANGA / 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

Nicole Wihongi – Waitangi National Trust

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

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File Number: **A4536236**

Author: **Imrie Dunn, Democracy Advisor**

Authoriser: **Aisha Huriwai, 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 25 September 2024 as a true and correct.

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. 2024-09-25 Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Minutes - A4895397

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.

MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:01 AM

PRESENT: Chairperson Harry Burkhardt, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr Ann Court, Cr Babe Kapa, Cr Steve McNally (online), Cr Mate Radich (online), Cr John Vujcich, Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives Craig Hobson representing Ngai Takoto, and Lisa McNab representing Te Rarawa

IN ATTENDANCE: Adele Gardner (Te Hiku Community Board Chairperson) (online), Chicky Rudkin (Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Chairperson), Phil Grimshaw (Kaitohutohu Taiao Senior Advisor - Te Kahu o Taonui), Kiri Sloane-Hobson (Operations Manager – Te Kahu o Taonui) (online), Kanewa Harrison, Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Reo – Language Interpreter)

STAFF PRESENT: Guy Holroyd (Chief Executive Officer), Margriet Veenstra (Manager – Property Data and Business Compliance), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager – Strategic Relationships), Roger Ackers (General Manager – Planning and Policy), Charlie Billington (General Manager – Corporate Services), Jonathan Slavich (Chief Financial Officer), Llani Harding (Manager- Te Hono), Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori)(online), Scott May (Manager - Stakeholder Relationships), Marysa Maheno (Democracy Advisor), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor).

1 KARAKIA TĪMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

At 10:01am Chairperson Harry Burkhardt commenced the meeting, Kawiti Waetford continued the meeting with a karakia. Mihi provided by Cr Babe Kapa.

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

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2024/32

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That the apology received from Crs Tāmati Rākena, Penetaui Kleskovic, Felicity Foy and Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives Maahia Nathan, Wallace Rivers, Margaret Mutu, Katie Murray, Teresa Tepania-Ashton, Toa Faneva, Mane Tahere, Pita Tipene, Aperahama Edwards, Naida Glavish and Thomas Hohaia be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA/ CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Harry Burkhardt

- The Extraordinary Council meeting held a couple of weeks ago, viewed as a very articulate expression of aspirations. Acknowledged Kahika Moko and the way he led the meeting.

- Attended the Aerospace Summit in Christchurch yesterday as a part of a Māori rōpū thinking about how our epistemology reflect the space which is called up there by the power and how might we use that for good.
- Observed protesters waving Palestinian flags and speaking against militarization, which sparked thoughts on how technological innovation should be used for positive purposes, particularly in areas like climate change adaptation. Emphasized the need to harness these technologies to make informed decisions for the future.

Kahika/Mayor Moko Tepania

- Over the weekend, Kahika returned home to Mitimiti for the unveiling of the new carved Waharoa at Mātihetihe Marae, alongside Cr Rākena. It was a beautiful celebration for the hapū, Te Tao Maui and Te Hokokeha.
- Expressed joy about returning home, sharing a saying: *"All you with fairer hair, come sit down, and if your hair is dark and vibrant, get up and go."*
- Acknowledged Kyla Campbell-Kamariera, Chair of the marae committee, who is in her late 20s, and Wiremu Reid, a new treasurer and old schoolmate, who is 34 and from Mitimiti. Noted the emergence of young leaders actioning the aspirations of their people.
- Highlighted the recommissioning of the wharekai at Waipuna Marae after 4 years of refurbishment, which included a new roof. The celebration was significant for Panguru and the wider Hokianga, as other marae had to open their doors during Waipuna's closure.
- On Sunday, attended the ceremony in Ahipara for the blessing of a new pouwhenua, featuring the ancestor Toakai as the kaitiaki of the land at Moringaehe, now a Historic reserve.
- The weekend was a major celebration for Te Rarawa Kaiwhare.

Deputy Chairperson – Hilda Halkyard Harawira

- Acknowledged the guests from Te Tii Marae in Waitangi, noting it was great to see them 4 months ahead of the upcoming gathering in Waitangi.
- Ngā ingoa o ngā pānui mate
    - Ted Watts (Ōtamatea)
    - Bella Leaf (Whangape)
    - Vanessa Smith (Manukau)
    - Manemane Henare (Whangape)
    - Winiata Brown (Te Kao, Te Aupouri)
    - Dave Ruru (Tokomaru)
    - Te Arikinui Kīngi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu
    - Des Mahoney (Ngākahu/Ngākohu Steering Committee)
- Also acknowledged recent passings:
    - Burt Henry (Ngai Takoto)
    - Jude Cooper (returning home to Akerama)
    - Cyril Tainui Chapman (Radio Tautoko)
- Gave acknowledgements to all present in the room.
- Recognised the North Hokianga Roading Group, chaired by Cr Tāmati Rākena.

- Celebrated Moringaehe's return to hapū as a historic reserve, with hopes it may become a Māori reserve in the future.
- Acknowledged the new Queen Ngā wai hono i te pō Paki, and noted two youth from Tainui, Ngā wai hono i te pō and Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke, the latter awarded Politician of the Year and recently receiving her tohu in Canada.
- Expressed hope that securing the lease for Kaitaia Airport would bring great satisfaction to the people of Muriwhenua.
- Acknowledged Kahika, Kōwhai, and all the Councillors for their tireless mahi.

Councillor - John Vujcich:

- Acknowledged Cr Hilda for reminding everyone of those who have passed and for highlighting the great work that has been done.
- Acknowledged the Chair for his ongoing mahi.

Kōwhai Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

- Acknowledged Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira and Cr Tāmati Rākena for their comprehensive Kaikaunihera reports, reflecting on how busy the councillors have been and what we actually did in some of the hui.
- Provided an update on Cyclone Gabriel recovery efforts, noting the development of an exit strategy. While recovery reports have been distributed in glossy documents, the exit strategy will be concise, and hopefully we are set for any other weather events that come our way working together with iwi and hapū.
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At 10:02 am, Cr Steve McNally joined the meeting.
At 10:09 am, Cr Mate Radich joined the meeting.
At 10:09 am, Te Kahu o Taonui Representative Lisa McNab joined the meeting.
At 10:25 am, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania left the meeting and returned at 10:27 am.

4 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Ngāti Kawa Taituha in relation to Waitangi Marae's preparations for the re-opening of Te Tii Marae as well as Waitangi 2025 Commemorations.

Also gave acknowledgements to those who had passed Renata Tane and Moana Apiata.

Attachments tabled at meeting

1 Deputation attachment - Document number A4901538 refers.

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

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A4536234, pages 8 - 16 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/33

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 27 June 2024, as a true and correct.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

6.1 TE REO AND TIKANGA POLICY - KA IRIHIA TE REO MĀORI ACTION PLAN

Agenda item 5.1 document number A4719012, pages 17 - 39 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/34

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive and endorse Te Reo and Tikanga Policy - Ka Irihia Te Reo Māori Action Plan.

CARRIED

At 11:12 am, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, and returned at 11:14 am.

6.2 TAIAO PORTAL UPDATE

Agenda item 5.2 document number A4889003, pages 40 - 45 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/35

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Taiao Portal Update Report and seek to maintain and support its development specifically with regards to Resource Consent (RC) data sharing and to support Te Kahu o Taonui socialising Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management Plans and Treaty Settlements with Council's Resource Consents Team.

CARRIED

7 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF

Agenda item 6.1 document number A4875309, pages 46 - 60 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/36

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Relief.

CARRIED

7.2 TE PAE O WAHO REPORT

Agenda item 6.2 document number A4774988, pages 61 - 62 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/37

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Te Pae o Waho.

CARRIED

7.3 TE PAE O UTA TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK PROGRESS UPDATE

Agenda item 6.3 document number A4709084, pages 63 - 64 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/38

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Te Pae O Uta Te Ao Māori Framework Progress Update.

CARRIED

At 12:02 pm, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford left the meeting and returned at 12:06 pm.

7.4 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UPDATE AUGUST 2024

Agenda item 6.4 document number A4709060, pages 65 - 66 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/39

Moved: Cr John Vujcich
Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Memorandum of Understanding Update August 2024.

CARRIED

7.5 IWI/HAPŪ ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLANS - UPDATE

Agenda item 6.5 document number A4811131, pages 67 - 68 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/40

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Iwi/Hapū Environment Management Plans - Update.

CARRIED

7.6 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI – MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI – TE HIKU WARD

Agenda item 6.6 document number A4718806, pages 69 - 100 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/41

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori – Matters of Importance to Māori – Te Hiku Ward.

CARRIED

7.7 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI – MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI – BAY OF ISLANDS-WHANGAROA WARD

Agenda item 6.7 document number A4809969, pages 101 - 102 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/42

Moved: Cr Babe Kapa
Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori – Matters of Importance to Māori – Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward.

CARRIED

7.8 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI – MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI – KAIKOHE-HOKIANGA WARD

Agenda item 6.8 document number A4809979, pages 103 - 104 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/43

Moved: Cr John Vujcich
Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori – Matters of Importance to Māori – Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward.

CARRIED

At 12:18 pm, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania left the meeting.

7.9 TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda item 6.9 document number A4709002, pages 105 – 111 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/44

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

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

CARRIED

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12:21 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 31 October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

5.1 TE ONEROA-A-TŌHĒ VARIATION TO SPEED LIMITS

File Number: **A4932032**

Author: **Elizabeth Stacey, Senior Road Safety and Traffic Engineer**

Authoriser: **Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure Strategy**

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide a recommendation to Council for a variation to the speed limits on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē at the pedestrian access points north of Waipapakauri Beach.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Management Board has developed a beach management plan that informed Council's plan for setting speed limits on beaches.
- In February 2024 Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board approved the installation of signage marking the transition between the 30 kilometre per hour speed limit at the beach access points and the 60 kilometre per hour speed limit for the remainder of the beach area.
- In September 2024 Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board passed a resolution requesting Council consider a variation to the existing Interim speed management plan for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē to include additional areas in the 30 kilometre per hour section of the beach.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee recommend to Council that Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki Interim Speed Management Plan is amended to include 30 kilometre per hour speeds 200 metres either side of the following beach access points:

a) Hukatere Access;

b) Te Wakatehāua Access; and

c) Kauēparāoa Access.

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

In 2022, New Zealand Transport Agency adopted the speed management plan titled "Te Kaunihera o Te Taitokerau ki te Raki." This plan aims to address speed management and enhance safety within the region.

