

**Report 06.15**  
1 February 2006  
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**Minutes of the Ara Tahi meeting held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 1 February 2006, at 10.00am**

**Present**

<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek
<i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua</i>	Tom Paku, Pita Flynn, Ryshell Griggs
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Rupene Waaka
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Liz Mellish, June Jackson
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

**Officers Present**

Perry Davy, Wayne Hastie, Jason Kerehi, Murray McLea, Amy Norrish, Tim Porteous, Miles Reay and John Sherriff

Precious Clark, George Ria and Dorothy Geale from Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

## Also Present

Crs Baber, Glensor and Shields

## Procedural Items

### 1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

### 2. Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Liz Mellish/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)*

*That the apologies from Mark Te One, Danny Mullens, Teri Puketapu, Charles Morunga, Miria Pomare and Ra Pomare for absence, and Te Waari Carkeek for lateness, be confirmed.*

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

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*Resolved*

*(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Chris Turver)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 30 November 2005 be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### 4. Management re-structuring at Greater Wellington

Ian Buchanan explained the changes that had been made to Greater Wellington's management following the recent management restructure. He apologised for the absence of the Chief Executive, David Benham, who had wanted to be present at the meeting to explain the restructure but had been detained on other council business. Ian confirmed that the decisions were made by the Chief Executive and that the changes would not impact on Ara Tahi. He also said that there would be no changes to the political structure of Greater Wellington, i.e. the Council's committees, as a result of the restructure.

Ara Tahi congratulated those managers appointed to senior positions. They also requested a copy of the diagram illustrating the restructure.

## 5. Off farm disposal facilities for animal carcasses

John Sherriff presented this report. He showed Ara Tahi the map that had been prepared by Greater Wellington which showed all the possible sites for off farm disposal facilities via exclusion areas. He said they needed to include areas of significance to iwi in the exclusion mapping and he asked Ara Tahi to advise council staff on how they would be best to consult iwi on this matter and gather the required information.

It was agreed that a technical workshop be held on the subject. George Ria offered to take Ara Tahi members through Biosecurity New Zealand's facilities and said he was happy to talk to individual iwi about the technical aspects of the off farm disposal.

Ara Tahi discussed that one of the key issues was the tikanga around moving animals between different rohe.

Ara Tahi also discussed providing Precious Clark with their email addresses so they could get updates on the progress of Didymo.

### Report 06.2

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*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Tom Paku)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the contents of the report be noted.*
- (3) That a technical workshop be held to discuss the matter of off farm disposal and how iwi should be consulted and provide the required information to be included in the burial exclusion mapping.*

## 6. Measuring up 2005, the State of the Environment Report for the Wellington region

Officers Murray McLea, Perry Davy, Tim Porteous and Helen Grant provided a snapshot of the findings of the State of the Environment Report for 2005 for the Wellington region. Murray McLea also discussed the process and timeline for drafting Greater Wellington's regional policy statement and said he would like to get input from iwi over the next two months. Ara Tahi agreed officers were best to discuss this with each individual iwi.

### Report 06.1

File: ENV/20/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Pita Flynn)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the contents of the report be noted.*

- (3) *Officers will put together a programme to consult with iwi on an individual basis.*

## **7. Progress – Policy Advisor-Maori**

Jason Kerehi presented this report. He discussed the upcoming iwi workshops, the first of which would be held in early March and be on the review of the regional policy statement. It was clarified that the process for consulting with individual iwi would be discussed from there. The second workshop would focus on off farm disposal.

Ara Tahi discussed the importance of the Kaitiaki Hui for iwi practitioners working with the Resource Management Act and decided that one representative from each of the iwi should attend the hui, provided the costs for attending and getting to the hui was covered by Ara Tahi's project fund. Officers said they would calculate the costs of attending the hui and advise Ara Tahi about the availability of funds.

Ara Tahi also discussed how they would develop a presentation about Ara Tahi to present to the Council. They decided to put a small group of Ara Tahi representatives together to work on the presentation.

### **Report 06.3**

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*Resolved*

*(Liz Mellish/Alma Mihaere)*

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the contents of the report be noted.*
- (3) *That each iwi authority would send a representative to attend the Kaitiaki Hui in March, providing there were adequate funds available in Ara Tahi's project fund.*

*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Liz Mellish)*

- (4) *That Tom Paku be nominated to Council for addition to the iwi appointee list.*

*Resolved*

*(Horipo Rimene/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)*

- (5) *That Liz Burge be nominated to Council for addition to the iwi appointee list.*

*Resolved*

*(Ryshell Griggs/Liz Mellish)*

- (6) *That Pita Flynn be nominated to Council for addition to the iwi appointee list.*

## **8. General Business**

Ihaia Puketapu enquired as to whether the *Wellington Regional Strategy Uncertainty and Risk Strategy* had been adopted by the Council. Ian Buchanan said that the Council had not adopted it. He said he would prefer to see the strategy progress further as a whole before considering adopting individual parts of it.

It was clarified that Tom Paku was appointed to the Regional Land Transport Committee to represent cultural interests and that Jack was his alternate.

The meeting concluded at 12:40pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 19 April 2006.

**Jack Rikihana**  
Chairperson

Date: