

Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako



Kaupapataka Wātea | Open Agenda



Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako will be held on:

Ko te rā | Date: Tuesday 13 February 2024
Wā | Time: 10:00
Wāhi | Venue: Council Chambers
35 Kenrick Street
TE AROHA

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Matamata-Piako District
Council

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Adrienne Wilcock, JP

Koromatua Tautoko | Deputy Mayor
James Thomas

Kaunihera ā-Rohe | District Councillors
Gary Thompson

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Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka (Chair)

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Ngāti Maru

Mrs Kathy Ngamane

Mr Wati Ngamane

Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu

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1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Chairperson to welcome members and open the meeting.

2 Karakia

The opening karakia is to be performed.

3 Ngā whakapāha/Tono whakawātea | Apologies/Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

4 Pānui i Ngā Take Ohore Anō | Notification of Urgent/Additional Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

5 Whākī pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

6 Whakaaetanga mēneti | Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako, held on 5 December 2023

7 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

7.1 Long-Term Plan 2024-34 Update

CM No.: 2818642

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Forum with an update on the progress of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024-34 project, including the upcoming timeframes.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Under the Local Government Act 2002 a local authority must have an LTP in place at all times. The structure, timing, information provided, and consultation processes are defined by the legislation. LTPs are audited by the Office of the Auditor-General through Audit NZ, and both Consultation Documents and final LTPs are published with the audit opinion.

The government has announced it will introduce a repeal bill that will restore council ownership and control of water infrastructure and services.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.
2. The Forum provide feedback on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 project.

Horopaki | Background

Council is required to prepare and adopt a LTP under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Long Term Plan sets out the activities, budgets, Financial Strategy and key financial policies of the Council for the next 10 years and the Infrastructure Strategy for the next 30 years. The LTP is required to be updated every three years, with the last LTP being approved in 2021 (available online <https://www.mpd.govt.nz/plans/long-term-plan>).

The LTP:

- describes the type of district Council wants to achieve – our vision and community outcomes
- identifies the key projects to take place over the next 10 years
- provides an overview of each activity we will carry out and the services we will provide for the next ten years determines how much this will cost and how it will be funded.

It also provides communities the opportunity to have a say on where Council are heading and to ensure planning is robust. In completing the plan Council are required to do a number of things, including:

- take a sustainable development approach and promote community interests
- carry out our business in a clear, transparent and accountable manner
- operate in an efficient and effective manner, using sound business practices
- take into account community views by offering clear information and the opportunity to present views
- provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision making
- collaborate and co-operate with other agencies and councils to achieve desired outcomes.

Key components of the supporting information include the 30-year Infrastructure Strategy (which sets out our approach to looking after existing assets to ensure they continue to meet community needs and providing infrastructure for the future) and Financial Strategy (which sets out our approach to managing our finances over the next 10 years).

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Overall project status

A draft LTP and Consultation Document has been developed. The draft Consultation Document (currently being audited) is attached.

Reforms

Significant legislative reform has been progressed since the LTP 2021-31 was adopted in June 2021. In particular, the Affordable Waters reform requires transfer of water assets from Council to a regional entity, with an indicative transfer date for Waikato by 1 July 2026.

However, the incoming Coalition government has signalled that it intends to repeal and replace Three Waters reforms. The National Party have put forward its own plan, called “Local Water Done Well” that will effectively put water services back in the hands of local councils.

The government has agreed to introduce a repeal bill that will restore council ownership and control of water infrastructure and services. To provide flexibility for these local circumstances, Cabinet has agreed the repeal bill will include temporary modifications to local government legislation for the transitional period affecting the 2024 LTPs.

A letter from the Minister of Local Government to Mayor Adrienne is attached along with Long-Term Plan guidance for Councils.

Council has considered the options provided and has decided to proceed as currently planned, with an audited Consultation Document and completion by end of June 2024.

Future Timetable

The timeline for the project centres on key dates for completion of the draft documents in December 2023, auditing in January / February 2024 and consultation in March / April 2024.