The currently approved speed management plan lists the following speeds for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē:

A 30kph speed limit to encompass the following areas:

- From the western end of Te Kohanga / Shipwreck Bay to a point 200m north of the Kaka Street access point (Ahipara)
- 400m to the south of the West Coast Entrance at Waipapakauri Beach access point.
- 200m to the north of the West Coast Entrance at Waipapakauri Beach access point.

The remainder of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Ninety Mile Beach to have a speed limit of 60kph.

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board has recommended that for pedestrian safety and consistency of speed limits that the access points north of Waipapakauri have the same speed limits in place for pedestrians as the other beach access points.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Beach Board have developed a beach management plan and safety programme for the beach which prioritises pedestrian safety at all access points. To support this plan and provide consistency for both pedestrians and drivers it is recommended that the Committee recommend to Council:

Option 1: Recommended

That Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee recommend to Council that Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki Interim Speed Management Plan is amended to include 30 kilometre per hour speeds 200m either side of the following beach access points:

a) Hukatere Access

b) Te Wakatehāua Access

c) Kauēparāoa Access.

Option 2:

Decline to recommend to Council the changes in speed limit and leave limits north of Waipapakauri access point posted at 60 kilometres per hour.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

By supporting the Board's recommendation to vary the speed management plan it provides consistency in speed limits at beach access points as well as increasing pedestrian safety at those locations. The proposed variation to the speed management plan is consistent with the new 2024 Setting of Speed Limit Rules on beaches.

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

A variation to the current speed management plan is funded through existing staff operational work. Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Beach Board have provided the informational signage at each beach entrance. Regulatory signage for the new speed limits will be installed by Council under current operational budgets.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **TOATB Safety Flyer - A4935949**
2. **Speed limit amendment Te Oneroa a Tōhē - A4934273**

Hōtaka Take Ōkawa / 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.

He Take Ōkawa / Compliance Requirement	Aromatawai Kaimahi / 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	Significance is considered low. Extensive outreach was conducted during the initial consultation on the speed management plan. The proposed change is considered a minor variation.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	The decision is consistent with the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Beach Management Plan and the Land Transport Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024
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.	The proposal is not considered to have District Wide relevance.
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. State the possible implications and how this report aligns with Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi.	Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Beach Board has been consulted on the recommended option. It is consistent with their management plan.
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 (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	The proposal is not considered to have any high impact or affect on youth, the aged or those with disabilities.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	The recommendation is made within existing budgets.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report.

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, Te Ara Wairua ki Te Rerenga Wairua

Greetings and welcome to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, a place regarded as the sacred and spiritual pathway to Te Rerenga Wairua. The place where those who have passed on, leave us bound for the spiritual world.

As stewards of this treasured taonga, we ask all who visit this summer to uphold the mauri (wellbeing) of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe in accordance with our ancestral traditions - by honouring Te Ara Wairua, respecting the natural environment, and keeping safe along the beach.

We encourage all who visit to make safety their first priority by driving slowly, swimming safely, respecting the environment and avoiding unnecessary risks along the beach and in the water. Below are some key messages we'd like you to take some time and read before heading to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe this summer.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and responsible season ahead.

To learn more about Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua ki Te Rerenga Wairua visit: https://www.teoneroa-a-tohe.nz/

Contact Information

Iwi representatives

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Te Rarawa: Lisa McNab: 021 243 2467

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Kaitaia Police Station

P: 09 408 6500

In an emergency dial 111, *555 for dangerous driving or contact the Kaitaia Police Station 17 Redan Road

Department of Conservation

P: 0800 362 468

For threatened wildlife and marine issues

Northland Regional Council

P: 0800 504639

Environmental hotline

Far North District Council

P: 0800 920 029

Noise and rubbish issues

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe

30 km/h

SCAN ME

60 km/h

www.teoneroa-a-tohe.nz

Speed limits

Effective 21 December, the speed restriction on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe will be enforceable:

30 km/h — **30km/hr for 200 meters either side of the beach off/on ramps**

60 km/h — **60km/hr for the remainder of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.**

New signs promoting safe driving and awareness of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are to remind drivers to respect the spiritual pathway of Te Ara Wairua.

Please note Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe is **not** a highway and it should be considered an ultimate privilege to use and receive from this iconic taonga.

Help protect te taiao

Together we are kaitiaki. The preservation of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe will require leadership from all of us and our children after us.

We wish to remind tangata (people):

- Share Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe respectfully, it is for everyone's enjoyment
- There are several sacred sites on the sand dunes. These sand dunes are also alive with natural habitats and these taonga deserve much care and protection
- Keep vehicles off all dunes
- Do not disturb nesting birds

Do not litter

Fires are prohibited

Campervans are prohibited

Camping is prohibited

Keep dogs on leashes at all times (particularly around local families, other visitors and wildlife).

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board
16 September 2024

ITEM: 5.4

TITLE:	**Speed Limit Update and Discussion**
From:	Kim Peita, Māori Relationships Manager
Authorised by Group Manager/s:	Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board has recommended setting speed limits on the beach that are appropriate for pedestrian activity and vehicle movements. These speed limit recommendations have been adopted by council and are certified by Waka Kotahi. New speed signage has been installed in Ahipara (all entrances) and Waipapakauri and the speed limits in the Interim Speed Management Plan have been activated in the National Speed Limit Register.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Speed Limit Update & Next Steps' by Elizabeth Stacey, Road Safety and Traffic Engineer, and dated 16 September, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

The Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board have developed a Beach Management Plan that informed council of the Board's direction for setting speeds on beaches. In consultation with the Board, council adopted new speed limits for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and those speeds were subsequently certified by Waka Kotahi.

At the 16 February, 2024 meeting the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board approved the installation of signage on the beach to mark the transition between the 30kph signage at the various beach access points and the 60kph speed limit on the remainder of the beach. This signage was installed and new speed limits activated in the National Speed Limit Register.

The approved Interim Speed Management Plan lists the following speed for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe:

A 30kph speed limit to encompass the following areas:

- From the western end of Te Kohanga / Shipwreck Bay to a point 200m north of the Kaka Street access point (Ahipara)
- 400m to the south of the West Coast Entrance at Waipapakauri Beach access point.
- 200m to the north of the West Coast Entrance at Waipapakauri Beach access point.

The remainder of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Ninety Mile Beach to have a speed limit of 60kph.

Discussion/Ngā Kōrerorero

At this time, no 30kph speed limit signage has been installed in areas outside of what is approved under the speed management plan. All beach speeds north of Waipapakauri have a speed limit of 60kph.

Staff is seeking to gain direction from the Board for the planned signage of beach entrances north of the Waipapakauri Beach Access point and define what, if any, regulatory signage is required from council.

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board
20 September 2024

ITEM: 5.4

Recommendation

Speed Limit Update and Discussion (Item 5.4)

Report from Kim Peita, Māori Relationships Manager

Moved (Neho/ Halkyard-Harawira)

That the report 'Speed Limit Update & Next Steps' by Elizabeth Stacey, Road Safety and Traffic Engineer, and dated 16 September, be received.

That the report 'Speed Limit Update & Next Steps' by Elizabeth Stacey, Road Safety and Traffic Engineer, and dated 16 September, be received.

Council Representatives on the Beach Board support recommendation provided the following amendment is made to the FNDC bi laws on page 20 A38. Board has been advised wording shall read – " Interim Speed Management Plan" (planning tool). Board has requested Dolly Baker, Te Kuaka be updated by Thursday 26 September 2024.

Carried.

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 NORTH HOKIANGA ROADING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

File Number: **A4938961**

Author: **Imrie Dunn, Democracy Advisor**

Authoriser: **Aisha Huriwai, Manager - Democracy Services**

TE TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To note the verbal update from the Chairperson of the North Hokianga working group. The verbal update provides feedback as requested by the Deputy Chairperson of Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee to keep members of the committee informed.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report North Hokianga Roading Working Group Update.

1) TE TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The North Hokianga Roading Working group is a collective of key stakeholders representing community interests in the North Hokianga region, with a primary focus on issues related to the local road network. The group includes elected members, community leaders, local representatives, and Far North District Council (FNDC) staff. It serves as a platform for collaboration and communication on road maintenance, improvements, and challenges affecting the region.

The group meets bi-monthly to discuss and address road-related issues in North Hokianga. FNDC staff facilitate and attend these meetings to provide relevant information and administrative support.

2) TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The verbal update to be presented by the Chairperson will cover key outcomes from the latest North Hokianga working group meeting held on 12 October. This includes discussions on road maintenance priorities, updates on infrastructure projects, and feedback from the community regarding road conditions and safety concerns. The working group also identifies challenges and opportunities related to road access and transport in the region.

Draft minutes from the 12 October meeting are attached for the committee's reference. These minutes will remain in draft form until confirmed at the next meeting, scheduled for Saturday 7 November.

REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

To formally receive the verbal update and ensure that committee members are kept informed about the North Hokianga working group's activities and the ongoing management of road-related issues in the region.

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

There are no financial implications or the need for budgetary provision as a result of this report.

NGĀ ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Minutes - North Hokianga Roading Working Group Meeting 12 Oct 24 - A4941837** ⇩

North Hokianga Roading Working Group

Meeting Minutes

12 October 2024
10.00 am

PRESENT: Councillor Tāmati Rākena, Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Chair – Chicky Rudkin, Graeme Morrell, Tangiroa Karena, Andrew Kendall, John Smart.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mina Pomare-Peita, Joe Pomare, Mihi Andriaanse, Alex Wijohn, Pete Oneroa, Dana Karena, Neddean Karena, Bernard Dargaville.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Vujcich, Rob Gilmore, Apikali Rokobigi, Chum Murray.

STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure Strategy), Garreth Oien (Contract Supervisor), Franz Wagner (Capital Works Programme Manager), Fleur Beresford (Infrastructure Business Analyst).

KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Tāmati Rākena commenced the meeting with a karakia at 10.16am

1. **NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2024/6

Moved: Graeme Morell
Seconded: Tangiroa Karena

That the apologies received from Cr John Vujcich, Rob Gilmore, Apikali Rokobigi, be accepted and leave of absence granted. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 2024/9

Moved: Cr Rākena
Seconded: Graeme Morell

That the apology received from Chum Murray be accepted and leave of absence granted. **CARRIED**

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2024/7

Moved: Cr Rākena
Seconded: Graeme Morrell

That North Hokianga Roading Working Group confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2024.

CARRIED

- **Noted:** Communications have been sent out to Te Uri o Tai seeking a representative for this working group. No representative has been put forward at this time.
- **Noted:** The conversation around the slip at Windy Hill was mentioned at the 5th August 2024 meeting, however it did not appear in the works programme provided to this meeting.

3. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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RESOLUTION 2024/8

Moved: Graeme Morrell
Seconded: Andrew Kendall

That North Hokianga Roading Working Group approve the Terms of Reference as signed by the Working Group.

CARRIED

4. **Awarded Contracts for works on slips and Engagement of Local Contractors**

- Slips at the Brynderwyns has seen DoC become more involved, creating delays for contractors starting new works. Potential to impact heavily on Panguru and Motuti works however discussions between FNDC, Mina Pomare-Peita and DoC via letter, emails and phone calls resulted in application receiving faster acceptance. Karakia will be held on Tuesday 22nd October: 9am Motuti then 10am at Panguru. Kaumatua David Thomas and local Parish Priest will be in attendance. Work will start on 24th.
- FNDC sent Joe Pomare's details to Jaco Cronje (Branch Manager – Ventia Roading Far North) on 3rd September. Since 18th September Boss Logging Ltd have been working with Ventia and now 80% onboard. Joe acknowledged appreciation for local landowners who have granted works access thanks to the approach taken when asking them.
- CLL awarded Mangamuka slip. Sharp in tendering and want to establish a branch in the North (currently have one in Waipapa). Decision not just on price, but with weighted attributes (best methodology, equipment, reputation, experience) they were confirmed as the best contender. Have compliance covered with native ngārara. They will definitely be approaching local contractors.
- **Noted:** Both Tangiroa Karena and John Smart had not received email communications (this has been rectified post-meeting – incorrect/outdated email addresses had been used).
- **Noted:** Terms of Reference to be shared with Contractors to ensure Working Groups' commitment to Business is taken into account at all times in roading works/control measures. In particular deployment of stop/go traffic systems need to ensure wait times are acceptable.
- **Noted:** Updates to be provided to Mina Pomare-Peita for inclusion as a one-pager for community update.

5. **Working Group Update Report**

- Grading and maintenance;
- Culvert and drainage programme;
- Seal extension from Long Bridge to Waihou Church;
- Road renewals; and
- Dust suppression programme

- Gareth Oien: Explanation of completed works/works programmed for the future.

- Culture of contractors and behaviours will change: job to be done the right way, first time. Local contractors understand their area. Efficiencies need to be improved. Sustainable work completed with Hapu involvement. New Contractors need to be introduced.

Noted: Information provided is impressive but confusing. Needs to be simplified. Next meeting should be in an easier format. Work coming through needs to follow new reporting approach. Need to be easier for people to identify and report issues using culvert number or street address.

Noted: Dust Report prioritisation and matrix needs to be amended and updated. H&S to be taken into account not only homes impacted but places where larger numbers of people assemble (e.g. Marae and Kohanga Reo) looking after guests, children, providing meals and water, yet dealing with dust contaminating water tanks and play areas. Information to be updated, new report run.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2024/10

Moved: Tāmati Rakena
Seconded: Mina Pomare-Peita

That North Hokianga Roading Working Group receive the Working Group Update Report. **CARRIED**

6. **Slip Sites**

Franz Wagner: There are 7 or 8 slips identified for the Panel which is progressing and due to be set up by December. All contractors wanting to work on the slip contracts need to go to the panel. Contracts will be awarded according to complexity and capability.

First four to be contracted are:

1. Pawarenga Road (Devil's Elbow);
2. Kaitāia-Awaroa Road (5km south of Wainui Junction);
3. Kaitāia-Awaroa Road (5km east of Herekino Junction); and
4. Mangamuka Road (3km west of State Highway 1).

Noted: It was again raised that there is a need for assistance to share how GETZ registration can be obtained.

Noted: Contact details requested for FNDC staff member that can assist with Health and Safety requirements.

7. **Closing Comments**

Chicky Rudkin: RFS escalation – if you haven't had a timely response contact Chicky or Harmony Gundry.

Joe Pomare: Grateful and seeing progress as a contractor is great. Subtle changes. Fibre cable = extreme caution for contractors not wanting to touch it ($18K if you damage it), causing delays with culverts. However, Chorus, Fulton Hogan and Bull Kaitaia working together really well.

Tāmati Rākena closed the meeting with a karakia.

6.2 AROTAKE WHAKAAHUATANGA TĀNGATA - REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2024 FINAL DETERMINATION

File Number: **A4938479**

Author: **Casey Gannon, Manager - Civic Engagement and Education**

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.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

22 April 2024	Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee made a recommendation to Council to not disestablish, and enhance, a district-wide Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward.
9 May 2024	Council resolved the Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata Representation Review initial proposal.
May-July 2024	Council received and heard verbal submissions.
30 July 2024	Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 received royal assent requiring all Councils to reaffirm its position, or resolve to disestablish, Māori ward by 6 September 2024.
8 Aug 2024	Council resolved the Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata Representation Review final proposal. *No objections/appeals received.*
6 Sept 2024	Council unanimously reaffirmed 9 May 2024 decision to retain Nga Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward.
16 Sept 2024	Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata Representation Review final proposal sent to Local Government Commission for determination.
17 Oct 2024	Final Determination from Local Government Commission received *(attachment 1)*.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata - Representation Review 2024 Final Determination.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

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 conducted this representation review in 2024.

A Representation Review is a review of Council membership and the basis of election, the total number of councillors, how councillors are elected (wards, district-wide, a mix of both), and a review of community boards.

Far North District Council began the Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata - Representation Review process in September 2023 including workshops iwi/hapū/hāpori consultation, engagement, submissions both written and verbal, initial and final proposal adoption.

The Final Determination from the Local Government Commission of the Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata - Representation Review 2024 reflects the Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata - Representation Review 2024 Final Proposal adopted by Far North District Council 8 August 2024 which included six population variations due to six population variations *(attachment 2).*
Anything outside of the +/- 10% rule must be forwarded to the Local Government Commission for determination. The determination also increases the number of appointed members on Community Boards with voting rights *(attachment 1 - page 3).*

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

Public Notice is available on Local Government Commission website. Public notice: Far North District Council - Representation Review 2025 - Local Government Commission (lgc.govt.nz)

Far North District Council communications team will release a News Story following 31 October Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori committee meeting.

Manager – Civic Engagement and Education will discuss the Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata - Representation Review 2024 Final Determination outcomes and opportunities with the community boards in November/December 2024 who have had active participation throughout the whole Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tāngata - Representation Review 2024 process.

An extensive Representation Review will be conducted in 2026 which will include but is not exclusive to taking the Local Government Commission recommendations and result of expected poll related to retaining Māori wards or constituencies being conducted as part of 2025 Local Government Elections.

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

Budget will need to be considered as part of the 2026-2027 Annual Plan to provide adequate resource for an extensive 2026 Representation Review.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Determination-Far-North-District-Council-2024 - A4938546** ⇩
2. **2024 Arotake Whakaahuatanga Tangata - Representation Review - Six Variations - A4938841** ⇩

Local Government Commission
Mana Kāwanatanga ā Rohe

Determination

on a decision of the Far North District Council to adopt representation arrangements for the local authority elections to be held on 11 October 2025

Introduction

1. All territorial authorities are required under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) to review their representation arrangements at least every six years.
2. The matters for this determination by the Commission are limited to the Far North District Council's (the Council) decision to retain the boundaries of the Te Hiku General Ward, and the Russell-Ōpua, Whangaroa, South Hokianga, Doubtless Bay, and North Cape Subdivisions with the current elected membership, despite not complying with section 19V(2) of the Act (the '+/-10% rule').

Commission's determination[1]

3. Under section 19V(6) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Commission upholds the decision of the Far North District Council not to comply with section 19V(2) in respect of the following electoral areas:
    a. The Te Hiku General Ward, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting within a ward two or more communities with few commonalities of interest due to their geographic separation.
    b. The North Cape Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting within a subdivision two or more communities with few commonalities of interest, being the more densely populated communities of Awanui or Kaitāia with the dispersed rural communities of the North Cape.

[1] Plans preceded by LGC are deposited with the Local Government Commission, plans preceded by SO are deposited with Land Information New Zealand

c. The Doubtless Bay Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing communities of interest between subdivisions, being the communities of Taipa or Oruru from communities in Doubtless Bay with which they share a functional connection.

d. The Whangaroa Subdivision of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting two or more communities of interest with few commonalities of interest, being communities more appropriately aligned with the current Waipapa and Kerikeri Subdivisions

e. The Russell-Ōpua Subdivision of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between subdivisions, being communities from neighbouring subdivisions that look to the towns of Pahia or Kawakawa for services and social amenities.

f. The South Hokianga Subdivision of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by transgressing the Hokianga Harbour and uniting the Kaikohe and Ōkaihau communities which have few commonalities of interest.

4. Accordingly, for at least the triennial general election of the Far North District Council to be held on 11 October 2025, the following representation arrangements will apply:

a. The Far North District, as delineated on Plan LG-001-2022-W-1 will be divided into wards and will be represented by a Council comprising the mayor and 10 councillors elected as follows:

Ward	**Councillors**	**Plan delineating area**
Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward	4	LG-001-2022-W-2
Te Hiku General Ward	2	SO Plan 430085
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward	3	LG-001-2022-W-3
Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward	1	LG-001-2022-W-4

b. There will be three communities with community boards as follows:

Community/Community Board	Plan delineating area	Subdivision	Members*	Appointed members
Te Hiku Community comprising the area of the Te Hiku General Ward	LG-001-2022-S-1 LG-001-2022-S-2 SO 430093 SO 430094	North Cape Whatuwhiwhi Doubtless Bay Kaitāia	1 1 1 3	2, representing either the Te Hiku General Ward or the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community comprising the area of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward	LG-001-2022-S-5 LG-001-2022-S-6 LG-001-2022-S-7 LG-001-2022-S-8 LG-001-2022-S-9 LG-001-2022-S-10	Whangaroa Waipapa Kerikeri Paihia Russell-Ōpua Kawakawa-Moerewa	1 1 2 1 1 1	2, being 1 member representing the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward and 1 member representing the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward
Kaikohe-Hokianga Community comprising the area of the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward	LG-001-2022-S-2 LG-001-2022-S-3 LG-001-2022-S-4	North Hokianga South Hokianga Kaikohe	1 2 3	2, representing either the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward or the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward

*number of members elected by the electors of each subdivision

5. The ratio of population to elected members for each ward will be as follows:

Wards	Population*	Number of members	Population per member	Deviation from district average population per member	% deviation from district average population per member
Te Hiku General	13,900	2	6,950	-1,127	**-13.95**
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General	26,500	3	8,833	757	+9.37
Kaikohe-Hokianga General	8,060	1	8,060	-17	-0.21
Total general wards	**48,460**	**6**	**8,077**		
Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori	26,600	4			
Total	**74,760**	**10**			

*Based on Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa 2023 population estimates (2018 census base)

6. The community boards will be subdivided for electoral purposes. The ratio of population to elected members for each subdivision will be as follows:

Community subdivisions	Population*	Number of members^	Population per member	Deviation from community average population per member	% deviation from community average population per member
Te Hiku Community					
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 community	**23,260**	6	3,877		
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community					
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
Russell-Ōpua Subdivision	4,150	1	4,150	-817	**-16.45**
Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision	5,080	1	5,080	113	+2.27
Total community	**34,770**	**7**	**4,967**		
Kaikohe-Hokianga Community					
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 community	**16,740**	**6**	**2,790**		

*Based on Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa 2023 population estimates (2018 census base)
^Not including appointed members

7. As required by section 19T(b) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the boundaries of the above wards and subdivisions coincide with the boundaries of current statistical meshblock areas determined by Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa and used for parliamentary electoral purposes.

Background

8. Under sections 19H and 19J of the Act territorial authority representation reviews are to determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, arrangements for those boards. Representation arrangements are to be determined so as to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.

9. The Council last reviewed its representation arrangements prior to the 2022 local authority elections. Accordingly, it was required to undertake its next review prior to the 2028 elections but has chosen to do so prior to the October 2025 elections.

10. In accordance with the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 the Council was required to decide by 6 September whether to retain or disestablish its Māori wards. On 6 September 2024 the Council voted to retain its Māori ward. Accordingly, it was able to continue with the representation review process it already had underway.

Current representation arrangements

11. The Commission last made a determination in relation to Far North District Council's representation in 2022. While there were no appeals on the Council's 2022 proposal, the Commission was required to determine several non-compliances with the +/-10% rule.

12. The Council's 2022 review proposed one Māori ward covering the whole district and three general wards mostly aligning with the ward boundaries that have been in place since 2010 with minimal changes. The 2022 review also proposed the continuation of three subdivided communities aligning to the general ward areas. The Commission upheld the Council's decision not to comply with the +/-10% rule for one general ward and four community board subdivisions, resulting in the Council's current representation arrangements:

    a. a council comprising the mayor elected at large and 10 councillors elected from four wards as follows:

        - Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward electing 4 councillors
        - Te Hiku General Ward electing 2 councillors
        - Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward electing 3 councillors
        - Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward electing 1 councillor

b. 19 members elected to three community boards as follows:

Community board	Subdivision	Members elected	Members appointed
Te Hiku	North Cape	1	
	Whatuwhiwhi	1	
	Doubtless Bay	1	
	Kaitāia	3	
Total community board		**6**	**1**
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa	Whangaroa	1	
	Waipapa	1	
	Kerikeri	2	
	Paihia	1	
	Russell-Ōpua	1	
	Kawakawa-Moerewa	1	
Total community board		**7**	**1**
Kaikohe-Hokianga	North Hokianga	1	
	South Hokianga	2	
	Kaikohe	3	
Total community board		**6**	**1**

Current review

Preliminary consultation

13. In undertaking this review the Council agreed that overall, it was satisfied with the existing ward, community and subdivision boundaries, and the number of elected members.

14. For the current review, a Council workshop identified three key aspects for consideration in the current review:

- Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward boundary
- name of the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board
- number of members appointed to community boards

15. The Council's preliminary engagement for the current review included a survey offered online and at kanohi-ki-te-kanohi events throughout the District, receiving 161 responses. The survey focussed largely on the three aspects identified above and invited a general comment on fair and effective representation in the District. The Council also sought feedback from community boards and the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee, a committee of the Council comprising the mayor, all councillors, and 12 iwi representatives.

The Council's initial proposal

16. On 9 May 2024 the Council resolved its initial representation proposal for a council comprising the mayor elected at large and 10 councillors elected from four wards, with no change to the existing boundaries. The proposal retained the three existing communities aligned to general ward boundaries and the 13 existing community subdivisions.
17. With the proposed boundaries, the Te Hiku General Ward and four of the six community board subdivisions that did not comply with the +/-10% rule at the time of the 2022 representation review remained non-compliant.
18. The initial proposal also altered the existing arrangements by:
    - increasing the number of members appointed to community boards
    - providing for Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward councillors to be appointed alongside the relevant general ward members
    - changing the name of the existing Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board to Karikari-Awanui to better reflect the Community area's extension to include Awanui at the previous representation review
    - a new non-compliance with the +/-10% rule for the Doubtless Bay Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community at 11.18% under-represented
    - a return to compliance with the +/-10% rule for the Kerikeri Subdivision of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community and the Kaikohe Subdivision of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community.

Submissions

19. The Council notified its initial representation proposal on 16 May 2024 and received 86 submissions by the deadline date of 12 September 2024.
20. Key themes in the submissions were:
21. At the District level, a majority did not support increasing the number of councillors appointed community boards, mainly for financial reasons and the belief that no councillors should be appointed to community boards. At the individual community level, responses were as follows:
    - Te Hiku Community: 53.1% supported
    - Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community: 69.2% did not support
    - Kaikohe-Hokianga Community: 58.5% did not support
22. A majority (58.1%) from within the Te Hiku Community supported renaming the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board to Karikari-Awanui on the basis that it better represented the area covered.
23. Submissions opposing the proposed Karikari-Awanui Subdivision name highlighted the significance of the name Whatuwhiwhi and hapū/iwi opposition to the proposed subdivision name change, including one submission from the Haiti-tai-marangai (Whatuwhiwhi) Marae Committee.

24. On 9 July 2024 the Council met to hear and deliberate on submissions. To reflect submissions, the Council amended its proposal to retain the existing name of the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision.
25. The Council rejected the submissions opposing the increased number of councillors appointed to community boards as it believed that appointing councillors to community boards had value and led to positive outcomes, and that such appointments should be open to Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori ward councillors.
26. At a meeting on 8 August 2024 the Council amended its initial proposal to the following final representation proposal.

The Council's final proposal

27. The final proposal was as per the initial proposal with the exception that the existing name was retained for the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board.
28. The final proposal set out ward arrangements as follows:

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Total general wards	**48,460**	**6**	**8,077**		
Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori	26,300	4			
Total	**74,760**	**10**			

*Based on Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa 2023 population estimates (2018 census base)

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Total community	**16,740**	**6**	**2,790**		

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^Not including appointed members

30. The Council publicly notified its final proposal on 12 August 2024.

31. No valid appeals or objections against the Council's final proposal were received. The Council was, however, required by section 19V(4) of the Act to refer its proposal to the Commission for determination as the Te Hiku General Ward, the North Cape and the Doubtless Bay Subdivisions of the Te Hiku Community Board, the Russell-Ōpua and the Whangaroa Subdivisions of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board, and the South Hokianga Subdivision of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board did not comply with the fair representation requirement of section 19V(2) of the Act (the +/-10% rule).

Need for a hearing

32. For the purpose of making a determination, the Commission may make such enquiries as it considers appropriate and may hold meetings with the interested parties. There is no obligation on the Commission to hold a hearing. Rather, the need for a hearing is determined by the information provided by the relevant parties and as a result of any further inquiries the Commission may wish to make.

33. In the case of the Far North District Council's final proposal, the Commission considered there was sufficient information in the documentation provided by the Council in relation to its previous and current review for the Commission to proceed to a determination. Accordingly, no hearing was required.

Matters for determination by the Commission

34. The matters for this determination by the Commission are limited to the Far North District Council's (the Council) decision to retain the boundaries of the electoral areas listed at paragraph 31 with the current membership, despite not complying with section 19V(2) of the Act (the '+/-10% rule').

Key considerations

35. Based on the legislative requirements of the Act, the Commission's *Guidelines for local authorities undertaking representation reviews* (the Guidelines) identify the following three key factors when considering representation proposals:

    a. communities of interest

    b. effective representation of communities of interest

    c. fair representation for electors.

Communities of interest

36. The Guidelines identify three dimensions for recognising communities of interest:

    a. *perceptual*: a sense of identity and belonging to a defined area or locality as a result of factors such as distinctive geographical features, local history, demographics, economic and social activities

    b. *functional*: ability of the area to meet the needs of communities for services such as local schools, shopping areas, community and recreational facilities, employment, transport, and communication links

    c. *political*: ability to represent the interests of local communities which includes non-council structures such as for local iwi and hapū, residents and ratepayer associations, and the range of special interest groups

37. All three dimensions are important and often interlinked. We note however, that there is often a focus on the perceptual dimension. That is, what councils, communities or individuals intuitively feel are communities of interest. It is not enough to simply state that a community of interest exists because it is felt that it exists; councils must provide evidence of how a sense of identity is reinforced, or how a community is distinct from neighbouring communities. Such evidence may be found by considering, for example:

- how communities rely on different services and facilities to function as part of the wider district, city or region
- demographic characteristics of an area (for example age, ethnicity or deprivation profiles) and how these differ from other areas
- how particular communities organise themselves and interact with others as part of the wider district, city or region

38. The District's land use is predominantly rural with supporting service towns. The largest residential concentrations are Kaitāia, Kaikohe, and Kerikeri.

39. Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to determine all aspects of their representation arrangements when undertaking a representation review. Communities of interest form the basis for representation arrangements and any justification for non-compliance with the +/-10% rule. Therefore, we expect to see evidence detailing how and why these communities are identified, and whether or how they have altered since the previous review. We strongly recommend that for every future review the Council undertakes sufficiently robust engagement in this regard and clearly set out the evidential basis for each community of interest as part of its decision-making on representation matters.

40. For the current review, the Council has relied on input from community boards to inform its understanding that communities of interest have not changed significantly since its 2021/22 review.

Effective representation for communities of interest

41. 'Effective representation' is not defined in the Act, but the Commission sees this as requiring consideration of factors including an appropriate number of elected members and an appropriate basis of election of members for the district concerned (at large, wards, or a mix of both).

42. The Guidelines note that what constitutes effective representation will be specific to each local authority but that the following factors should be considered to the extent possible:

    - avoiding arrangements that may create barriers to participation, such as at elections by not recognising residents' familiarity and identity with an area
    - not splitting recognised communities of interest between electoral subdivisions
    - not grouping together two or more communities of interest that share few commonalities of interest
    - accessibility, size and configuration of an area including access to elected members and vice versa.

43. We are satisfied that the same number of members as determined by the Commission in 2022 continue to provide effective representation on the basis that the Council has not identified significant changes to the District's communities of interest.

Fair representation for electors

44. Section 19V of the Act sets out the requirement for the Commission to ensure that electors receive fair representation. Section 19V(2) establishes fair representation as a population per member ratio per ward type (i.e. general or Māori) and per community board subdivision that does not differ by more than 10% across the district or community. This is also referred to as 'the +/- 10% rule'.

45. Section 19V(3) of the Act provides that, despite subsection (2), if a territorial authority or the Commission considers one or more of certain prescribed conditions apply, wards and community subdivisions may be defined and membership distributed between them in a way that does not comply with subsection (2). The prescribed conditions are:

    a. non-compliance is required for effective representation of communities of interest within island or isolated communities situated within the district of the territorial authority

    b. compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards or subdivisions

    c. compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting within a ward or subdivision two or more communities of interest with few commonalities of interest.

46. Section 19V(6) provides that on receiving a reference under subsection (4), the Commission must determine whether to:

    a. uphold the decision of the council, or

    b. alter that decision.

Proposed non-compliance of Te Hiku General Ward

47. The Council is proposing over-representation for the Te Hiku General Ward of -13.95%, as compliance would transgress natural features (Whangape Harbour, the Maungataniwha Range and a variety of forestry blocks). This is a slight increase from the -13.62% non-compliance endorsed by the Commission in its 2022 determination.

48. As the northernmost general ward in Te Ika-a-Māui or North Island, the Te Hiku General Ward boundaries align with distinct geographic features. The boundary follows Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua in the north, the Awaroa River from Whangape Harbour on the west coast and along the Maungataniwha Range and through the Maungataniwha and Otangaora Forests to the coastline east of Doubtless Bay.

49. To become compliant, the Te Hiku General Ward would need to be extended to incorporate an additional 319 people, either by transferring part of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward or part of the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward.

50. The Commission acknowledged in 2022 that as both of these areas are sparsely populated, it would be necessary to transfer large areas into the Te Hiku General Ward for that ward to become compliant with +/-10% rule. We consider that this would compromise effective representation for the areas transferred. Increasing the geographic size of an already large, sparsely populated general ward across significant natural features is likely to hamper access to elected members by the population they represent and vice versa. It is also likely to unite communities of interest with few commonalities insofar as they are defined perceptually and functionally by those geographic features.

51. To allow for effective representation of communities of interest within the Te Hiku General Ward area, the Commission upholds the Council's final proposal for the Te Hiku General Ward.

Communities and community boards

52. Section 19J of the Act requires every territorial authority, as part of its review of representation arrangements, to determine whether there should be community boards in the district and, if so, the nature of those communities and the structure of the community boards. The territorial authority must make this determination in light of the principle in section 4 of the Act relating to fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.

53. The particular matters the territorial authority, and where appropriate the Commission, must determine include the number of boards to be constituted, their names and boundaries, the number of elected and appointed members, and whether the boards are to be subdivided for electoral purposes. Section 19W also requires regard to be given to such of the criteria as apply to reorganisation proposals under the Local Government Act 2002 as is considered appropriate. The Commission sees two of these criteria as particularly relevant for the consideration of proposals relating to community boards as part of a representation review:

    a. Will a community board have an area that is appropriate for the efficient and effective performance of its role?

    b. Will the community contain a sufficiently distinct community or communities of interest?

Te Hiku Community Board

Proposed non-compliance of the North Cape and Doubtless Bay Subdivisions

54. The Council's proposed arrangements for the Te Hiku Community Board continue the existing four subdivisions: North Cape, Whatuwhiwhi, Doubtless Bay, and Kaitāia. The Council's public notice of its final proposal specified that two of the proposed subdivisions do not comply with section 19V(2) of the Act as follows:

    - The North Cape subdivision is over-represented at -13.07% (compared with -12.00% in 2022) as compliance "would unite communities of interest with few commonalities (Awanui and Kaitāia)"

- The Doubtless Bay subdivision is newly non-compliant at +11.18% under-represented (compared with +8.58% in 2022), as compliance "would divide communities of interest (Taipa and Oruru)"

55. The North Cape subdivision stretches from Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua in the north, down the west coast to the north of Ahipara, and across to the western fringes of Kaitāia and Awanui. The population is largely rural and dispersed, with a 90-minute drive from north to south. To reach compliance with the +/-10% rule the subdivision would need an additional 119 people. This would require transferring all or part of the more densely populated town of Kaitāia, and possibly the localites of Ahipara or Awanui into the North Cape subdivision.

56. Given the residential nature of Kaitāia and Ahipara, and their proximity to each other, we consider that Kaitāia and Ahipara are appropriately located together in the Kaitāia Subdivision. The Commission's 2022 determination transferred an area surrounding Awanui from the North Cape Subdvision into Whatuwhiwhi, reflecting Awanui's closer connection with the communities in the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision.

57. Transferring either of these areas to the North Cape Subdivision would result in grouping of dissimilar town and rural communities, compromising the ability of a single elected member to provide effective representation. Accordingly, the Commission upholds the proposed North Cape subdivision boundaries.

58. The Doubtless Bay subdivision reaches south from the eastern shoreline of Doubtless Bay. It encompasses several coastal and inland communities and the Mangonui Harbour. To achieve compliance within the Te Hiku community board area would require transferring 45 people out of the subdivision. Because the subdivision's eastern boundary is also a community boundary, the only option is to move the western boundary to exclude the populations of Taipa or Oruru. Both localities connect via State Highway 10 to a string of coastal towns in Doubtless Bay stretching from Taipa to Mangonui.

59. We are satisfied that the localities of Taipa and Oruru share a functional connectedness to the coastal towns of Doubtless Bay that justifies grouping them together for the purposes of effective representation. For this reason, the Commission upholds the proposed boundaries for the Doubtless Bay subdivision.

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board

Proposed non-compliance of the Whangaroa Subdivision

60. The Council is proposing over-representation for the Whangaroa Subdivision of -12.42% as compliance with the +/-10% rule would mean uniting communities of interest more appropriately aligned with the current Waipapa and Kerikeri Subdivisions. The over-representation is an increase from -11.60% in 2022.

61. The Whangaroa Subdivision covers the northern part of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community, encompassing the Whangaroa Harbour and stretching inland across a sparsely populated rural area to the Puketi Forest.

62. Compliance with the +/-10% rule would require transferring 120 people into Whangaroa from either of the neighbouring subdivisions of Waipapa or Kerikeri. In its 2021/22 review the Council carefully considered these subdivision boundaries to ensure communities of interest were appropriately grouped. In the current review, the Council's consultation did not highlight any community disagreement with the subdivision boundaries. Accordingly, we find no reason to suggest that communities of interest in the area have changed significantly since 2021. The Commission therefore upholds the Whangaroa Subdivision boundaries proposed by the Council.

Proposed non-compliance of the Russell-Ōpua Subdivision

63. The proposed Russell-Ōpua Subdivision is over-represented at -16.45%, or 320 people, up from -15.63% in 2022. The Council's justification for non-compliance with the +/-10% rule is that "to comply would unite communities of interest with few commonalities, with Russell-Ōpua being a very rural and isolated peninsula area connected by water."

64. The Subdivision encompasses the eastern head of the Bay of Islands in the north and an inland area on the boundary with Whangarei District to the south. We agree that the peninsula itself is remote but observe that the town of Russell is reasonably well-connected by road and water with the remainder of the subdivision. The southern part of the Subdivision encompasses several small inland localities.

65. The option for achieving compliance with the +/-10% rule is to transfer areas from either of the neighbouring subdivisions of Pahia or Kawakawa-Moerewa. This would likely result in dividing communities that look to the towns of Pahia or Kawakawa for services and social amenities. We do not consider it appropriate to compromise effective representation in this way.

66. Furthermore, we note several factors that contribute to effective representation by the single member of the subdivision:

    - travel times within Russell-Ōpua are similar to other subdivisions in the District with a dispersed population;
    - the boundaries have changed little since 2010, ensuring familiarity to electors;
    - the proposed boundaries encompass all marae of the Taumārere ki Rākaumangamanga takiwā of Ngāpuhi, reflecting a perceptual and political community of interest.

67. As it stands, we are satisfied there is no apparent community opposition to the proposed subdivision boundaries. We consider the proposed boundaries to support important elements of effective representation for communities of interest.

68. We observe, however, that the inland communities of Maromaku, Towai and Marlow in the southern part of the Subdivision may share a functional connection with the nearby town of Kawakawa in the neighbouring Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision. Submitters and appellants in previous reviews have also raised this matter. Simply transferring these communities to the Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision would increase over-representation for Russell-Ōpua. Therefore, we suggest a more holistic assessment of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community's subdivision is required as part of the Council's next review.

69. The Commission upholds the Russell-Ōpua Subdivision boundaries as proposed by the Council.

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board

Proposed non-compliance of the South Hokianga Subdivision

70. The Council is proposing over-representation for the South Hokianga Subdivision -12.72%, a slight increase from -12.35% in 2022, as compliance would transgress the Hokianga Harbour and unite the Kaikohe and Ōkaihau communities which have few commonalities of interest.

71. The South Hokianga Subdivision is bounded on three sides by natural features: the Hokianga Harbour to the north, the coastline to the west, and the Waipoua River and Tokawhero Forest to the south. The Subdivision reaches inland across sparsely populated rural and forested hinterland to its eastern boundary.

72. To achieve compliance with the +/-10% rule would require transferring 152 people into South Hokianga, either from the town of Kaikohe or the locality of Ōkaihau, both located in the neighbouring Kaikohe Subdivision. The Council adjusted this boundary in its 2021/22 review to ensure Ōkaihau was combined with Kaikohe, the nearest large town at approximately 15-minutes' drive. There is nothing to suggest the more residential orientation of these communities has changed since 2021, either in the Council's preliminary engagement for this review or submissions on the initial proposal.

