



**TE KAHU O TAONU**

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## **Te Kahu o Taonui Report for Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee. February 2025**

### **Introduction**

Te Kahu o Taonui was established in 2006/7, as a collective of Iwi in Te Taitokerau. Te Kahu o Taonui now includes representation from the following Iwi: Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupōuri, Ngāi Takoto, Te Rarawa, Ngāti Kahu, Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa (Kahukuraariki Trust), Whaingaroa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Te Roroa, Ngāti Wai and Ngāti Whātua.

### **Mo Tātou Kaupapa**

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### **Te Kahu**

Kia hipokina ngā kaupapa ki Te Kahu o Taonui.

### **Purpose**

The intent of this report is to give a high-level overview of Te Kahu o Taonui updates for the period 1 Hānuere – 28 Pēpuere 2025.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Te Kahu o Taonui update.**

### **Te Kahu o Taonui Co-Chair steps down**

Tirohia ngā tai e papaki tū ana,

Te Tai Tama Tāne,

Te Tai Tama Wahine,

Te Hiku Roa o te Ika a Māui e whiuwhiu ana i ngā tai o Te Tokerau e haruru nei!

He mihi tēnei nā ngā iwi o Te Tai Tokerau e hipokina ana ki Te Kahu o Taonui ki tā mātou karanga maha, te hoa Toihau, a Harry Burkhardt, kua heke nei i tana tūranga.

Kua roa a Harry e pīkauria ana i ngā manako a ngā iwi huri noa i Te Taitokerau.

Kua whakapau kaha ia ki te hautū i te waka o Te Kahu o Taonui, nā ka mihi rā ki a ia, ki tana whānau, otirā ki tana nui o Ngāti Kuri i tuku i a Harry ki te kōkiri i ngā mahi nui whakahirahira kua tutuki nei e ia.

I whakataukitia te kōrero e tāna iwi o Ngāti Kurī e mea ana, “Me he rākau māmore āu nei, tū ake.” No reira, hei te rākau māmore o Ngāti Kurī, otirā Te Taitokerau, tēnā koe i ōu whakapaunga werawera.



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Te Kahu o Taonui Lead Co-Chair Harry Burkhardt has made the difficult decision to step down from the role. His leadership has been instrumental in advancing the collective aspirations of our Iwi, and we acknowledge his dedication and contributions to our kaupapa.

A transition plan is being discussed to ensure continuity and stability. The appointment of a new Co-Chair will be guided by our Iwi Heamana at the April hui, where Iwi leaders will also determine the partnerships and relationships that align with and uphold the kaupapa of Te Kahu o Taonui.

Te Kahu o Taonui Submissions	
06 January 2025	Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill
12 January 2025	Regulatory Standards Bill
06 February 2025	Offshore Renewable Energy Bill
10 February 2025	Resource Management (Consenting and Other Changes) Amendment Bill
17 February 2025	Gene Technology Bill

Te Kahu o Taonui has actively engaged in advocacy by submitting responses to several proposed legislative changes in Aotearoa. These submissions reflect our commitment to protecting the interests of our Iwi, upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi me He Whakaputanga and the aspirations of our Tupuna. Our continued participation in these processes reinforces our role as a collective voice for Te Taitokerau Iwi.

### National Iwi Chairs Forum February 2025

Te Rarawa hosted 83 Iwi from across Aotearoa at the National Iwi Chairs Forum 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Pēpuere, at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Taitokerau Iwi united on matters impacting our rohe. It was collectively decided that the following issues are top priorities for our region, a follow up strategic hui will take place April 15 for collective solutions to the priority areas:

- Pou Tangata – Housing, Hauora, Mātauranga/Education - Whanau Prosperity
- Pou Tāhua - Economic – Infrastructure, Energy, Aquaculture
- Pou Taiao - Mana o te Wai, Kai Sovereignty
- Pou Tikanga – constitutional transformation, relationships

Te Kahu o Taonui collective will be hosting the National Iwi Chairs Forum in February 2026.



## Taiao Portal Update

The Taiao Portal project has three major workstreams:

- A resource consents portal
- Taiao capability development including GIS; and
- Toitū te Taiao for information sharing and engagement.

This update focuses on the resource consents (RC) portal.

## Background

Funding was secured from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), through the FNDC to develop a Taiao Portal to enable:

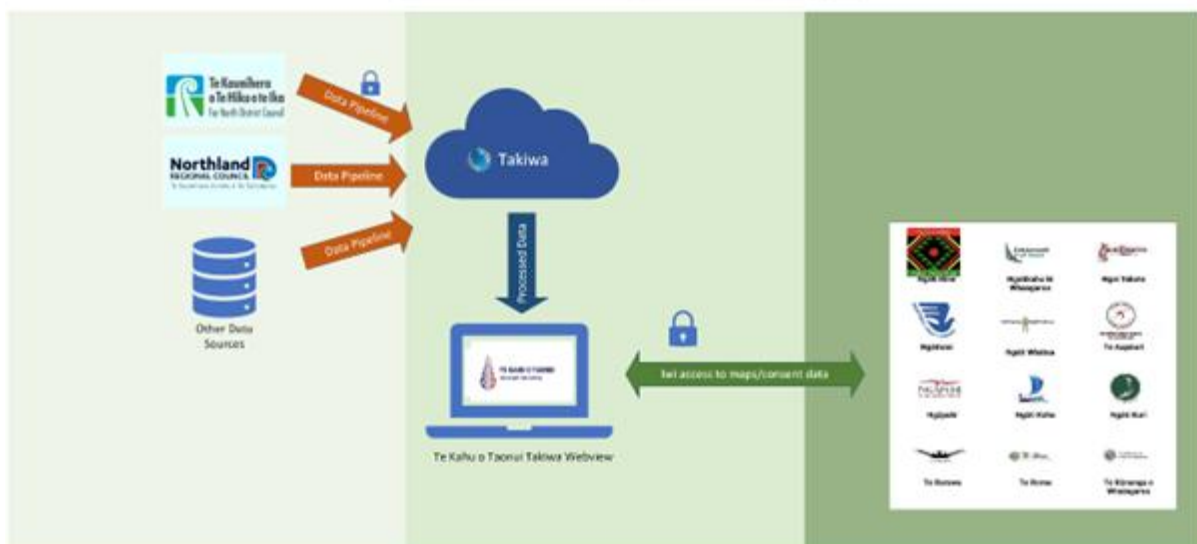
- Better visibility of real time (and historic) RC information for iwi and hapū; and
- To provide RC data in a timely manner so that iwi and hapū can respond to applications within the statutory timeframe.

The ability of iwi Māori to respond effectively has been hampered by a range of factors<sup>1</sup> specifically the time constraints around receiving and being able to adequately respond to RC applications.

The portal is designed to enable RC information from FNDC to be relayed quickly out to our iwi authorities, determined by the distribution channels preferred by each iwi and the portal will also include templates to enable a more rapid response.

We are working with Takiwā (<https://takiwa.co/>) to develop and enhance the IT backbone for the portal.

**Te Kahu o Taonui Taiao Portal Data Flow Diagram**



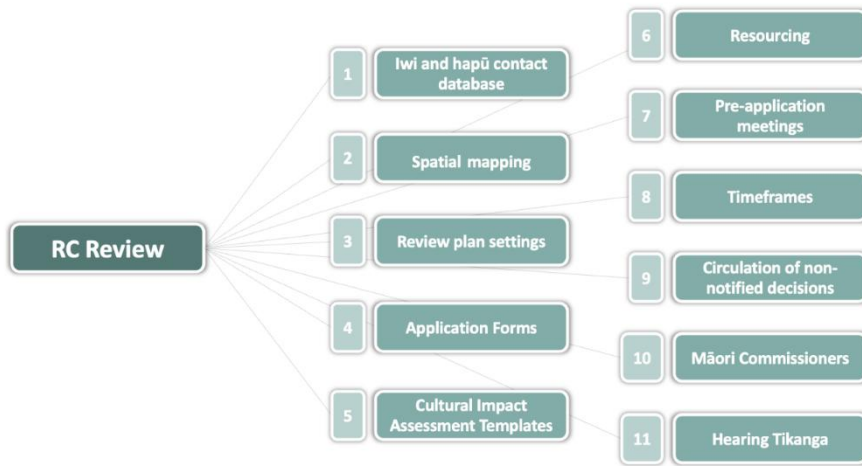
Working with FNDC systems and processes to achieve more effective RC information exchange has been challenging timewise, given that they are currently undergoing an IT infrastructure change.



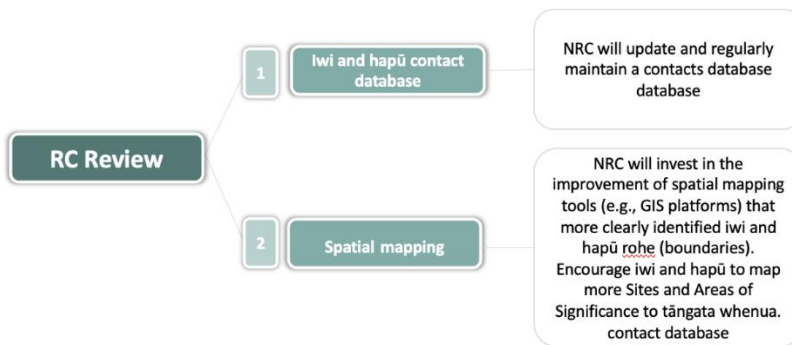
We are currently looking at the FNDC login mechanism and are in the process of confirming what, if any, changes should be made to access FNDC data. It would be ideal if we could pull FNDCs RC data along with the .pdf link/file but are yet to confirm if this is possible with the current systems that we are working with.

Pilot trials will begin as soon as we are able to manage the PDF files with the integration of GIS data.

Similarly, and as part of their Tāiki ē commitments, NRC is reviewing their RC processes, and we are currently engaging with them with the intention that the RC portal will be replicated to provide iwi with both regional and district council RC applications.



Tāiki ē – Resource Consent Review: 11 Recommendations



Tāiki ē – Resource Consent Review: Key Synergy