The below table provides a summary of key milestones and timelines.

Activity	Dates
Formal audit by Audit NZ	30 January to 15 February 2024
Te Mana Whenua Forum meeting	13 February 2024
Council meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Audit opinion on consultation document to be issued- Council to adopt supporting information- Then adopt Consultation Document	13 March 2024
Public consultation/engagement period <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimum period of 1 month to be provided	20 March to 21 April 2024
Te Mana Whenua Forum meeting	9 April 2024
Council LTP hearings of submitters	8-9 May 2024
Council LTP deliberations/decision making <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council meeting	29 May 2024

Activity	Dates
Te Mana Whenua Forum meeting	11 June 2024
Adoption of LTP - Council meeting	26 June 2024

Ngā Whiringa | Options

The options are set out above.

Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

The LTP is required under the Local Government Act 2002 and must be publically consulted on.

Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) Decision-making requirements

Having regard to the decision making provisions in the LGA 2002 and Councils Significance Policy, a decision in accordance with the recommendations is assessed as having a **low** level of significance.

Ngā Pāpāhonga me ngā Whakawhitiwhitinga | Communications and engagement

The LTP project is one of Council's key opportunities to engage with our communities to find out what their aspirations and priorities are.

The LTP is subject to the special consultative process under the LGA ([s83](#)). The special consultative process is a minimum one month submission process with a hearing for those who have submitted and wish to speak to their submission.

Formal consultation for the LTP will take place from 20 March to 21 April 2024 as above.

Staff are currently preparing for the formal consultation phase. The Forum may wish to provide feedback on engagement with iwi.

The Forum may also wish to make a submission to Council.





Ngā take ā-lhinga | Consent issues

There are no consent issues.

Te Tākoha ki ngā Hua mō te Hapori me te here ki te whakakitenga o te Kaunihera | Contribution to Community Outcomes

Matamata Piako District Council's Community Outcomes are set out below:

MATAMATA-PIAKO TŌ MĀTOU WĀHI NOHO OUR PLACE	MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL TE ARA RAUTAKI STRATEGIC DIRECTION
<p>TŌ MĀTOU WHAKAKITENGA OUR VISION</p> <p>Matamata-Piako District is vibrant, passionate, progressive, where opportunity abounds. 'The heart of our community is our people, and the people are the heart of our community.'</p>	






TŌ MĀTOU WHĀINGA MATUA OUR PRIORITIES (COMMUNITY OUTCOMES)			
			
He wāhi kaingākau ki te manawa A place with people at its heart	He wāhi puawaitanga A place to thrive	He wāhi e poipoi ai tō tātou taiao A place that embraces our environment	He wāhi whakapapa, he wāhi hangahanga A place to belong and create

The LTP contributes to all the outcomes.

Pānga ki te pūtea, me te puna pūtea | Financial Cost and Funding Source

The development of and consultation on the LTP is funded from the Strategy and Engagement Activity Operating budget.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

- A.  Consultation Document as at 26.01.24 (*Under Separate Cover*)
- B.  Mayor Wilcock Matamata-Piako District Council re 3W repeal

- C.  Government announcement today – new direction for water services - Long-Term Plan guidance shared with councils


Ngā waitohu | Signatories

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Dear Mayor Wilcock

New direction for water services delivery

This morning I announced that earlier this week Cabinet agreed to repeal the previous government's water services legislation. I also signalled next steps for implementing our plan for water services, Local Water Done Well.

I wish to provide you with further information about three key aspects of our plan, to ensure you have the clarity and certainty you need as you develop your council's 2024-34 long-term plan and prepare for your next financial year:

1. Repeal of the previous government's water services legislation
2. Options to help your council complete its 2024-34 long-term plan
3. Local Water Done Well – key principles of our future direction for water services.

I want to acknowledge that councils across the country are facing multiple challenges, including pressures with water infrastructure. I also want to acknowledge that many councils have done a good job of managing their water infrastructure, and that there is not a one size fits all solution to moving to more financially sustainable water services.

The Government is committed to addressing the longstanding challenges this country is facing with our water services infrastructure.

Our Local Water Done Well approach recognises the importance of local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils to determine how their water services will be delivered in future. We will do this while ensuring a strong emphasis on meeting rules for water quality and investment in infrastructure.

1. Repealing the previous Government's water services legislation

Cabinet has agreed to introduce a repeal bill that will restore council ownership and control of water infrastructure and services. The bill makes the following changes:

- All legislation relating to water services entities will be repealed (Water Services Entities Act 2022, Water Services Entities Amendment Act 2023, and Water Services Legislation Act 2023).
- Previous legislation related to the provision of water services will be reinstated (including local government legislation). This will restore continued council ownership and control of water services, and responsibility for service delivery.

[Private Bag 18041, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160 New Zealand](#)

- The Northland and Auckland Water Services Entity (the only entity that had been legally established under the Water Services Entities Act 2022) will be disestablished and any outstanding work on the entity's set-up will cease.
- Councils will need to add and integrate information about water services into their 2024 long-term plans. Some transitional support options are available to assist you (below).

The repeal bill is expected to be introduced in February 2024 and enacted as soon as possible.

2. Options to help your council complete its 2024-34 long-term plan

I have heard that councils are seeking legislative certainty for your 2024-34 long-term plan and are seeking direction and support for how to continue to plan for and finance water services.

I am also conscious that different councils will have different needs and preferences and will be at various stages of developing their long-term plans.

To provide flexibility for these local circumstances, Cabinet has agreed the repeal bill will include temporary modifications to local government legislation for the transitional period affecting the 2024 long-term plans. Once the bill is passed, these options will be available for councils to use, as appropriate.

I recognise a few councils are preparing an unaudited three-year plan, with a focus on cyclone recovery, rather than a standard 10-year plan. As such, some of the proposed modifications may be less relevant to you.

If your council is...	Options available
Starting to prepare or consult on long-term planning material that includes water services information – ahead of the repeal bill being enacted	<p>The enacted provisions clarify that the council can include water services material in the final plan, without re-consulting, but:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include new/updated information on water services in its final plan – to reflect the continuation of its responsibilities; • Must consider the views and preferences of affected and interested persons as it considers appropriate; and • Does not have to delay the adoption of its long-term plan past 30 June 2024 (in order to provide opportunities for public consultation on its revised proposals). <p>Transitional provisions will also help ensure the risks of future legal challenge (associated with concerns about possible issues in process) will be minimised.</p>

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Needing more time to develop and consult on long-term planning material	<p>The statutory deadline by which the 2024 long-term plan must be adopted will be extended by three months – to 30 September 2024.</p> <p>This flexibility may be desirable to smaller councils with fewer resources, or those councils that would prefer to wait until the repeal legislation is enacted before starting consultation.</p> <p>The deadline for adopting the 2023/24 annual reports will also be extended, to reflect the possible overlap in auditing processes if councils are taking longer than usual to finalise the long-term plan.</p> <p>Councils will be permitted to have unaudited long-term plan consultation documents.</p> <p>This would allow auditing of the final long-term plan to proceed in tandem with consultation, to help achieve statutory deadlines.</p>

3. Local Water Done Well – key principles of our future direction for water services

With Local Water Done Well we are going to do things in a way that recognises the importance of local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils to determine how their water services will be delivered in future. We will do this while ensuring a strong emphasis on meeting rules for water quality and investment in infrastructure.

We want to enable councils and communities to determine what works best for them, while establishing clear expectations and bottom lines.

Key principles of our future plan for the delivery of water services include:

- Introducing greater central government oversight, economic and quality regulation.
- Fit-for-purpose service delivery models and financing tools, such as improving the current council-controlled organisation model and developing a new class of financially separate council-owned organisation.
- Setting rules for water services and infrastructure investment.
- Ensuring water services are financially sustainable. Financial sustainability means revenue sufficiency, balance sheet separation, ring-fencing and funding for growth.

I intend to work with all councils on the development of our Local Water Done Well policy to ensure it reflects your local needs and circumstances.

I look forward to working with you in the New Year to refine our approach to water services delivery.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

Attachment: Long-term plan information shared with councils (FYI)

Options to help councils complete their 2024-34 long-term plans

Councils are seeking legislative certainty for their 2024-34 long-term plans and are seeking direction and support for how to continue to plan for and finance water services.

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To provide flexibility for these local circumstances, Cabinet has agreed the repeal bill will include temporary modifications to local government legislation for the transitional period affecting the 2024 long-term plans. Once the bill is passed, these options will be available for councils to use, as appropriate.

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Councils have been operating in a period of uncertainty and complexity for some time, and may be seeking additional options with respect to their long-term planning obligations. Updates will be provided as any further decisions are made.

7 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

7.2 District Plan Update

CM No.: 2819004

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Te Manawhenua Forum with a summary on the rolling review of the District Plan and changes around Resource Management matters. Nathan Sutherland is available to deliver the update and answer any questions.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

A District Plan and Resource Management summary is provided below. The update specifically relates to Papakāinga (PC54), Waharoa (PC49), Calcutta (PPC57), Avenue Business Park (PPC58), Fonterra Waitoa (PPC55), the National Planning Standards, the Hauraki Gulf Forum and the Resource Management Reform.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.

Ngā Take/Kōrerorero | Issues/Discussion

Plan Change 54 – “Papakāinga”

Matamata-Piako District Council (MPDC) is preparing a change to the District Plan, which seeks to update the District Plan provisions to allow for papakāinga development (PC54). The aim is to ensure that the District Plan provides an enabling framework for quality papakāinga development that supports the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of tangata whenua. The plan change was originally raised by Te Manawhenua Forum and recommended to Council as a priority. Council took on this recommendation and initiated a plan change. The Māori Purpose Zone (Precinct 1 – Papakāinga Tahi) will provide the most enabling provisions for papakāinga by increasing housing density in comparison to the Rural Zone and enabling the establishment of home businesses and small-scale community facilities, education facilities and healthcare facilities.

Sites that are proposed to be rezoned as Māori Purpose Zone (Precinct 2 - Papakāinga Rua) have existing papakāinga. In addition to the Māori Purpose Zone, the plan change proposes general provisions in the Rural and Rural-Residential Zones enabling papakāinga development on Māori Freehold Land, General Land owned by Māori (if it can be demonstrated there is an ancestral connection and a legal mechanism in place to ensure the land is maintained in whanau ownership in perpetuity), and Treaty Settlement Land. The change was re-notified for public submissions on 21 December 2022, and closed for submissions on 13 February 2023. The further submission phase closed on 26 April 2023. A copy of the 52 submissions and three further submissions received is available on the Council's website.

On 18 July 2023, an Iwi Working Group (IWG) Hui was held at the Silver Ferns Events Centre. During this Hui, the key themes that were raised in the submissions along with the next steps in the process were discussed, and a draft, unbranded papakāinga Toolkit was shared. Since this hui, staff have met with various submitters and interested parties to see if the matters raised could be resolved. IWG members' submitted nominations for Independent Hearing Commissioners. On 13 December 2023, Council appointed independent hearings commissioners

Bill Wasley as Chair, and James Whetu to hear and decide on submissions. The hearing date for the Papakāinga Plan Change has been set for April 2024.

Plan Change 49 – “Waharoa”

This District Plan change seeks to review the zoning and development controls of Waharoa. To date, a preliminary community Hui was held in partnership with Ngāti Hauā to understand the invited stakeholder's aspirations for the town. Following this, a Working Group was established that consists of Matamata-Piako District Council elected members and Ngāti Hauā representatives as governance members along with a number of support staff.

On 30 November 2022, Matamata-Piako Te Manawhenua Forum and Ngāti Hauā held a community consultation event at Te Kura O Waharoa in order to understand if the initial spatial plan that was developed meets the communities' aspirations and needs for Waharoa. As part of this consultation, an online survey where individuals could share their thoughts on the initial spatial plan was also available following the consultation event for those that could not attend.

In total a 150 participants completed the online survey and there were around 30 participants at the community event. A report that summarises the outcomes of the consultation is available to view on the Council's website. In addition, Warren Gumbley consultants have been engaged to undertake an archaeological assessment of the plan change area. This work was completed in November 2023. In his investigation, Mr Gumbley identified several places of significant cultural and archaeological value within the Waharoa area, most notably the Matamata Pā, Te Tapiri Pā and the CMS Mission Station. However, the exact location of many of these places is uncertain. The Council is now in the process of reviewing the community's aspirations and considering how these may be enabled by the District Plan's provisions.

Private Plan Change 57 - Calcutta

On 3 August 2022, Matamata-Piako District Council received an application for Private Plan Change 57 – Calcutta. This plan change seeks to rezone approximately 41ha of rural land along the southern side of Tauranga Road, Matamata to Industrial Zone. This plan change proposes to introduce a new General Industrial Zone into the District Plan in accordance with the National Planning Standards.

On 11 October 2022, submissions opened for the Calcutta private plan change and closed on Wednesday 9 November 2022. Matamata-Piako District Council received 28 submissions in total. The Council summarised the submissions received and opened for further submissions on the 7 March 2023 with a closing date of 21 March 2023. During this submission phase, a further 20 submissions were received. A hearing date was initially scheduled for February 2024, however, the applicant has recently asked for this to be deferred. No new hearing date has been set at this stage.

Private Plan Change 58 - Avenue Business Park

A private plan application was lodged with the Council on 22 December 2022 to rezone 14ha of rural land on the western side of Morrinsville, between Avenue Road North and State Highway 26 to Industrial Zone. The proposed private plan change is expected to adopt the same General Industrial Zone provisions as the proposed Calcutta private plan change under the National Planning Standards.

The application was publicly notified on 15 June 2023, with the submission period closing on 17 July 2023. Thirteen submissions and one late submission was received. The Council summarised the submissions received and opened for further submissions on the 17 August 2023. This submission period had a closing date of 31 August 2023. One further submission was received. A hearing date has been scheduled for February 2024.

Private Plan Change 55 - “Fonterra –Waitoa”

On 13 November 2020, Council received a private plan change application regarding the Waitoa manufacturing site Development Concept Plan. The proposal is to replace the site’s current noise emission control boundary in the Operative District Plan with a new one and amend the associated rules. Council made a request, on 22 January 2022, for further information under Clause 23, RMA Schedule 1. Council received a response to this request at the end of November 2022 and have been working with the applicant to finalise this information. Because the application required further information, the Council has not formally “accepted” it. The next stage for this plan change is formal acceptance and then notification, which is likely to occur early in 2024.

Hauraki Gulf Forum

The Hauraki Gulf Forum (HGF) is a statutory body, which promotes and facilitates an integrated approach to the management and protection of the Hauraki Gulf, under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000. The forum’s current focus is on three priorities, which are to improve integrated management through collaborative planning, restoring water quality values by addressing land use activities that degrade those values and lastly recognising those critical marine values and ecosystems through advocating for protection, restoration and enhancement. As part of its advocacy, the forum used last year’s surplus funds to carry out Natural Capital Valuations on the marine park. This work was carried out by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) and can be found at this link: <https://gulfjournal.org.nz/the-hauraki-gulf-forum/> .

At the last meeting on 4 December 2023, the Forum received the following public forum presentations:

- Kina barrens, presented by Alex Radley
- Waiheke Marina Project Update, presented by Leigh Takirau and Grant Crawford
- ‘Bare Dirt’ Campaign, presented by Angus Robson and Geoff Reid

The Forum also received an oral briefing from Mark Bourne and Nathaniel Wilson from Watercare, who engaged in discussion around the sewage discharge in the Gulf caused by the Parnell sinkhole. Watercare also shared a proposal to build a pipeline into the Hauraki Gulf to discharge treated sewage from the Beachlands area. The Forum strongly opposed this option and called on Watercare to consider additional investment into the Hauraki Gulf restoration projects, to match the impact of the discharge, which was outlined in the NZIER report, as the Gulf provided sewage-management services that should have been provided by Watercare services. The next meeting is to take place on 4 March 2024.

National Planning Standards (NPS)

The Council is currently reformatting its District Plan to comply with the National Planning Standards (NPS). The purpose of the National Planning Standards is to make council plans and policy statements easier to prepare, understand and comply with. They do this by improving the consistency of the format and content across all resource management documents throughout New Zealand. Any proposed changes that are simply a reformatting of the current Operative District Plan do not require a plan change; however, there are some changes that will require notification.

The Council is working to have this completed and notified by May 2024 in accordance with the relevant NPS legislation. As part of complying with the National Planning Standards, the District Plan is required to have a Tangata whenua/Mana whenua chapter. This is to be developed in

conjunction with mana whenua. On 18 July 2023, a Te Manawhenua Forum workshop was held at the Silver Fern Events Centre to discuss the title and contents of the chapter. A draft Mana whenua chapter has been produced based on this discussion and the Council is currently looking for feedback from individual iwi regarding the contents of this chapter. To date, it has only received comments on the proposed chapter from one iwi, however, these comments were very beneficial and the Council encourages the remaining iwi to also provide feedback. The draft Mana Whenua chapter has been attached. Given our current District Plan does not have a Mana Whenua Chapter, this part (along with a few other changes that are not considered to be consequential) is scheduled to be notified mid next year.


Resource Management Reform

In December 2023, the newly appointed National Government announced that parliament has passed legislation repealing the Natural and Built Environment Act (NBA) and the Spatial Planning Act (SPA) as part of the Government's 100-day plan. While this signals the continued use of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the government intends to:

1. Retain fast-track consenting pathways
2. Ensure Treaty settlements are upheld

The Government intends to amend the RMA to make it easier to consent new infrastructure, build more houses, and enable aquaculture and other primary industries. Following this, the government plans to replace the RMA with new resource management laws based on the enjoyment of property rights, while ensuring good environmental outcomes.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

A.  Draft Mana Whenua chapter 6.12.2023 (*Under Separate Cover*)

Ngā waitohu | Signatories

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7 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

7.3 Iwi Representatives Update

CM No.: 2819264

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Iwi Representatives to provide an update of their activities.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Iwi representatives have the opportunity to provide an update of their activities to the Forum.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information is received.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā waitohu | Signatories

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7 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

7.4 Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme - Update February 2024

CM No.: 2819278

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Te Manawhenua Forum on the work programme as confirmed for 2024.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The 2024 Work Programme is attached. It is intended this is a standing item for each meeting.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.

Horopaki | Background

Prior to the commencement of each calendar year the Forum sets itself a work programme. While priorities can shift during the year as unexpected issues arise, the work programme is a useful tool to enable Forum members to set their direction and to allow staff to understand the work priorities that need to be achieved.

Ngā Tāpiritanga | Attachments

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Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme 2024 –
Update February

Meeting Date	Scheduled Reports	Frequency	Date of previous report	Status – included in agenda	Comment / Expected reporting dates
13 February 2024	Long Term Plan - Project Update	Every meeting until June 2024	5 December 2023	✓	
	Waitangi Day debrief/review (verbal update due to timing of Waitangi Day)	Annual	3 October 2023	X	No longer required
	Road Naming Policy	Annual	3 September 2019	X	No information received
	<u>Standing Items</u>				
	Iwi Representative Update	Every Meeting	N/A	✓	
	District Plan and Iwi management plans update (incl. Papakainga plan change update)	Every meeting	5 December 2023	✓	
	Community Facilities Strategy and Policy update	Every meeting	6 December 2022	X	No information received
	Review of Work Programme 2024	Every meeting	N/A	✓	