73. In our view, transferring Kaikohe or Ōkaihau into South Hokianga would hamper effective representation for South Hokianga's predominantly rural and dispersed population, by combining dissimilar communities of interest. We are satisfied that the proposed South Hokianga Subdivision boundaries appropriately balance the requirements for fair and effective representation of the area. The Commission upholds the boundaries of the South Hokianga Subdivision as proposed by the Council.

Commission recommendations

74. The Commission recommends that for all future representation reviews the Council undertakes sufficiently robust engagement to inform how communities of interest are identified, and whether or how they have altered since the previous review and that this information is clearly documented as part of the review.

75. This includes, but is not limited to, carefully examining the communities of interest within the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community to provide documented evidence that the subdivision boundaries appropriately group communities for effective representation.

Conclusion

76. We have made this determination pursuant to section 19R of the Local Electoral Act 2001 having considered the information before the Commission and the requirements of sections 19T, 19V and 19W of the Act.

Local Government Commission

Commissioner Brendan Duffy (Chair)

Commissioner Sue Bidrose

14 October 2024

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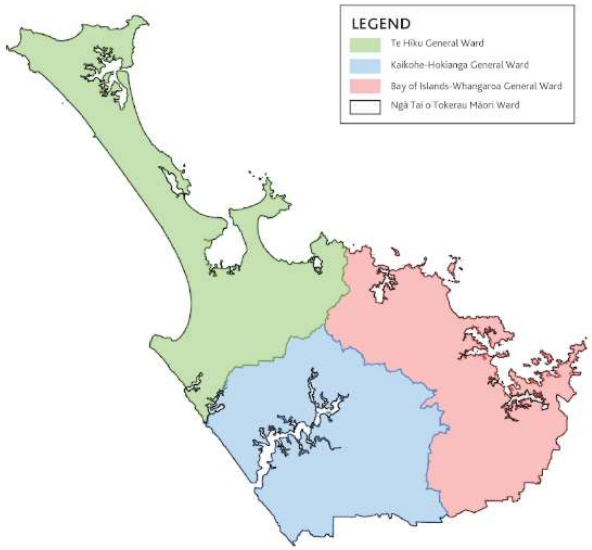

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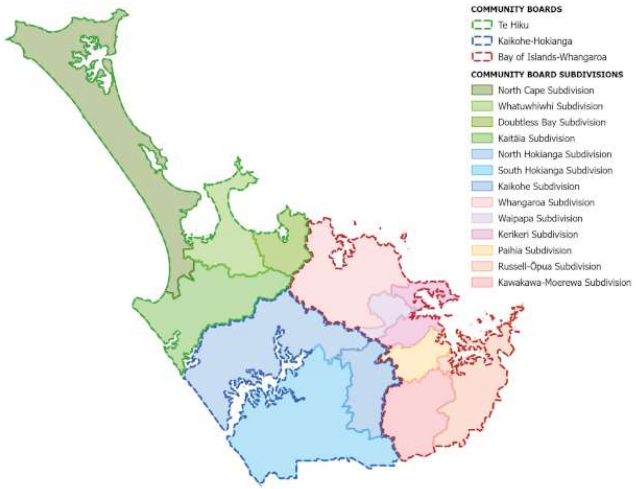

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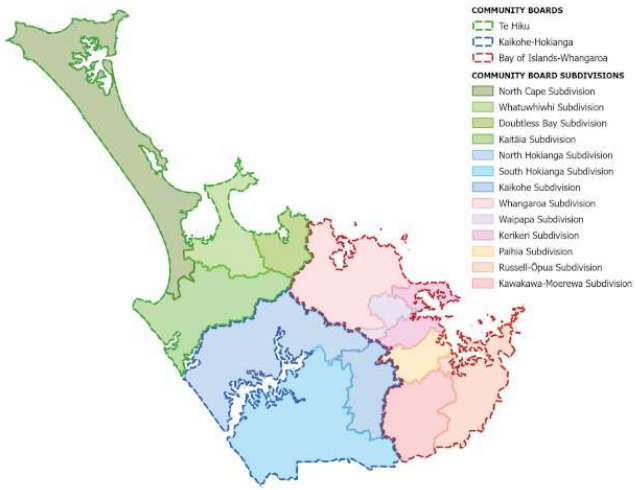

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Current arrangements – community boards

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Subdivision	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
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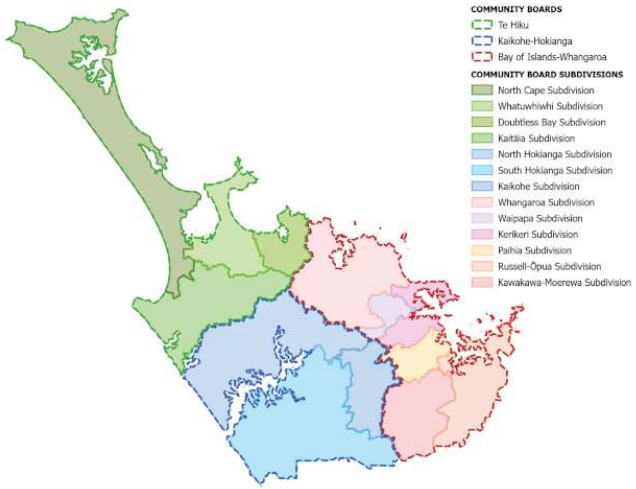

6.3 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF

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TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee (Te Kuaka) on the progress made to date by the Whenua Māori Working Group (the Working Group).

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Working Group was established to ensure Far North District Council (FNDC) provides ongoing support to Māori Freehold Landowners
- The Working Group has committed to a holistic approach with cross Council collaboration and community engagement to achieve key outcomes of reducing debt levels, clarifying rating information, reducing barriers to land use and development, stimulating regional growth, and enhancing understanding of Whenua Māori.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Relief.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The following is an outline of actions that have been completed since the 25 September 2024 report.

Actions completed	Start date	End date
Geospatial mapping: Basemap loaded and operational (to be received by 18/10/24)	01/05/24	19/08/24

In progress	Start date	End date
Review of existing rating relief policies	01/05/24	WIP
Learning and development training plan Whenua Māori for working group & others involved in engagement plan (Now commenced, more sessions in the diary)	01/05/24	01/11/24
AI & ML feature extraction for Geo Spatial mapping to be completed (We had data corruption previously, they have been resolved but vendors health issues have added additional delays.)	19/08/24	13/09/24

Next steps	Start date	End date
Commence engagement plan (Commencing 13 November)	30/09/24	28/02/25
Build layers to utilise geospatial mapping for data analysis (We had data corruption previously; they have been resolved but vendors health issues have added additional delays. To be completed by 25/10/24)	13/09/24	27/09/24

Data analysis utilising geospatial mapping to review the balance of 2,501 accounts (We had data corruption previously, they have been resolved but vendors health issues have added additional delays, now expected to commence 01/11//24)	27/09/24	30/06/25

The Working Group aims to have materially completed its review of accounts by the end of the 2024/2025 rating year, with future reviews to be completed annually.

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

Property Reviews

A total arrears balance of $596,862 for 154 properties, has been written off since the start of this rating year.

Of the above 154 properties – 12 properties were previously identified as unused land but required confirmation from the owner(s). The first step was to send a letter with an application form to the owner(s) at the property address. This is scheduled to be actioned week ending 18 October 2024.

Since the last report, no further CE write-offs have been completed but 3 accounts are to be batched for a total of $9,415. The total CE write-offs completed this rating year is $29,700.

Training Sessions

The Working Group have completed the first learning and development training session for Whenua Māori with the customer care team. Further sessions with other customer facing teams to be scheduled in the calendar for the upcoming weeks. An invite has also been extended to other council teams who are interested in participating. The Working Group also want to extend an invite to the Elected Members for a workshop.

External trial learning workshop

A trial workshop is due to take place on the 31st of October between 4pm and 6pm held in Chambers in Kaikohe. The session is to evaluate the FNDC presentation, and the presentations from Te Puni Kōkiri and Māori Land Court, with a selection of invited Whenua Māori owners. So far, 17 owners have accepted the invitation, the intention to have 20 owners in total attend on the day. The intention is to deliver workshop content and receive feedback, to allow for any required revision to be made prior to the first Marae hui. The Working Group also want to extend an invite to the Elected Members to join the workshop.

Marae visits

The itinerary for the Marae visits will be based on the tikanga on each Marae. The draft run sheet for Marae visits consists of the following:

- Powhiri/whakatau
- Introductions
- Whakawhanaungatanga – cuppa tea
- Joint presentations FNDC, Te Puni Kōkiri and Māori Land Court
- Q&A session after presentations
- Re-set in breakout areas

Breakout areas allow whenua Māori owners to discuss their concerns with different representatives with examples noted below:

1. Far North District Council - land rates, remission applications, write offs, occupation orders, development support/rates remissions.
2. Māori Land Court – Succession, whānau trusts, occupation orders, reverting general land owned by Māori, to Māori Freehold Land.
3. Te Puni Kōkiri – Māori development and support offered

Below are the tentative bookings:

Day	Date	Marae	Time
Wednesday	13 November	Ōtiria Marae, Moerewa	10am – 3pm
Wednesday	20 November	Haititaimarangai Marae, Whatuwhiwhi	TBC
Saturday	23 November	Waipuna Marae, Panguru	10am - 3pm TBC

It is also proposed that the FNDC Multimedia Strategy & Communications Advisor attend a Marae and make a short film of the day.

Updates
Verbal updates of any changes since the date the report was submitted, will be provided by the team during the committee meeting.

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

Provision is made for doubtful debts in relation to the arrears owed to council.

Impact on financial performance is expected to be limited as aged balances are provided for under the doubtful debt provision, which offsets the amount written off within the rating year.
Financial implications are relevant to the engagement plan as budget is required to fund this activity.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6.4 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - CREATING A UTILITIES ENTITY (AND A WATERS INDUSTRY)

File Number: **A4904735**

Author: **Mary Moore, Administration Team Leader - Far North Waters Alliance**

Authoriser: **Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure Strategy**

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Committee on key takeaways by Far North District Council (FNDC) staff who attended the Water New Zealand Conference and Expo Pre-conference Symposium — September 2024.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights the Symposium's presenters of the following topics:

- Overview of water service delivery models
- Governance and accountability implications
- Comparing options through the Water Services Delivery Plan process

TŪTOHUNGA / Recommendation

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Local Water Done Well - Creating a Utilities Entity (and a Waters Industry).

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The 1-day Symposium comprised 5 topical presentations and 4 discussion talks from leaders across Australasia covering Legal, Finance, Government and Water industry impacts of the Local Water Done Well reform.

The Need for Reform

To address the following issues that prevail across New Zealand:

1. Risks to public health – e.g. campylobacteriosis outbreak in Havelock North.
2. Risks to environmental and public health – e.g. Manukau Harbour beaches affected by sewage spills.
3. Ageing and failing infrastructure – e.g. collapse of section of Ōrakei sewer line causing sink hole in Parnell.
4. Lack of resilience – e.g. storm damage by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Key takeaways for Symposium attendees

- Importance of accurate asset data and good asset management.
- Accept the reality of where we are now. Develop and implement a clear, long-term direction based on sound asset management practices that transcend political influences.
- Need to socialise the options and what the change will mean for customers.
- Doing nothing is <u>NOT</u> an option

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

The following summarise are taken from the topical presentations and their presentation slides.

Key elements of Local Water Done Well

- Water Service Delivery Plans
- New service delivery models and financing tools
- Financial sustainability rules and new accountability framework
- Economic Regulation

Key aspects of developing Water Service Delivery Plans

- Water Service Delivery Plans must include the anticipated or proposed model for delivering water services: Section 13(1)(k)
- Consultation on part of Water Service Delivery Plans outlining the service delivery model is mandatory: consultation on the rest of the Water Service Delivery Plans is optional
- Information made available must allow rates, debt, levels of service and water services charges to be compared under two options (minimum)

Comparing approaches for delivering water services

- Water Service Delivery Plan consultation and decision-making is a comparison between service delivery models, not the status quo vs. a possible future
- Advantages/disadvantages depend on how economies of scope/scale, control, governance, complexity, access to expertise and access to finance are all viewed – plus scope for joint arrangements

Service delivery models (refer to pages 3-7 for more detail)

- Mixed council/consumer trust owned water organisation
- Multi council-owned organisation
- Single council-owned water organisation
- Consumer trust owned water organisation
- Internal business unit or division of council

Finance – Access to Debt and Credit Rating outcomes (refer to pages 8-9 for more detail)

- What do the different service delivery vehicles mean for access to debt (quantum and cost)?
- How should new water organisations be established to ensure an efficient financing structure?

The following key takeaways are from a panel discussion of Australian Water Utility Leaders who shared the evolution and experiences of Australian Water Business Delivery Models.

Success requires:

- A long-term vision – this will take time
- Investment in a skilled workforce
- Achieving economies of scale to achieve affordability and sustainability
- Establishing community-based expectations and solutions

The unanimous agreement of the FNDC attendees is that there is a lot of work to be done, both in the planning and implementation of a water utility entity, and we must expect results to take time and fortitude to achieve.

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

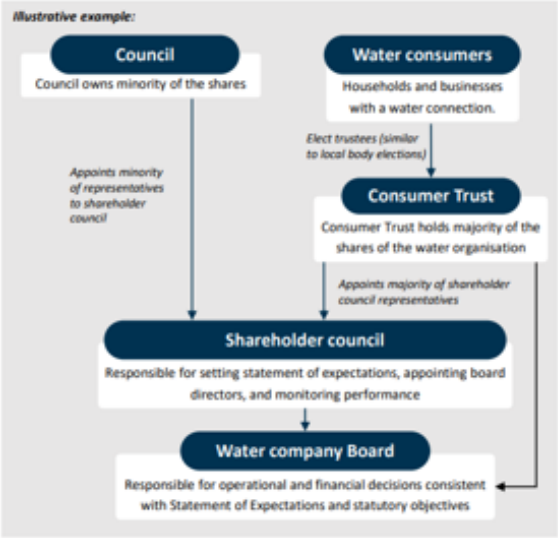
There are no financial implications and budgetary provision arising from this report.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

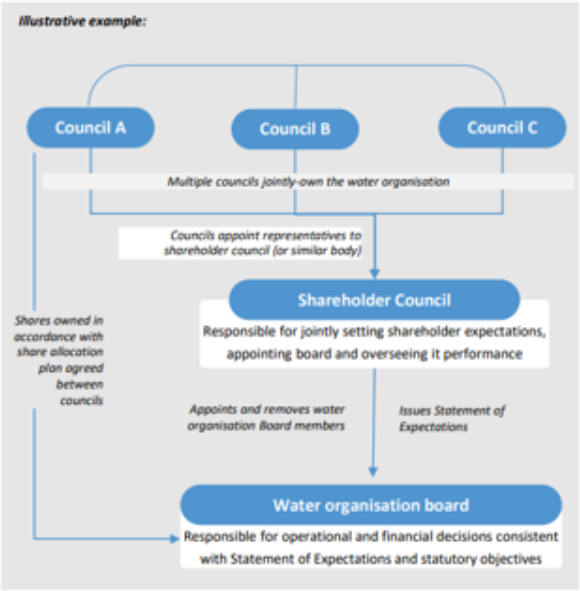
Mixed council/consumer trust owned water organisation

- Council and consumer trust appoint shareholder council to appoint directors
- Competency based board comprising professional directors
- Directors have single focus on setting direction and overseeing delivery of water services
- Directors' duties (including under Companies Act 1993) apply
- Regular reporting to shareholders + annual report
- Statement of expectations potentially complicated by mixed council/trust ownership
- Council influence diluted by minority representation on shareholder council



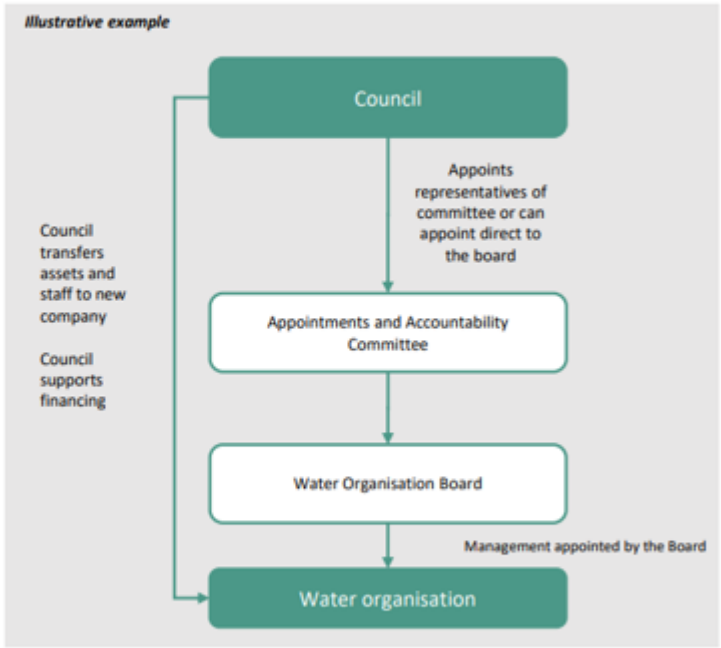
Multi-council CCO

- Could be asset owning or not (e.g. Wellington Water)
- Shareholder council ensures relevant perspectives (including manawhenua) brought to director appointment process
- Competency based board comprising professional directors
- Directors have single focus on setting direction and overseeing delivery of water services
- Directors' duties (including under Companies Act 1993) apply
- Statement of expectations but otherwise little "political interference"
- Regular reporting to shareholders + annual report
- Accountability to consumers for service delivery potentially blurred if CCO not asset owning
- Multi-council ownership may complicate statement of expectations
- Increased scale may attract higher quality directors and staff



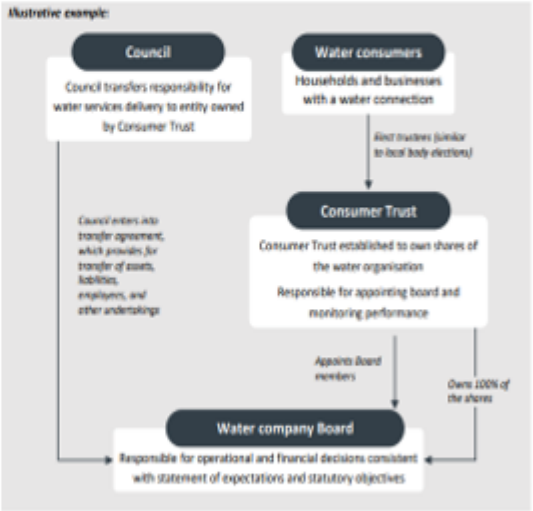
Single council CCO

- Could be asset owning (eg Watercare) or not
- Appointments committee ensures relevant perspectives (including manawhenua) brought to director appointment process
- Competency-based board comprising professional directors
- Directors have single focus on setting direction and overseeing delivery of water services
- Directors' duties (including Companies Act 1993) apply
- Must consider statement of expectations but otherwise shielded from "political interference"
- Accountability to council shareholder via regular reporting and annual report
- Accountability to consumers for service delivery potentially blurred if CCO not asset owning
- Fails to capture scale benefits including access to expertise



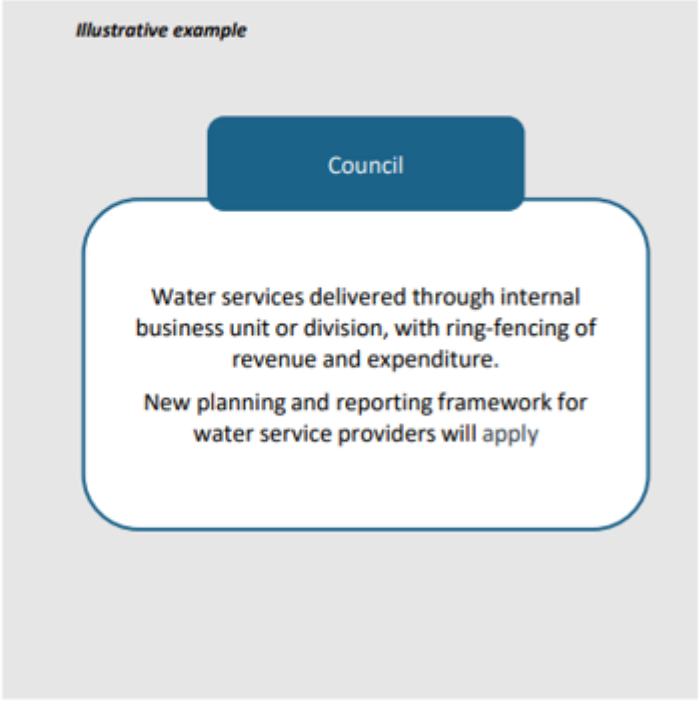
Consumer trust owner water organisation

- Consumer trust appoints directors
- Competency based board comprising professional directors
- Directors have single focus on setting direction and overseeing delivery of water services
- Directors' duties (including under Companies Act 1993) apply
- Accountability to trust via regular reporting and annual report
- Trust issues statement of expectations
- Councils have no influence via statement of expectations, water services strategy or power to appoint and remove directors



Council department / business unit

- Governance entity is council's governing body (elected members)
- No specialist expertise at governance level, but can be obtained thorough committees and subcommittees
- Governance entity lacks single focus on delivering water services
- Elected members have conflicting incentives and time pressures
- Elected members not subject to directors' duties
- Elected members have local knowledge and connection to communities/customers
- No need for statement of expectations
- Avoids transaction costs and arguments about relative asset condition, cross-subsidisation etc
- Fails to capture scale benefits including access to expertise



What do the different service delivery vehicles mean for access to debt (quantum and cost)?

