

Core Principles

The North Hokianga Working Group is a Working Group of the Far North District Council formally established to address the various issues raised by Mana Whenua of North Hokianga.

The Working Group is established to forge a pathway forward for the relationship and partnership between Mana Whenua ("**Mana Whenua**") of the North Hokianga and the Far North District Council ("**Council**").

The aim of this strength-based partnership between FNDC (on behalf of Local Government) and the Takiwā (on behalf of whanau, hapū and whenua) is to improve roading conditions in the North Hokianga.

The Working Group commits to the following principles in their ongoing work together:

- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** the founding document of our ongoing relationship as partners to this agreement. Affirms that the existing provenance of Māori occupation of the Hokianga extends back over 1,000 years. Confirms the relationship of hapū and whānau with the Crown as treaty partners and the constitutional place of hapū and whānau in Aotearoa.
- **The Local Government Act (2002) Items: 197 Interpretation, 17A Delivery of Services and 101B(6)(a)(v) Infrastructure Strategy.**
- **Rangatiratanga:** Recognising the rights and interests of whānau and hapū in respect of the condition of the roading network and the impacts on safety and health for residents. Acknowledging the authority and responsibility whānau and hapū have in exercising their rights and interests.
- **Tohungatanga:** Recognising the historical and cultural provenance held by tangata whenua as expertise in its own right.
- **Whānaungatanga:** Acknowledging that all things are connected and impact on each other and therefore the importance of understanding and maintaining these relationships.
- **Ūkaipō:** Acknowledging the nurturing relationship hapū and whānau have with their papakāinga and whānau, and their responsibility to sustain and maintain and enhance these relationships.
- **Kaitiakitanga:** An expression of kaitiaki roles and responsibilities inherited from ancestors in order to provide for the safety, good health and wellbeing of the whānau that live in the North Hokianga.
- **Te Mātauranga o Ngā Tangata:** recognising the knowledge and understanding that Mana Whenua hold in regard to their whenua, their people and the roads in the takiwā.

1. Kaupapa, Purpose and Commitments

The establishment of the Working Group and its kaupapa recognises the mātauranga of the North Hokianga Mana Whenua.

The Working Group will provide a sound platform for North Hokianga Mana Whenua and Council to come together and work collaboratively. The kaupapa and commitments of the Working Group are to:

- a) ensure the inclusion of Mana Whenua of North Hokianga in the discussions and decisions impacting their transportation network including but not limited to their educational, commercial, and social wellbeing.

- b) ensure appropriate consultation, engagement, and partnership with hapū and whanau, including regular updates on maintenance and improvement of the North Hokianga roading network.
- c) provide administrative support, including regular Agenda and Meeting Minutes, to ensure the Working Group has everything it requires to perform effectively.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 Vision

- Safe and user-friendly roads for people;
- Safe and user-friendly roads for businesses;
- Roads that promote good-health and wellbeing of the people; and
- Connectedness of the hapori of the takiwā.

2.2 Values

- The parties making up the Working Group will work together with the intention and commitment to establish a collaborative, positive, and balanced relationship exercising good faith, trust, cooperation, flexibility and responsiveness in working together.
- The parties to the Working Group will commit to building knowledge and understanding of each other's tikanga and incorporate this when working together.

2.3 Responsibilities

Both partners will work in accordance with the vision and core principles set out in this agreement and manage activities in order to achieve agreed project milestones.

a) Council will:

- prepare reports and recommendations to Council elected members, Council committees or full Council as required, including any final report and recommendation.
- use its best endeavours to avoid unnecessary delays in order to achieve agreed project milestones.
- hold an electronic master folder containing / storing all key documentation and information especially minutes, reference material, plans and maps associated with the project and this information will be shared with the Working Group members.
- engage with the wider community to report on the progress and outcomes of the Working Group.

b) Mana Whenua will:

- Provide cultural direction and where appropriate, Mātauranga māori to support the Working Group.

2.4 Key Tasks

- Confirm and record each issue as identified.
- Identify long-term outcomes.
- Agree to preferred short-term outcomes.
- Participate in hui to hear from technical staff in regard to recommended upgrade options and participating in the decision-making process of the working group to identify and recommend preferred options.
- Recommending the preferred short-term upgrade options to Council.

2.5 Membership

a) Working Group

The Working Group is to comprise ten representatives from Council and Mana Whenua: Chairperson; Deputy Chairperson; and eight members.

b) Technical Expertise

Technical expertise will be provided to support the mahi of the Working Group. Council will resource the technical expertise. The scope of involvement will be agreed to by the Working Group but must be within the budgets approved by Council.

c) Administrative Assistance

Council will provide appropriate staff to facilitate the administrative and substantive work undertaken by the Working Group unless otherwise agreed.

2.6 Decision Making and Recommendations to Council Elected Members

- The Working Group will follow best practice approaches when identifying required roading upgrade and maintenance, and when reporting and making recommendations to Council.
- Recommendations reported to Council elected members for achieving the Best Practicable Option for the upgrade and maintenance of the North Hokianga Transportation Network will be by consensus of the Working Group.
- If consensus cannot be reached, an independent facilitator will be selected by the Working Group from a shortlist provided by Council staff and Tangata Whenua o te North Hokianga to assist with a resolution.

Acceptance

In signing these Terms of Reference each party acknowledges that it has read the document in its entirety and agrees to be bound by it.

Chairman

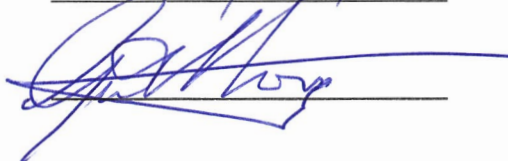
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Signatures: 

Councillor Tāmati Rākena
on behalf of Far North District Council

Deputy Chairman

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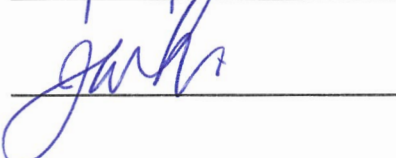
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John Smart
Representing Rangī Point

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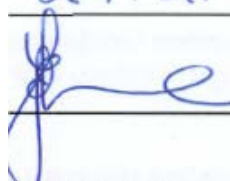
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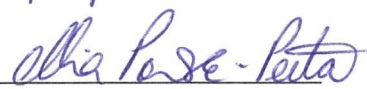

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Principal – Te Kura Taumata o Panguru

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