

Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako

Ngā Tāpiritanga – Mēneti | Attachments – Minutes

Attachments – Minutes of a meeting of an ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako held in the Council Chambers

35 Kenrick Street

TE AROHA on 09 Jun 2026 at 10:00.

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Matamata-Piako District Council

Simplifying Local Government Reform

Update for Te Manawhenua Forum | June 2026

Matamata-Piako District Council

June 2026

Government Process and Outcomes

Reform is confirmed — structural change is coming regardless of pathway chosen

Government outcomes sought:

Fewer, larger unitary authorities

Simpler, more accountable governance



Head Start

Voluntary — early movers

- Submit outline proposal by **9 Aug 2026**
- Councils that participate shape the outcome

 **Deadline: 9 Aug 2026**



Backstop

Compulsory — post-2028 election

- Applies if council does not join Head Start
- No elected regional councillors post-2028

 **Non-participation does not avoid reform**

OR

Iwi, Māori and Treaty

Proposals must uphold Treaty settlements and provide for Māori participation in decision-making



Maintains Local Voice Criterion

- How iwi/Māori will participate in decision-making
- Identify existing council-iwi/hapū agreements
- Explain transfer to new unitary authorities



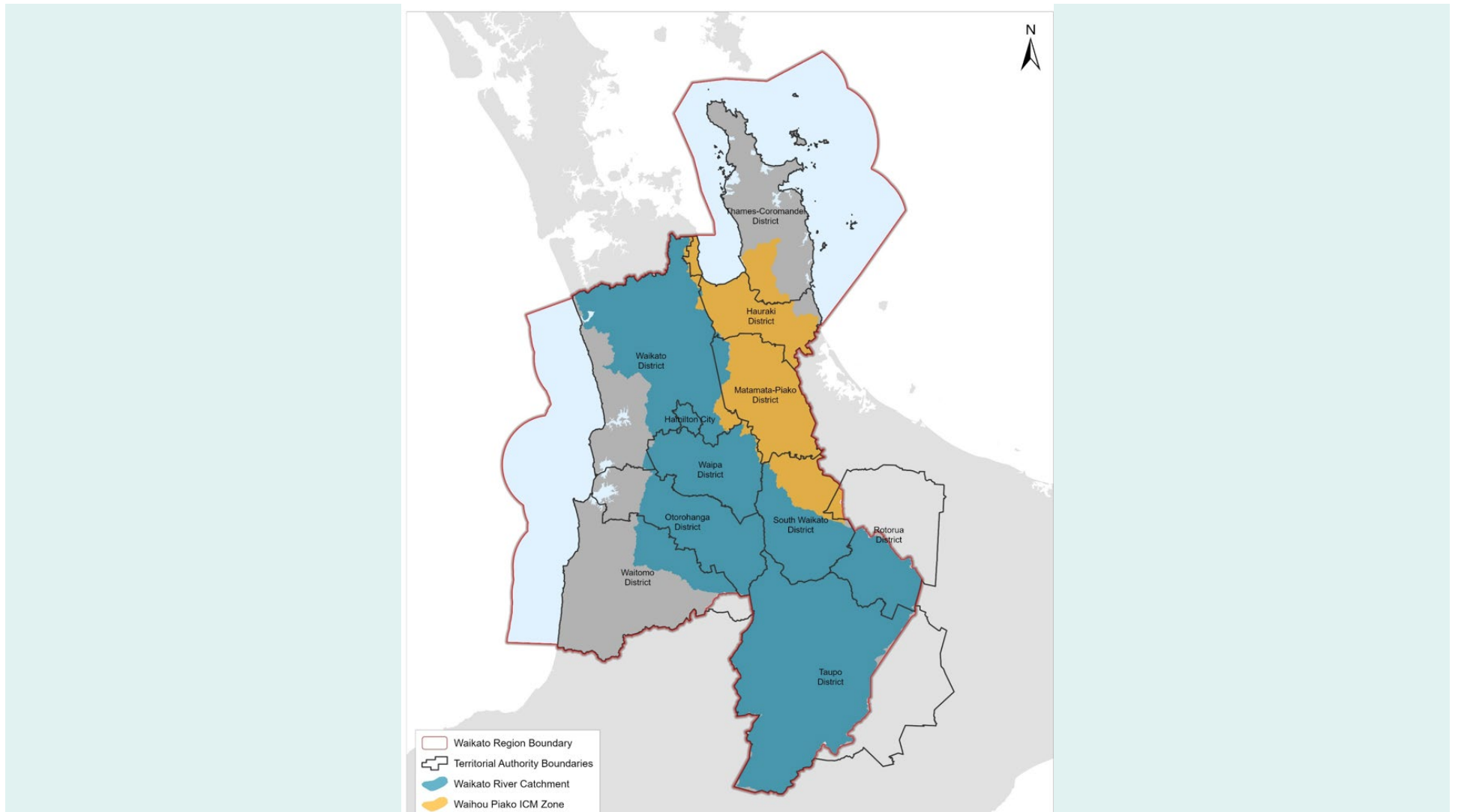
Treaty Settlements

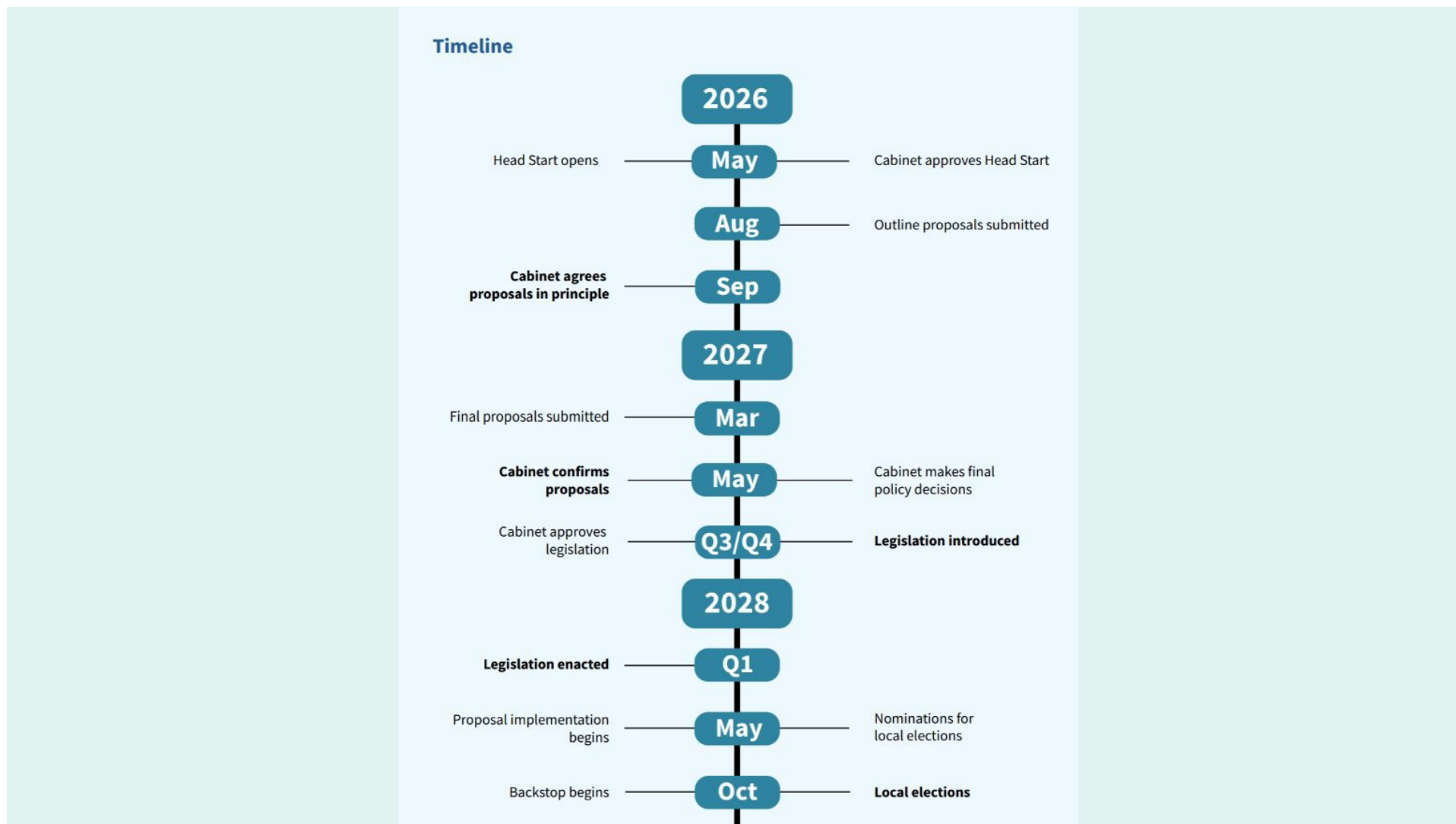
- All PSGE arrangements upheld with equivalent effect
- Crown is responsible for upholding settlements
- Explain transfer — or provide a plan with PSGEs



Detailed Design Phase

- Iwi/Māori engagement outcomes required
- Covers representation and Treaty settlement redress
- Oct 2026 – Mar 2027







Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Papakāinga) Regulations 2026

RMA Policy Team
Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako
June 2026





NES Papakāinga



- Introduced on the 4th June 2026.
- These regulations come into force on the 2 July 2026.
- There cannot be a rule in the Plan that is more restrictive than the NES.
- NES has a more enabling approach than the existing district plan.



Permitted activities



MPDP

- 5 -10 units per site, subject to;
 - land ownership requirements, &
 - Zone-MPZ, Rural and Rural Residential &
 - density /standards requirements.

NES

- 10 units per site, subject to;
 - land ownership requirements, &
 - Zone-MPZ, & all Residential/Rural zone types, &
 - building coverage / standards requirements.



Restricted Discretionary Activities



MPDP

- MPZ-Prec1/MPZ-Prec 2
 - PA that breaches 1 or 2 standards.
- Rural/Rural Residential
 - Not applicable.

NES (can be notified)

- PA that breaches the standards
- Providing for 11-30 units in a range of situations



Discretionary Activities



MPDP

- PA that breaches 3 or more standards, or
- MPZ-Prec1-More than 10 units, or 10 units that exceed density of PA, or
- Rural/Rural Res-more than 5 units or 5 units that exceed PA density.

NES

- Not applicable