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LGFA will extend existing lending available to CCOs to new water organisations that are financially supported by their parent council(s). These solutions are likely to be preferred in the short term

Illustrative examples of service delivery models

	In house business unit	Water organisations			
Ownership variations	Not applicable Structure is part of council	Single council owned	Multi-council owned	Mixed council/ consumer trust owned	Consumer trust owned
Council financial support	1 Not applicable Structure is part of council	2 Council provides support (eg guarantees or uncalled capital)	3	4	5 No council financial support
Quantum	280%/350%	500%*		Depends on organisation credit quality	
Costs	Council	0 – 10bps higher		Expensive	

How should new water organisations be established to ensure an efficient capital structure?

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Economic regulation and debt headroom are not silver bullets. It is critical to establish new water organisations with an efficient financing structure to ensure they are set up for success

An efficient capital structure needs to balance the following considerations…

❶ **Managing financial risk** (for Board and Councils)

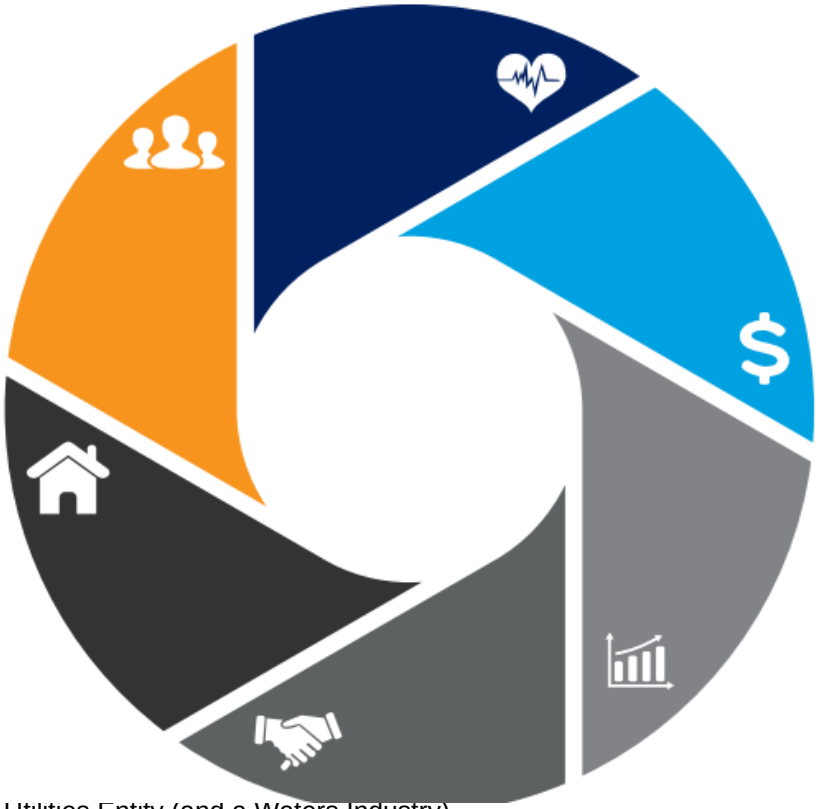
❷ **Understanding whole of life costs and asset condition**

❸ **Appropriately prioritising investment over time**

❹ **Incentivising efficiencies over time**

❺ **Addressing growth funding and financing challenges**

❻ **Understanding affordability and price paths**



6.5 FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL (FNDC) WAITANGI DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2025 UPDATE

File Number: **A4934284**

Author: **Scott May, Manager - Stakeholder Relationships**

Authoriser: **Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships**

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides an update on the internal operational team and how we are supporting the 2025 Waitangi Celebrations and our approach to date.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Far North District Council (FNDC) were invited to the Waitangi Debrief 29th February 2024.
- Key takeaways – Traffic Management, Health & Safety (Emergency Management), Collaboration and improved planning for future events required.
- An internal group has been established to attend hui and support Waitangi National Trust and Waitangi Commemorations Committee with key council services.
    - Te Hono – Funding, Relationships
    - Roading - Traffic Management Plan
    - Technical Operations – Rubbish & Toilets (Paihia & Russell)
    - Communications and Engagement – Communications Plan
    - Strategic Relationships – Funding, Economic Development, Community Board
    - Monitoring – Trespassing on Council Reserves

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Far North District Council (FNDC) Waitangi Day Commemorations 2025 Update.

TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

FNDC has taken a proactive approach to the Waitangi week celebrations and formed an internal working group to work with the Waitangi National Trust and Waitangi Commemorations Committee on the Waitangi 2025 Event.

This was to ensure based on the issues and concerns due to inflated numbers attending the 2024 event, that collectively we can improve management of the 2025 Waitangi Day event. The group aim to develop a strong relationship for future Waitangi events and what is an event of national significance for the Far North.

- Attended a monthly combined hui from July 2024 onwards. Between now and January 2025 will be attending separate specific hui on selected subject areas.
- Provided an economic profile of the event and what it brings to the area to Waitangi Trust.
- Staff invited Waitangi Marae, to present to the Te Kuaka Committee 25th September 2025.
- Waitangi Trust will also present to the Te Kuaka Committee on 31st October 2025.

MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

This is an operational update and to give confidence to Te Kuaka of Council's commitment to Waitangi Day.

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

Council has committed $50,000 in funding to the Waitangi National Trust and $50,000 to Waitangi Marae from existing budgets. A letter of support with funding approval has been emailed to both parties.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6.6 TE KUAKA- TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE OCTOBER 2024

File Number: **A4709032**

Author: **Imrie Dunn, Democracy Advisor**

Authoriser: **Aisha Huriwai, 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 October 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 trigged 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.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Open Resolution Report - A4943136**

OPEN RESOLUTION REPORT

Division:
Committee: Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee
Officer:

Printed: **Tuesday, 22 October 2024 12:05:48 pm**
Date From: 1/01/2023
Date To: 22/10/2024

Meeting	Title	Resolution	Notes
Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee 7/09/2023	Te Pae o Uta - Te Ao Maori Framework	**RESOLUTION 2023/8** **That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee** **a) recommend that Council approve the Te Pae o Uta – Te Ao Māori Framework, and** **b) authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes to the Te Pae o Uta – Te Ao Māori Framework to correct grammatical or spelling errors, or formatting.** **CARRIED**	**21 Jun 2024 11:52am Baker, Marlema** A Te Pae o Uta update has been included in the 27 June 2024 Te Kuaka agenda. **26 Jul 2024 4:15pm Baker, Marlema** A Te Pae o Uta update has been included in the September 2024 Te Kuaka agenda. **22 Oct 2024 10:13am Harding, Llani** A Te Pae o Uta update will come to the december Committee meeting
Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee 7/09/2023	Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Policy	**RESOLUTION 2023/7** **That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee** **a) recommend that Council approve the Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Policy. And** **b) authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes to the Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Policy to correct grammatical or spelling errors, or formatting.** **CARRIED**	**21 Oct 2024 10:10am Harding, Llani** The Te Reo and Tikanga Policy is currently in action and Te Hono are supporting staff to implement via Te Pae o Uta guidance and support. The Te Reo and Tikanga Policy is currently operative in council. Ka Irihia has been developed and will have a supporting implementation plan **This action is complete**
Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee 28/11/2023	Review of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Council, and Iwi and Hapu	**RESOLUTION 2023/15** **That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee;** **a) receive this report *and*** **b) endorse the approach of developing a Charter of Understanding outlining Councils broader approach to partnership, with specific Memorandum of Partnerships (MoPs) attached and tailored to Iwi and Hapū partners.** **CARRIED**	**21 Jun 2024 12:27pm Baker, Marlema** A series of MoU hui have been scheduled in June & July. An update report will be included in the September 2024 Te Kuaka Agenda. **22 Oct 2024 10:14am Harding, Llani** An MOU update report will be provided to the Committee in December

OPEN RESOLUTION REPORT

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Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee 28/11/2023	Ratings Relief Policy Amendments	**RESOLUTION 2023/13** **That the Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee:** **a) receive the report Ratings Relief Policy Amendments** **b) request staff review implementation of Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 to decrease rating debt and report back to Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee 22 February 2024.** **CARRIED**	**21 Jun 2024 12:29pm Baker, Marlema** A report titled: Whenua Maori - Freehold Land Rating Relief is included int he 27 June Te Kuaka agenda. **03 Sep 2024 1:07pm Baker, Marlema - Reallocation** Action reassigned to Tango, Zena by Baker, Marlema - Please update where this action item is currently tracking for the purpose of the open resolutions report. Thank you **05 Sep 2024 9:40am Baker, Marlema** An updated Whenua Māori – Freehold Land Rating Relief report will be included in the September 2024 agenda. **22 Sep 2024 12:11pm Dunn, Imrie** An update will be provided in an information report for the 31 October meeting agenda.
Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee 25/09/2024	Taiao Portal Update	**RESOLUTION 2024/35** **That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Taiao Portal Update Report and seek to maintain and support its development specifically with regards to Resource Consent (RC) data sharing and to support Te Kahu o Taonui socialising Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management Plans and Treaty Settlements with Council's Resource Consents Team.** **CARRIED**	**16 Oct 2024 10:48am Dunn, Imrie** No further update at this stage

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SUPPLEMETARY AGENDA ITEM

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
7.1 – Simpson Grierson Legal Opinion – Māori Ward Poll Requirements	s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.	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

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

9 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE