



**I hereby give notice that  
a Maori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Thursday, 9 March 2017**  
**Time: 12.30pm**  
**Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,  
Coronation Square, Wairoa**

# **AGENDA**

## **Maori Standing Committee Meeting**

**9 March 2017**

**Fergus Power**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 3 minutes per person is allowed.

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ordinary Meeting - 14 February 2017

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Craig Little (Mayor), Mr Paul Kelly, Mr Kiwa Hammond, Mrs Here Nissen, Mr Peter Whaanga, Ms Whaiora Maindonald, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr F Power WDC's Chief Executive  
Mr K Tipuna WDC's Economic Development & Engagement Manager  
Mrs C Knight WDC's Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist  
G Waikawa WDC's Administration Assistant  
Christine & Alan Smith Planning Consultants

## **1 KARAKIA**

The karakia was given by Kiwa Hammond.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/01**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Peter Whaanga

That Kiwa Hammond be nominated as Chairperson of the Maori Standing Committee.

In Favour: Peter Whaanga, Whaiora Maindonald, Henare Mita and Theresa Thornton

Against: Here Nissen and Sharon Cooper (Secretarial note: Voted for Paul Kelly as Chair)

Abstained: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Paul Kelly and Kiwa Hammond

**CARRIED**

## **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/02**

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Ms Sharon Cooper

That Paul Kelly be nominated as Deputy Chairperson of the Maori Standing Committee.

**CARRIED**

## **NOMINATION OF MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/03**

Moved: Mr Kiwa Hammond

Seconded: Mrs Here Nissen

That P Kelly be nominated as Maori Standing Committee member to the Economic Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Chief Executive explained the focus is on working together to grow jobs across the region, increase household incomes and raise Hawke's Bay economic performance up into the top quarter of New Zealand regions.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/04**

Moved: Mr Kiwa Hammond

Seconded: Mr Peter Whaanga

That the Maori Standing Committee has an expectation that the Wairoa District Council have direct participation (in particular, decision making rights) on the leadership and governance groups for the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS).

**CARRIED**

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/05**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That the apologies received from Councillors H Flood and J Harker, Mr Adrian Manuel and Mr Duane Culshaw be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Hinemihi Marae	W Maindonald
Black Beach Toilet	P Whaanga
Mahanga Boardwalks	P Whaanga
Connection to WDC Water Supply – Kuha & Waimako Marae	S Cooper
Lack of Wifi	S Cooper
Remuneration	P Kelly

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed.

Mr Alan Smith thanked the Maori Standing Committee and gave an update on the Waihi Dam.

The Economic Development & Engagement Manager advised and updated the Committee of the Waihi Dam. The HBRC Chief Executive Andrew Newman says it was agreed, given what is now known of the events, that pursuing a court case would have no direct benefit to the Wairoa community.

Eastland Group will contribute \$100,000 to a project to be agreed with the Wairoa District Council. The company is also signing a 10-year sponsorship agreement that will see it contribute \$15,000 per year towards Wairoa-focused events and activities. This sponsorship starts in April 2017, and is worth a total of \$150,000.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council will apply to withdraw all charges against Eastland Networks Limited and diving contractor Abyss Limited.

Eastland Group Chief Executive Matt Todd has once again apologised on behalf of Eastland Network and Eastland Group to the Wairoa community.

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

**ADJOURNED** – 10.32AM

**RECONVENED** – 10.42AM

**8 GENERAL ITEMS****8.1 MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/06**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

*The Committee receive the report.*

**CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION** – The Committee discussed inviting representative/s from Whakaki and Iwitea to sit on committee for Rocketlab tourism. The CEO explained there will be opportunity for private individuals to capitalise with the first three launches.

**Draft WDC Communications Strategy** – The Economic Development & Engagement Manager explained the Draft WDC Communications Strategy being the district-wide co-ordinating document designed to progress the issue of stakeholder relations under the governance category of the four wellbeings.

## **WORKSHOP – MAORI POLICY AND TE REO MAORI POLICY**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/07**

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That a Workshop/hui be held prior to the close date of the next Maori Standing Committee agenda to discuss the Maori Policy and Te Reo Maori Policy.

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 HINEMIHI MARAE**

Ms W Maindonald expressed concerns with potholes in front of the Marae. The matter will be referred to the Engineering Department.

## **8.3 BLACKS BEACH TOILET**

Mr P Whaanga asked why the Black Beach toilet was positioned in the middle of the carpark and also why the toilet faces the road.

## **8.4 MAHANGA BOARDWALK**

Mr Whaanga expressed concerns with the amount of boardwalks being erected as a rare native specie of miniature manuka bush exists only in that area.

**8.5 CONNECTION TO WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WATER SUPPLY FOR KUHA AND WAIMAKO MARAE**

Ms Cooper enquired options for Kuha and Waimako Marae and communities to be connected to the Wairoa District Council's water supply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council investigates costs and feasibility and outlines options for the Kuha and Waimako Marae and communities to be connected to the Wairoa District Council's water supply.

**Cooper/Nissen**

**8.6 LACK OF WIFI CONNECTION**

Ms Cooper advised the lack of wifi in the Waikaremoana area. The Committee asked Mr Kelly to speak to the Economic Development Committee regarding the lack of wifi.

**8.7 REUMUNERATION**

The Committee asked if they could be reimbursed for the Hui A Iwi they attended at Taihoa Marae on 27 November 2016.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/08**

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That the Maori Standing Committee be reimbursed for the Hui A Iwi meeting they attended at Taihoa Marae on 27 November 2016.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 12.08pm with a karakia by Maori Relationships Manager.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Maori Standing Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2017.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## 8 GENERAL ITEMS

### 8.1 MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER

**Author:** David Tipoki, Maori Relationships Manager

**Authoriser:** Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

**Appendices:**

1. Jono Rau [↓](#)
2. Ashes Issue [↓](#)
3. Maori Land Development [↓](#)
4. Submission for study-koura [↓](#)
5. Submission - Project Officer [↓](#)

#### 1. PURPOSE

To update Māori Standing Committee members on significant matters attended to by Wairoa District Council representatives (including the Māori Relationships Manager) in the interval since the last report and to update Māori Standing Committee members on other significant matters of relevance.

#### 1) LOCAL, REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

##### 1.1 Te Matatini Festival – Hastings, 23-26 February

His Worship the Mayor attended the Te Matatini Festival on Friday 24 February to support local kapa haka group Te Rerenga Kotuku. During the festival, His Worship was able to have conversations with NKII Chair Ngahiwi Tomoana, HBRC Chair Rex Graham & Prime Minister Bill English.

##### 1.2 Taniwha / Dragon Economic Summit – Hastings, 20-21 February

No Council representative attended, however, other Wairoa community members attended and by all accounts the Summit proved beneficial for the region.

##### 1.3 Launch of Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan and Tairāwhiti Māori Economic Development Report – Gisborne, 28 February

His Worship the Mayor and the CEO attended the launch of the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan and Tairāwhiti Māori Economic Development Report. The plan was developed by Tairāwhiti people for the community and represents the shared investment in the future. Also in attendance were representatives from the Wairoa Taiwhenua. Ministers in attendance included the Hon. Simon Bridges, Minister for Economic Development, the Hon. Steven Joyce, Minister for Finance, local MP the Hon. Anne Tolley, Minister for Local Government and Social Development. Launch hosted by Activate Tairāwhiti and the Gisborne District Council. The Tairāwhiti Māori Economic Development Report can be found here <http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/our-stories-and-media/tairawhiti-maori-economic-development-report#.WLx1o2-GMYx>

#### 2) MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

##### 2.1 Economic Development Committee (EDC), 21 February

As per appendices and for discussion. Also of note, the EDC resolved to extend their membership to include other relevant iwi organisations including Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust, Ngāti Pahauwera Development Trust, Waikaremoana Tribal (or other relevant representative group for Waikaremoana or Tuhoe).

## 2.2 Wastewater Consent

The Chair and Deputy Chair and Māori Relationships Manager met with the Engineering Manager to be updated about the Wastewater Consent process and discussed the role that the Māori Standing Committee will play in this process going forward.

## 2.3 Land Suitability Project

The Māori Relationships Manager attended a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February where University of Waikato intern and Master of Science student Jonno Rau presented an outline of his proposed research, "The Wairoa Land Suitability Project". Attached is a copy of the powerpoint presentation of the project. The Wairoa District Council is collaborating with Landcare Research and the University of Waikato by hosting Jonno who will research land suitability throughout the district and investigate opportunities for a range of crops that have potential for development, with the ultimate outcome to increase employment and income to the district. Jonno will be analysing soil and land use capabilities throughout the district and developing crop suitability maps for areas in the Wairoa district, which have high or capable horticultural potential. Jonno's field research will involve placing small data loggers around the district, measuring temperature and taking soil samples.

## 2.4 Reo Māori Policy & Māori Policy

The workshop results will be reported back by the Chair verbally, as the deadline for the agenda preparation for this report will have passed before the workshop occurred.

## 3) OTHER MATTERS

### 3.1 Scattering of Ashes

There have been two requests from the public requesting permission to scatter ashes within the Wairoa district. This raises a number of issues, the least of which is whether council should earmark a location for this practice. Attached is a PDF file containing correspondence to and from this office. Māhia-Mai-Tawhiti representative Peter Whaanga may take a lead on this issue as there is a general feeling against the practice out at Māhia. Council does not have a policy in place. Guidance from the Māori Standing Committee is sought on this matter.

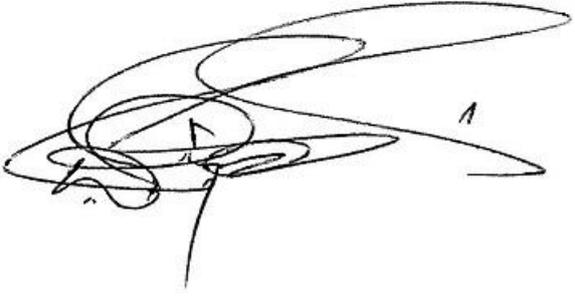
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### RECOMMENDATION

*The Maori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.*

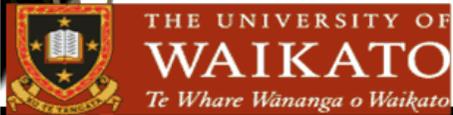
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## Introduction:

Wairoa District has limited intensive land use compared to Gisborne or Napier.

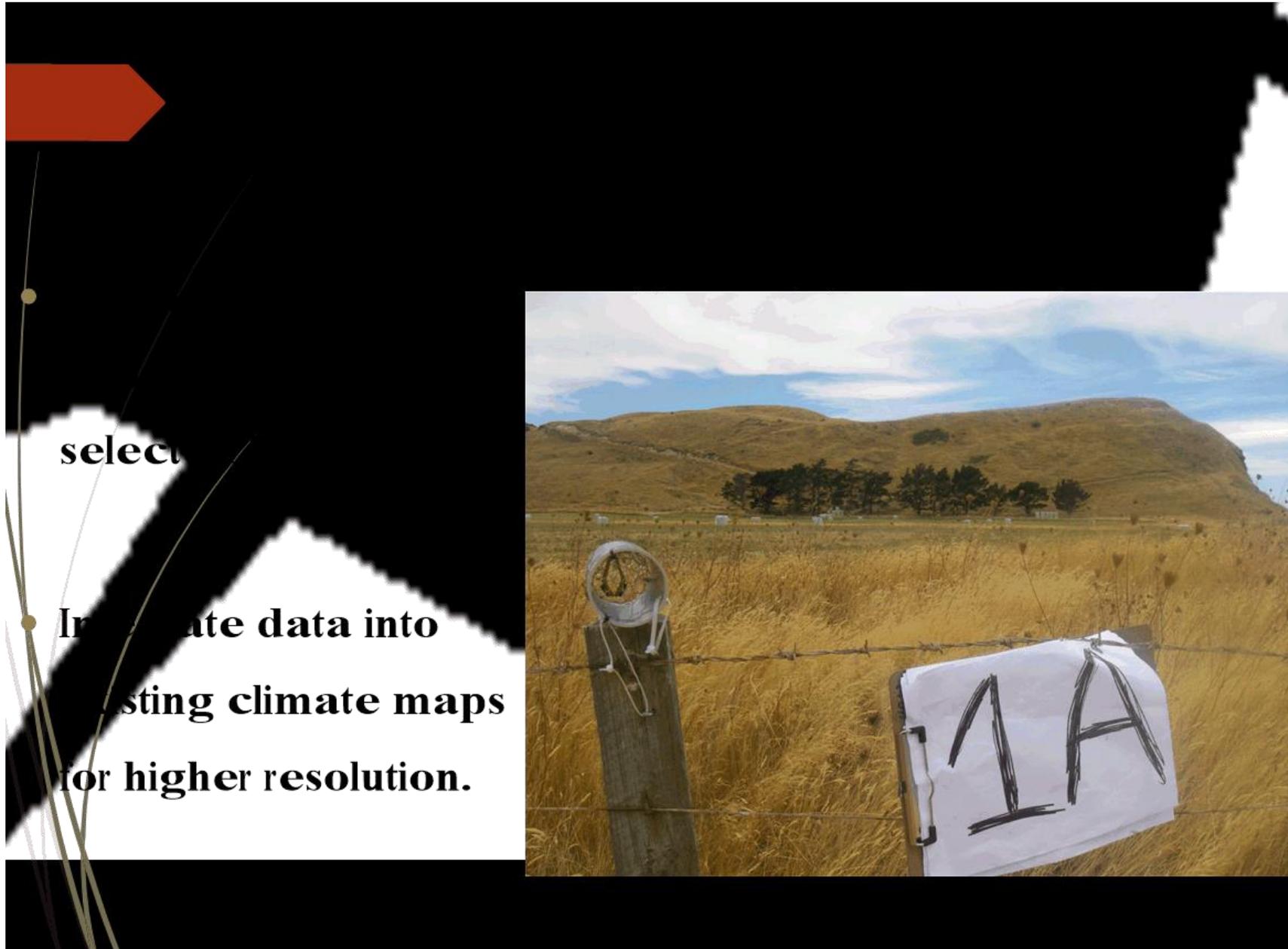
## Overall objective of Research:

Help identify opportunities for new crops and thus development in the Wairoa District.



## Specific aims:

- ▶ Undertake soil and climate analyses.
- ▶ Develop crop suitability maps for Wairoa District.
- ▶ Calculate irrigation needs for selected crops on key soil types.
- ▶ Produce frost risk maps for Wairoa District.
- ▶ Report on horticultural land use options which may provide increased economic benefits to Wairoa whanau and community.



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- **Integrate data into existing climate maps for higher resolution.**



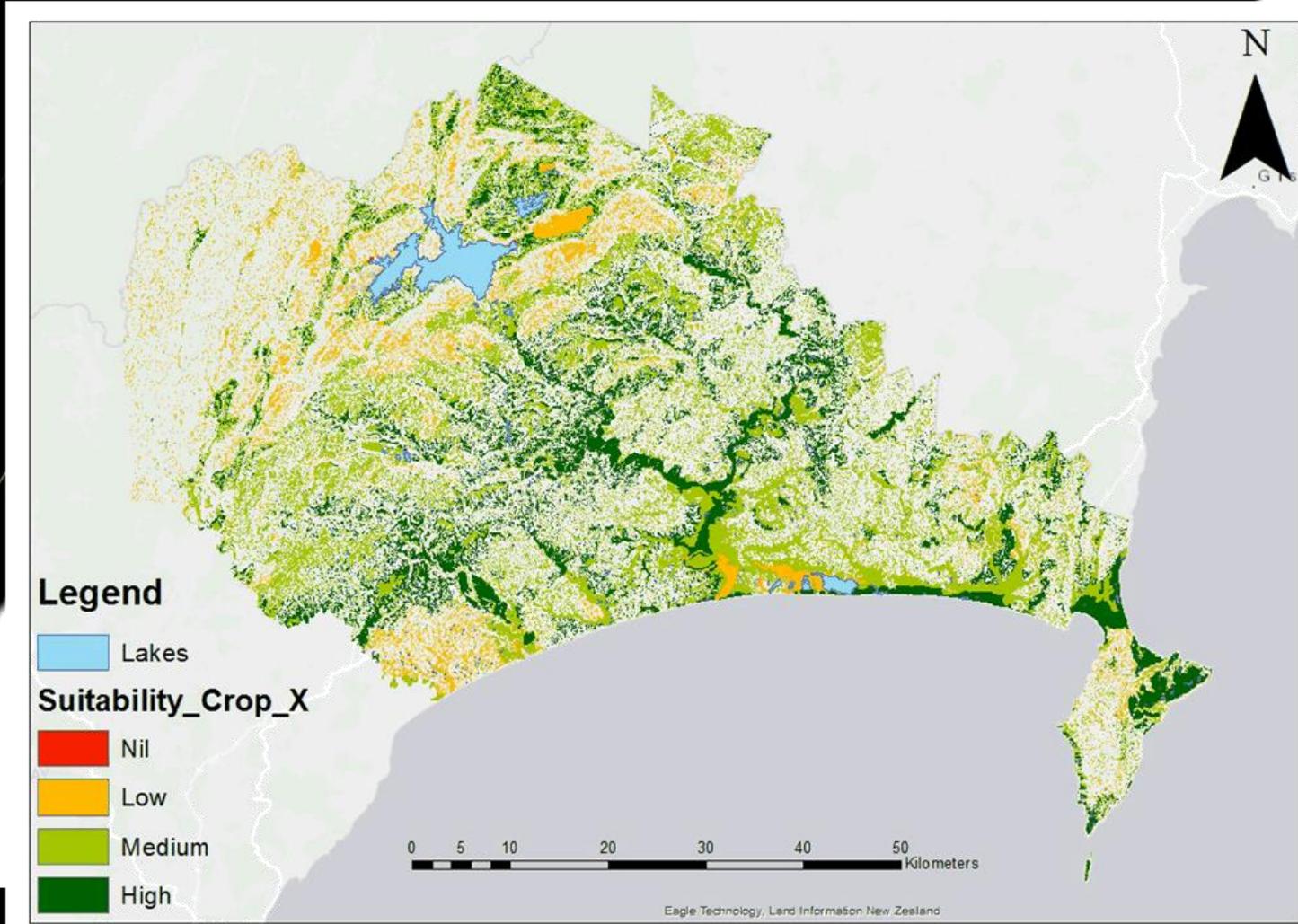
## Methods - soil analysis:

- ▶ Initial soil descriptions.
- ▶ Take soil samples to Landcare Research soil lab to measure soil water holding capacity.
- ▶ Model soil moisture deficit and calculate monthly crop irrigation requirements.

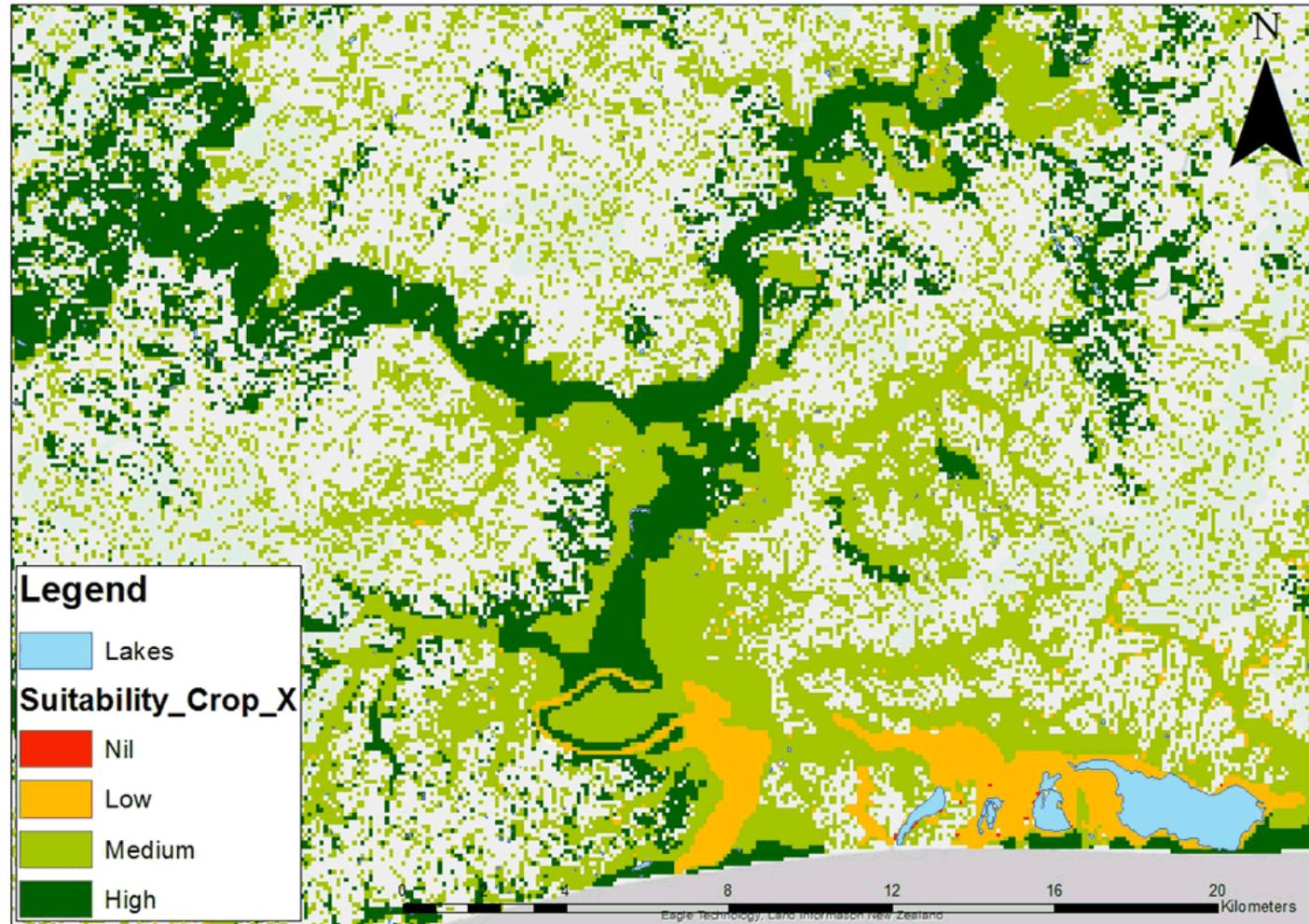
## Methods Crop Suitability:

- ▶ Review literature to determine soil and climate requirements for a range of crops including: fruits, vegetables, nuts, new or alternative crops such as natives, eg manuka, kawakawa, ti kouka.
- ▶ Apply GIS to soil, topography, climate, and crop requirements, to develop crop suitability maps for Wairoa District.

# Example of potential results:



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## Conclusion:

- ▶ My project can help landowners make informed decisions towards intensive land use to provide economic benefits to whanau, community and the Wairoa District.
- ▶ Wairoa District Council Economic Development Officer Annalena Atzwanger will be available to provide ongoing support.
- ▶ If you would like to be involved – lets talk and help each other out!!

**David Tipoki**

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**From:** Robert Inwood <seawood@farmside.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 February 2017 1:21 p.m.  
**To:** David Tipoki  
**Subject:** Re: Wairoa District Council Contact Us

David  
Thank you for your prompt reply. The situation is I had thought. Keep up the good work.  
Robert

**From:** David Tipoki  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** 'seawood@farmside.co.nz'  
**Cc:** Peter Whaanga (peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz) ; Kiwa Hammond ; Paul Kelly (pk.terauhina@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Wairoa District Council Contact Us

Kia ora koe Robert,  
Ngā mihi o te wā.  
As luck would have it I have just spoken to someone else this morning with the same question as you.  
I must advise that the response from our Māhia community, Māori and Pakeha alike, is a resounding no to this type of activity.  
Wairoa District Council will, in all likelihood, commence formal consultation with the view of providing an area at the public cemetery out there for activities such as this. We expect a motion to be put at our next Māori Standing Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March, and thence to full council shortly thereafter.

Please accept our aroha.

He oi,

David Tipoki  
**Maori Relationships Manager**

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**Sent:** Monday, 20 February 2017 9:37 a.m.  
**To:** 'seawood@farmside.co.nz' <seawood@farmside.co.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Wairoa District Council Contact Us

Hi Robert - thanks for your email. I have forwarded it to our Maori Relationship Manager, for attention.

Regards

**Kay Lindstrom**  
Information Systems Operator  
Email: [kay@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:kay@wairoadc.govt.nz)

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**Subject:** Wairoa District Council Contact Us

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First Name:: Robert

Last Name:: Inwood

Phone:: 0212505472

Email Address:: seawood@farmside.co.nz

Town/City:: Coromandel

Comments:: The last wishes of my deceased in-laws is to have their ashes scattered in the sea off Mahia Beach.

Please advise of any By-law that has to be observed?

Regards,

Robert Inwood

: Please keep me updated on Wairoa District Council's initiatives via e-mail

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**David Tipoki**

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**From:** Cass Alexander <Cass.Alexander@whanganui.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 February 2017 8:36 a.m.  
**To:** David Tipoki  
**Cc:** Peter Whaanga (peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz); Kiwa Hammond; Paul Kelly (pk.terauhina@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Scattering of ashes

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you so much for taking the effort to find out the information for me and for your kind words. We will be scattering the ashes on private land near Wairoa.

I am glad to see this issue is being brought up at your Council as no doubt others may want to scatter ashes in your beautiful part of the country.

Cass Alexander

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**From:** David Tipoki [mailto:davidt@wairoadc.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 February 2017 9:32 a.m.  
**To:** Cass Alexander <Cass.Alexander@whanganui.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Peter Whaanga (peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz) <peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz>; Kiwa Hammond <kiwa@aatea.co.nz>; Paul Kelly (pk.terauhina@hotmail.com) <pk.terauhina@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Scattering of ashes

Kia ora koe Cass,  
Ngā mihi o te wā.

Thank you for speaking to me this morning. I have decided to forward you my email trail to give you an idea of why our Māhia community is resoundingly against the idea of spreading ashes in the area.

As discussed it also brings up the issue of where we at WDC can designate an area especially for the purpose of spreading/burying ashes – with that in mind our Māori Standing Committee representative for that area, Peter Whaanga, will more than likely seek a motion at our next MSC meeting recommending some course of action.

Please accept our aroha in this matter and convey the same to your parents and family. If I can be of any other assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

He oi,

David Tipoki  
**Maori Relationships Manager**



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2017 2:51 p.m.  
**To:** David Tipoki <[davidt@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:davidt@wairoadc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Scattering of ashes

Kia Ora Bro in regards to Mokotahi Lookout (tirotiro kau ika) The landowner is Doi Ormond but she gave it to the Queen Elizabeth II Trust to administer. She has said no to it as well as the entire maori community I emailed about this kaupapa. I have a korero in reference to this place as not only dating back to Ruawharo but also to pre european times for this area. Because of our kapata kai we will not condone the putting of ashes into our seas shoreline because our tikanga must be followed and this will mean a Rahui placed on all gathering of kaimoana in the area for two years and this will not be good for us.

So in short NO.

As an aside matter it was brought up as to why the Council doesn't have a urupa out here for such occasions and to also inter people who can't or don't want to be interred in our urupa. Something that maybe Council could look at.

Heoi ano

Pita

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**From:** David Tipoki <[davidt@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:davidt@wairoadc.govt.nz)>  
**To:** Peter Whaanga <[peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 February 2017 4:28 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Scattering of ashes

kia ora mai e hoa,  
 please read email below-i can reply to them officially if you prefer. up to you.....)  
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From: Trudy Clark <[trudy@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:trudy@wairoadc.govt.nz)<<mailto:trudy@wairoadc.govt.nz>>>  
 Date: 14 February 2017 at 4:25:12 PM NZDT  
 To: Cass Alexander <[Cass.Alexander@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:Cass.Alexander@whanganui.govt.nz)<<mailto:Cass.Alexander@whanganui.govt.nz>>>

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Subject: RE: Scattering of ashes

Thank you for your email. I will forward your request to Councils Maori Relationship Manager, David Tipoki.

Regards

Trudy Clark  
It Systems Administrator

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Sent: Monday, 13 February 2017 6:46 p.m.

To: Administrator <[administrator@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:administrator@wairoadc.govt.nz)<mailto:[administrator@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:administrator@wairoadc.govt.nz)>>

Subject: Scattering of ashes

Hi,

We are seeking information about whether it is possible to scatter our grandparents' ashes from Mokotahi Lookout in Mahia. Are you able to please see if there are any restrictions, particularly culturally which would prevent this.

If not from this lookout, would we be able to scatter them in the water at Mahia Beach? Or if this is not viable, are there any other locations around the Mahia area where we are able to scatter the ashes?

For context, our grandmother Isabelle Alexander and her husband Ken Alexander spent a great deal of time at Mahia with our extended family where they were younger and my grandfather Ken grew up in the area.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Cass Alexander (on behalf of the Alexander family)

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**David Tipoki**

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**From:** Peter Whaanga <peter.whaanga@yahoo.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 February 2017 3:43 p.m.  
**To:** David Tipoki  
**Subject:** Fw: Scattering of ashes

Bro a sample of the common answer out here in regards to this issue.

Heoi

Pita

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2017 6:03 PM

**Subject:** Re: Scattering of ashes

Kia ora Pita,

The first point to be noted is that these ashes are human remains.

It is highly inappropriate in terms of tikanga to dispose of human remains on a place such as Mokotahi - a site associated with Ruawharo.

It is also incredibly inappropriate to have human ashes scattered into the water at Mahia Beach - over our tuatua beds. In fact anywhere on the Mahia shoreline is part of our kapata kai and we do not want human remains disposed of in areas where we gather food.

Other iwi have developed protocols to deal with this very problem of people scattering ashes on wahi tapu or in what non-Maori consider public spaces.

This is probably a good time for the Maori Standing Committee to develop protocols to address this issue.

Nga mihi,  
Mere.



KAIUKU MARAE COMMITTEE  
BOX 8  
WAIROA

16 February 2017

David Tipoki  
Maori Liaison Officer  
Wairoa District Council



**RE :Scattering of ashes on Mokotahi**

Kaiuku Marae Trustees are the Kaitiaki of Mokotahi and totally oppose the scattering of ashes on this maunga and anywhere else where we have mana whenua!

The Marae has been in contact with Queen Elizabeth II Trust (owners of Mokotahi) with regards to this matter, and they are in full support of the Marae decision.

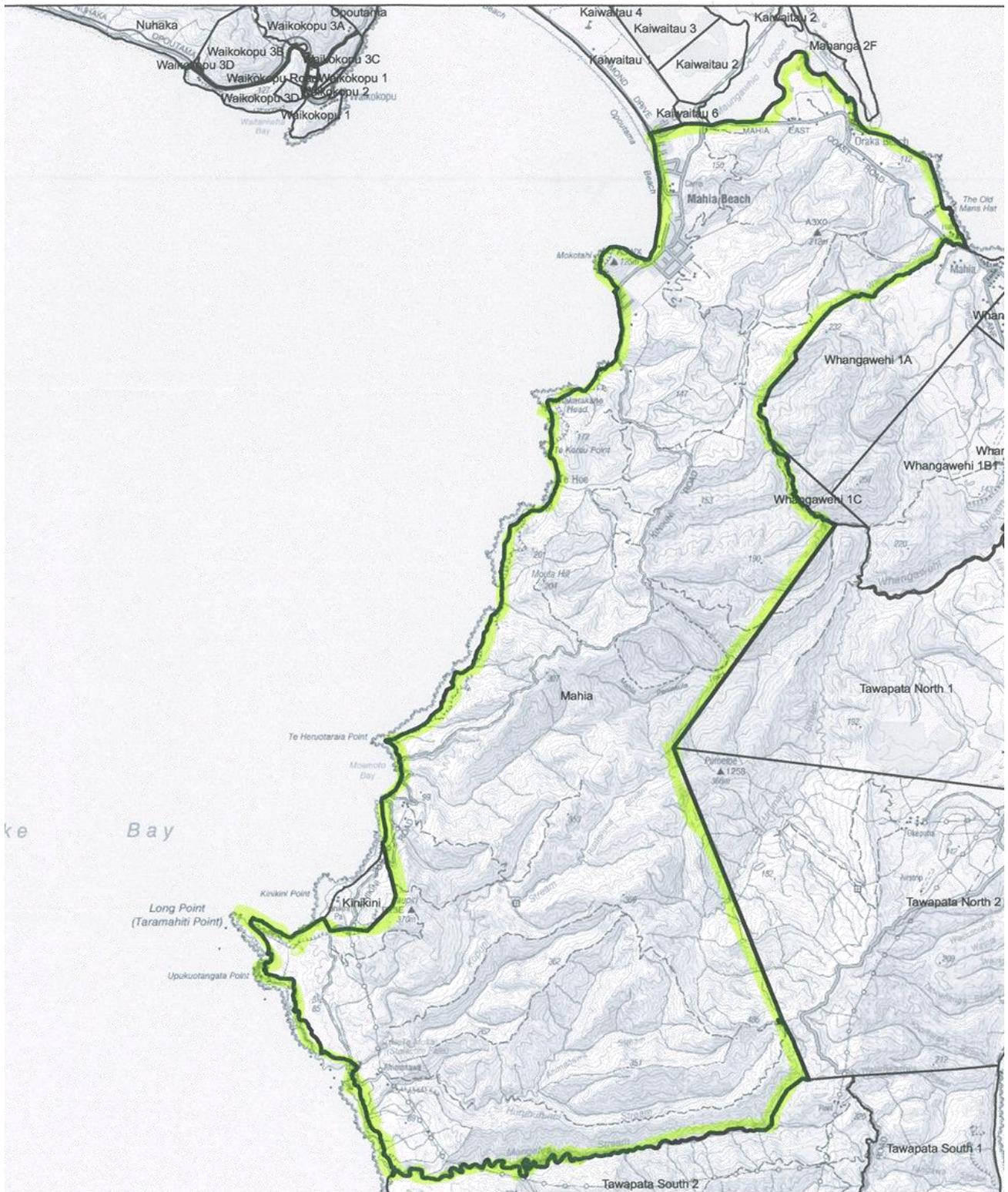
We should not have to remind you that ashes are human remains and to scatter these on whenua enjoyed by many is not tikanga and so not acceptable!

We also question why this request was not directed firstly to Kaiuku Marae as Kaitiaki of the area?

Once again we ask that any business that applies to the Whenua we have Mana over be sent to the Marae first and again we attach a map of Kaiuku Marae Mana Whenua.

We look forward to hearing from you  
Nga Mihi

Nolan Burnett  
Chairperson Kaiuku Marae



**Maori Land Development and Commercialisation Project**



**Project Objective:**

1. To assist Maori landowners to develop non-productive and under-producing Maori land (50,000 ha).
2. To promote best land-usage for the purpose of sustainable commercialisation.
3. Develop businesses with a focus on bio-diversity, matauranga (retention of knowledge), and sustainability by Maori land-owners.
4. Create employment opportunities and on-the-job-training.
5. Improve community well-being.

**Funding**  
**\$120,000 p.a plus**  
**administration**  
**costs of \$1000**  
**per month**

**Team/Stakeholders**

1. Matariki Governance Team
2. Te Puni Kokiri
3. Maori Land Owners
4. Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MoBIE)
5. Te Matarae O Te Wairoa Economic Development Trust. (Wairoa Horizons Trust)

**Start Date**  
**1 March 2017**

**Expected Outcome:**

1. Development of underutilised land.
2. Increased capability of Maori Land Owners and the formation of Management structures to enable the development to proceed with the correct governance.
3. Increase in jobs and opportunities for internships and on-the-job training.
4. Investment back into local business.
5. Start-up of new business with the right structure, commercial business plans and market validation.
6. Access to government support and funding.
7. Active database of the critical land information and development plans

**Wairoa Horizon**  
**Trustees:**  
**Karen Burger**  
**Richard Allen**  
**Dean Whaanga**

**Reporting**

- Monthly reporting to the Wairoa Horizons Trust.
- Quarterly reporting to Matariki Governance Board and MoBIE.

**Contract Lead**

To be appointed.

<p><b>Resourcing</b></p>	<p>There is the potential to improve productivity on approximately 50,000 ha of Maori-owned land in the Wairoa District. There is no singular organisation co-ordinating the potential development and commercialisation of this land Horizons Trust will play a pivotal role in the co-ordination of this project and delivering on the expected outcomes above.</p> <p><b>Year one resourcing requires:</b>                  One full time Business Development Manager who will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a database of the 1783 parcels of Maori land, approximately 90,000 ha.</li> <li>• Supporting the development of the potential 1213 parcels to establish an appropriate management structure.</li> <li>• Work with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment organisations and Te Puni Kokiri, to allocate resources to development-ready land owners who have the right Management structure in place.</li> <li>• Where management is in place, support the development of a plan for the managed and un-managed blocks that are unproductive or under-utilised.</li> <li>• Stay connected to the management teams to review progress and assess additional support mechanisms that will assist with timely implementation of the development plans.</li> <li>• Report progress as above.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resource and Strategic Partners</b></p>	<p>Ngati Kahungunu Wairoa Taiwhenua                  Ngati Pahuwera                  New Zealand Trade and Enterprise                  Te Puni Kokiri                  Ministry of Primary Industries                  New Zealand Food Innovation Network                  Export New Zealand                  Regional Business Partners Capability Voucher Scheme                  Massey University                  Lincoln University                  Waikato University                  Wairoa District Council                  Business Hawke's Bay</p>
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**Please note:** This Project Scope is supported by the information contained in the attached document: Background Information for Maori Land Development and Commercialisation Project as written by Richard Allen (Trustee).

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Juvenile kōura

**Adding value to existing operations:**

Following a three year research project, a best practice aquaculture guide for kōura (waikōura, keewai or freshwater crayfish) was completed in June 2016. It provides for all levels of kōura farming from the hobbyist and local community operations to commercial scale with a focus of using kōura as an additional revenue stream, adding bio-diversity to a farm operation, or as a start-up venture for under-producing or non-productive land.

The three year research project was begun in July 2013 with trials being undertaken by Ernslaw One, in Otago, in their southern forest ponds to develop 'practical solutions' for aspects such as pond design, refuge creation, stocking densities, male to female ratios, animal health management, and water quality requirements. Ernslaw One was looking at options to generate revenue in their forests between tree rotations (roughly 45 years). After some initial research, the decision was made to trial kōura, a project which sits alongside, but doesn't impact upon, existing forestry operations. Ernslaw One initially consulted with Ngai Tahu as part of gaining the necessary approvals and permits and latterly over the use of the name "*keewai*."

An important objective of the project was to reduce the time required to develop a kōura farm and therefore the time required to create a viable business. In addition, once viable kōura farms are in operation there will be an opportunity to establish a network of kōura farmers and, long term, a "kōura farmers' association", thereby providing for greater ability to share information and develop the industry. More kōura farms in operation equates to greater production, sharing of knowledge and resources, better consistency of supply, and the ability to develop markets,

While there is a fledgling kōura aquaculture industry in New Zealand; to date none of the licenced farmers are producing large volumes for sale. Kōura farming provides an

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opportunity to create additional revenue without impacting on existing land use activities. There are hundreds of thousands of forestry fire ponds, existing farm irrigation dams or other similar water bodies across productive land which could be utilised to grow kōura.

**Retention of matauranga (traditional knowledge) and traditional food source:**

The native freshwater crayfish is an endangered species. Kōura were once very commonplace but due to the removal of riparian vegetation and the introduction of the predators such as trout, the kōura species is now classed as ‘At risk – declining’ by the New Zealand Threat Classification System. As they are found nowhere else in the world, there is even more reason to protect them. The Earnslaw project is a commercial venture, but there may be conservation benefits in the future as our forests could become kōura refuges. There may also be opportunities for stream restoration projects or reintroductions to areas where kōura have historically existed, but are now scarce or no longer present.

The ability to establish new farms will enable small kōura farms that will supply local communities and help to reinvigorate a traditional species, and retain traditional knowledge and customary practices related to kōura. For example - tau kōura are bundles of bracken fronds tied together then sunk to the river or lake bottom. The bundles make good homes for the kōura, who use them as hidey-holes during the daytime. They have been used traditionally to catch kōura, for example by Te Atiawa in the Rotorua lakes. The bracken bundle is left in a stream or lake for a few weeks, then brought up carefully with a net underneath to harvest the catch.

Additionally, the development of the kōura farming industry will provide opportunities to release kōura back into the wild enhancing natural populations. Kōura are a feature of healthy waterways and a traditional food source for Maori; an important component of customary fishing practices.

**Free from disease – a unique advantage:**

New Zealand is one of the few countries in the world with freshwater crayfish that do not carry the crayfish plague disease that has decimated populations in Europe; hence, there is also an opportunity for New Zealand to fill a space and supply overseas markets.

**Sustainable Farming Fund:**

The Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) allowed in-depth research in freshwater crayfish habitat, and identify their preferences. As a result it has been possible to replicate this habitat type throughout ponds, learning how to best to farm kōura in an extensive aquaculture setting. A lot of time was spent diving in ponds looking at where kōura lived – and trying to work out why. It became readily apparent that kōura only lived in the riparian areas and the pond centres were largely uninhabited. This initiated a series of trials looking at different refuge types. Given the scale of the operation, it was necessary to find something plentiful, cheap and nearby, with a range of plant materials used (e.g. gorse and broom). Broom is now widely used as it is plentiful and has a longer life in the pond than other plant species – although all species trialled resulted in large increases in the biomass of kōura. Overall there is now a good understanding of what kōura need, and how to create habitat that yields greater biomass – but we are constantly learning and tweaking our operation to achieve better production. Another outcome from the SFF project will be the publication of a “How to farm crayfish” guide,” released in June 2016. This handbook

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provides an update on current information about kōura farming with sections on permits and biology. It will give those interested in kōura aquaculture a good level of understanding when starting out.

**Size of current operation:**

Currently Earnslaw has around 1,800 ponds (around 17ha of pond area) but long term there is potential for around 3,000 ponds.

**Production lead time:**

Generally, a pond is created and left for two years to “age” prior to stocking. Once stocked, harvesting of scalable kōura can commence in two to four years. Each pond is treated as a sustainable unit removing the larger kōura each year leaving the juveniles and berried females (those carrying eggs).

**Natural resources:**

There are approximately thirty thousand hectares of forest in the South Island and within these are areas where the trees won't grow, or can't be planted due to environmental or logistical reasons – but where kōura can be grown. Rain or springs supply the water so there are few issues around water quality since the forests generally encompass the headwater areas of catchments.

**Favourable environment, food sources, prey and predators:**

The preferred environment is deep, dark, water and a muddy or stony bottom with pond weed and dead vegetation, lots of hiding places and a temperature not exceeding 20degC. Adult kōura are negatively associated with trout and eel presence, suspended solids concentrations, and velocity of currents, and positively associated with wood cover, depth of water, and vegetation cover. The picturesque trees overhanging the ponds are a working part of the production unit. The distribution of kōura has reduced significantly due to the alteration of its natural environment; kōura are found at sites where there are weed beds and vegetation. Other studies have shown that native vegetation along a stream also helps.

Artificial food is not generally provided, although ponds are seeded with watercress and Carrex grasses which provide both a food source and refuge for the crayfish. Part of the marketing strategy is to emphasise a very clean healthy product with no artificial feeding – Nature provides everything they need. In wild populations, kōura will feed at every tropic level from filtering phytoplankton through to algae and rotting flesh. They also eat plant matter and insects. In the wild, kōura prey on juvenile fish and eels, but the larger fish and eels return the favour. Brown trout are also known to consume kōura. Other animals known to predate on kōura include stoats and ferrets, hedgehogs, rats, hawks, shags, kingfishers, mallard ducks, dragonfly larvae, and eels. Predation is an important consideration for any aquaculture venture and predator disturbance/control may be required to limit potential losses. Measures could include filters or grates on water intakes or a fence surrounding a pond (for eels, trout, galaxiids), regular disturbance for birds, (experience shows that after several disturbances shags tend not to return) and predator fences (for stoats and hedgehogs).

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**Water quality:**

Water quality is key to the success of kōura farming. While freshwater crayfish are able to tolerate a range in the water quality parameters, to get the best growth rates the water needs to be kept close to optimal conditions. In natural ponds, biological processes generally keep levels of harmful bacteria or nitrates within acceptable levels. However, once stocking rates are increased and/or artificial foods added, water quality needs to be monitored frequently.

**Pond design:**

Kōura are found in highest densities alongside bank areas, especially where there is cover. Therefore, any pond design should maximise these features. Rectangular-shaped ponds and/or those with islands in the middle provide the greatest bank area to total area ratio. Ponds that are 5 – 7 metres wide and between 1.0 and 1.2 metres deep are ideal for production and ease of management. If there is a readily available water source the ability to drain and rapidly refill ponds is an advantage for surveying and harvesting ponds. When designing the pond layout, it is important to allow for vehicle access (quad bike or 4WD) around all ponds to facilitate easier stock management.

**Seed stock:**

The sourcing of 'healthy' stock is of the utmost importance. Special permits, under s97 of the Fisheries Act 1966, can be obtained to collect wild stock but there are strict controls imposed to ensure harvesting is done sustainably. Alternately, stock may be obtained from current freshwater crayfish farms.

**Processing facilities:**

There is a purging/packing facility based at the AgResearch Invermay facility near Mosgiel. Food grade laboratories and space were available there and it was a relatively simple task to set up an approved food-safe facility for processing. The food safety requirements are quite stringent, from harvesting to packaging – and then there is the fish farm licence you need to get as well.

Currently the kōura are transported to the purging facility in large food grade chilli-bins. Twelve to 15 koura are needed for a 1kg order worth \$80 plus freight costs. They are packed into polystyrene boxes with a freezer pad, a sprinkling of water and a nest of ferns and other vegetation to protect and keep them apart. Air-freighted throughout New Zealand, they can live in a restaurant chiller for three weeks. Koura are sold mostly live, with farmers reportedly being offered up to US\$100 per kilogram from overseas buyers.

**Yield:**

The yield from a pond can be hard to predict as ponds of a similar size and location can have vastly different yields. In general, ponds with a shape that maximises riparian areas, along with the addition of large amounts of refuge, will increase harvest volumes. In semi-intensive farms, where races are stocked with kōura of a similar size class and where supplementary feeding is provided, yields of up to eight saleable kōura per square metre have been achieved (New Zealand Clearwater Crayfish Ltd). Based on these production figures, a pond with dimensions of 40m by 5m (200m<sup>2</sup>) could produce up to 1600 sale sized kōura annually, ie. 100 – 120 kgs pa, or \$10 - \$12,000 pa per pond.

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**Future Development Opportunities:**

Given the world focus on healthy and safe food, the export of a quality live kōura from a natural environment as a potential growth area. With this in mind, the Asia Pacific Centre for Food Integrity in New Zealand have been assisting in developing the food safety protocols to ensure they meet both New Zealand and overseas markets standards.



**PRIMARY GROWTH PARTNERSHIP (PGP)**

A Primary Growth Partnership has been developed and has been approved past stage 1. The invitation exists to engage with PSGE entities and iwi organisations, to take the PGP past stage 2. At least one Wairoa organisation needs to be represented. The success and sustainability of this kōura -farming project would be greatly enhanced through being a lead-participant in the PGP.

**SITE VISIT:**

Richard Allen (Te Matarae O Te Wairoa Economic Development Trust) and Tu Kahukiwa (Ngati Hineuru) will be travelling to Otago in the first week of March, 2017 to participate in the harvesting, purging, transport and marketing processes, and to gain further understandings of the production and breeding processes, pond placement and construction.

**FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

John Hollows has offered to come to Hawkes Bay in May 2017 to conduct site evaluations and prepare reports on site feasibility for kōura farming. He will be available for 6 x ½-day modules and 5 of those have been taken up.

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SUBMISSION FOR FUNDING FOR A PROJECT MANAGER FOR TE MATARAE O TE WAIROA TRUST  
MAORI LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

**The Objective of the Project:**

To assist Maori landowners to develop non-productive and under-producing Maori land. To promote best land-usage, profitability, bio-diversity, matauranga (retention of knowledge), and sustainability by Maori land-owners, leading to employment, job-training and increased community well-being.

**The Purpose of this submission:**

To source funding to engage a project manager to continue the progress already underway, and to accomplish the above objective.

**The role of Te Matarae O Te Wairoa Economic Development Trust in relation to Maori Land Development:**

- Te Matarae's role is to facilitate and to assist.
- We do not become involved in management of land blocks.
- We do not make decisions about how Maori land-owners use their land.
- We will provide assistance to Maori land-owners who wish to apply to the Maori Land Court to form authorised management structures.
- We will provide assistance to Maori land-owners who wish to engage with the Ministry for Primary Industries, Te Puni Kokiri, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, or other National, Regional or Local Government, or non-Government agencies.
- We will endeavour to provide access to business mentoring for Maori land-owners.
- We will seek out and appraise new opportunities and options for land-use.
- We will facilitate meetings between Maori land-owners and industry organisations.
- We will facilitate meetings between Maori land-owners and service providers.
- We will facilitate meetings between Maori land-owners and funding providers.

**Guiding Principles:**

- In terms of Maori land, we can only work with the willing.
- There are different levels of readiness and willingness amongst Maori land-owners.
- There is no one-size-fits-all solution. Each block has its individual *mauri* (vital essence), its own unique characteristics.
- Each group of owners has different dynamics, expectations and personalities.
- Each block that is moving forward has a *kaihautu* (person who takes the lead). That *kaihautu* needs to be identified and engaged to facilitate progress.
- Development of individual holdings leads to volume of production, which is the basis for establishment of a localised processing unit, further employment and job-training, and retention of benefits within the district.
- *Matauranga* "retention of traditional knowledge" is an under-pinning principle. Therefore projects which involve traditional methods (eg. rongoa, native plant nurseries) or traditional food sources (eg. fresh-water koura) will be highly regarded and thoroughly considered.
- We will build a detailed knowledge base of Maori land-owners and their holdings.
- We will endeavour to work with, and form strategic partnerships and alliances with organisations that have parallel objectives or can assist in attaining our objectives.

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MAORI LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

**Background Information:**

- In the Wairoa District there are 1783 parcels of Maori land, approximately 90,000 ha.
- The average size per block is 58 ha.
- Of those 1783 parcels, only 570 have management structures.
- Therefore 1213 do not have a management structure. 850 of these un-managed blocks are unproductive or under-utilised. Some blocks that have management structures are also non-productive or under-producing, or being utilised by parties other than the owners.
- Therefore, there is the potential to improve productivity on approximately 50,000 ha of Maori-owned land in the Wairoa District.
- Successful pilot models have already been established in the Raupunga area over the last three years, leading to conversion of gorse and blackberry-covered land into horticulturally productive units, and upscaling of previously under-producing land. This spring, 2016, approximately 250 ha of Maori land in Raupunga will be engaged in horticulture. Four years ago there was none.



1. May 2013 - Approx. 1 ha of Mohaka A50 covered in blackberry. 5 ha in pasture.



2. March 2014 - 5 ha. Of the same block planted in maize. Blackberry still there around edges.



3. June 2016 - The same aspect as in 1 above, with new riparian fences, 2000 native trees being planted along the waterway. Blackberry all gone.

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4. Nov 2016 - 5 ha of Mohaka A50 now planted in apples under a 15-year joint venture with Cedenco for pulping apples.

**Agricultural crops already involved (or tried):**

- Maize
- Peas
- Sweet corn
- Apples

**Apples:**

Discussions are well under-way with Pipfruitnz, MPI, and Business Hawkes Bay, and has involved representatives of the HB REDS, about developing a unique brand of high-end eating apple, grown in Wairoa for export, especially to the developing Asian market. This unique brand would carry an authentic Wairoa whakapapa that would be communicated in such a way to engage with other cultures. Traci Houopapa, on the Prime Minister's Trade Delegation to India said *"One of the key themes that is coming through all of the conversations that I'm having with Indian businessman and India industry leaders is the importance of culture and the connection between Māori and India. It's increasingly important for our government to start thinking about trade in terms of relationships with people."*

A whanau group has secured funding for a best land-use feasibility study, and have indicated that they will include apples in their study, and thus provide the framework for a joint-venture agreement. It is hoped this agreement can be produced to enable initial planting at Mill Pa during winter, 2017. The findings from this feasibility study can then be applied to other blocks. Pipfruitnz expects planted area to increase by about 1700 hectares by 2020, with most of the growth focused in Hawke's Bay. However, we know that land is scarce in HB and land suitable for apple-growing is leasing at \$5,000+ per hectare. A large percentage of that 1700 hectares could be in Wairoa.

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Discussions are on-going with Cedenco in Gisborne re their requirements for 2017/2018. They have indicated that they will be keen to expand on their existing activities in the Wairoa District.

Discussions have commenced with Wairoa Taiwhenua about defining the whakapapa and the tikanga around the mauri of the Wairoa-grown product. Once that whakapapa has been agreed upon, the next step would be to engage with someone like Ian Taylor to produce the graphics and develop the presentation.

Pipfruitnz are developing a Primary Growth Partnership (PGP), which is a government-industry initiative that will invest in significant programmes of research and innovation to boost the economic growth and sustainability of New Zealand's primary, forestry and food sectors. The PGP aims to:

- boost productivity, value and profitability in the primary sector
- deliver long-term economic growth and sustainability across primary industries, from producer to consumer
- encourage more private investment in research and development in New Zealand.

The PGP is an initiative that is aimed at helping primary industries to reach their maximum potential and to work towards goals like doubling the value of apple exports by 2025. A PGP involving uniquely-branded, Wairoa-produced, high-end apples for the overseas market could constitute a significant component of the national PGP initiative.

**Also currently under consideration:**

- Feijoas
- Limes
- Olives
- Avocados
- Macadamia nuts
- Fodder beet
- Lucerne
- Kiwifruit
- Kōura (fresh-water crayfish)



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MAORI LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**Kōura: (see separate submission on kōura)**

MPI have funded a 3-year study for Earnslaw Forests in Otago to produce a best-practice aquaculture guide for farming of fresh-water crayfish. This study was completed this year and the report was released in July, 2016. Kōura farming is considered a unique opportunity for Maori land-owners to diversify by value-adding to their existing operations, or, alternatively as a stand-alone venture. Kōura farming provides an opportunity to create additional revenue without impacting on existing land use activities.

Other considerations:

- Matauranga – retention of traditional knowledge.
- Retention of traditional customary practices relating to koura.
- Sustainability of a traditional food source which is classified as “*At risk – declining*” by the New Zealand Threat Classification System.
- Kōura were once plentiful throughout the Wairoa District, and are still present in reduced numbers, so we know that local conditions can be favourable to kōura.
- Kōura are a feature of healthy waterways.
- Kōura farming is a clean/green operation, which has market appeal.
- Opportunity to be at the forefront in a developing, profitable, high-end niche market with untapped global potential.
- Opportunity to develop another unique brand of “*only grown in Wairoa*” product with its own whakapapa and marketing advantages.
- Opportunity to participate in a primary growth partnership agreement (PGP) in a developing industry.

Initial discussions have taken place, and a site visit has been undertaken to Otago in November, 2016 for further discussions, and to view Earnslaw’s operation.

Whanau groups, Rongomaiwahine, Te Whakaari Corporation and Anewa Corporation have indicated that they would be willing to take a lead role in applying to MPI for a feasibility study. There are a number of other interested parties who are willing to support Te Whakaari’s application.

**Waikato University:**

We have been fortunate to secure the services of a student from Waikato University who is undertaking a degree course and is actively working with Te Matarae O Te Wairoa, compiling data with the objective of identifying opportunities for a range of crops that have the potential for development of more intensive land use that could provide increased employment and income to the district. Climate monitoring equipment is being installed on a number of Maori land blocks and will be monitored over the next 12 months.

Potential specific objectives include:

- Investigating requirements for a range of crops including rongoa plants.
- Climate analysis
- Soil/water balance
- Developing crop suitability maps based on soil/land use capability analysis.

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**To be considered (but not limited to):**

- Fruits, berries, citrus, figs etc.
- Nuts
- Viticulture, biofuel crops, tea, hops, olives, ginseng, hemp.
- Fodder crops and baleage crops.
- Honey
- Rongoa (traditional medicine).
- Aquaponics. Aquaponics is defined as a combination of aquaculture (growing fish in tanks) and hydroponics (growing plants in water). The nutrient produced from the fish waste is used for growing plants and the plants help purify the water for the fish. Aquaponics may be able to be used in conjunction with kōura farming.

**Alliances at Memorandum-of-Understanding Level:**

- Wairoa Tai Whenua
- Wairoa District Council

**Other Associations and potential Alliances:**

- Ministry for Primary Industries
- Te Kahui Ōhanga o Takitimu. (Hawkes Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.)
- Maori Land Court.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.
- HB Regional Council
- Wairoa District Council
- Te Puni Kokiri.
- The proposed Maori Land Service. (Te Ture Whenua)
- Activate Tairāwhiti.
- Business Hawkes Bay.
- Lincoln University.
- Massey University.
- Waikato University.
- Pipfruit NZ.
- Cedenco Foods New Zealand.
- Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust
- Tatau Tatau O Te Wairoa.
- Sharecroppers and other contractors.
- Te Tumu Paeroa.
- Others

**Responsibilities of Project Manager:**

1. Engage with Maori land-owners throughout Wairoa District to determine their aspirations, management status, and current productivity status of their land-blocks.
2. Encourage Maori land-owners to set up a management structure and become proactive and productive with their land.
3. Assist Maori land-owners to move to a point of readiness.
4. If necessary, assist Maori land-owners through the process of forming an authorised management structure, and assisting in their applications to the Maori Land Court.

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5. Direct Maori land-owners to appropriate Government agencies or Industry organisations, depending upon their aspirations and level of readiness.
6. Facilitate joint co-operative projects and applications where necessary.
7. Follow up on groups as in points 1 to 6 above, monitor progress and provide assistance where necessary.
8. Research and keep abreast of new development possibilities.
9. Keep detailed project records and statistics and report regularly to Te Matarae O Te Wairoa Economic Development Trust.
10. Develop project mapping.
11. Keep regular contact, and communicate with strategic alliance partners and other agencies.

**Key Performance Indicators:**

- Initial engagement with minimum 100 Maori land-owner groups in 12-month period.
- Demonstrated assistance to minimum 50 Maori land-owner groups in 12-month period, assisting them to a point of readiness to engage with funding agencies or industry groups and move into agricultural productivity or an enhanced level of agricultural productivity.
- If 50 Maori land-owner groups become productive or upgrade their productivity, this could translate to a productivity upgrade target of up to 2,500 hectares of Maori-owned land in the first 12 months.

**Timeline:**

This project is alive and moving now. The project manager is needed as soon as possible to take over the current workload from the Trustees of Te Matarae and move the project forward over the next 12 months. That is the short-term aim. The entire project could spread over the next few years and it is anticipated that once there is tangible evidence of agricultural activity, the community willingness to become engaged will move to another level. That has been our experience. When people see tractors and trucks operating, new fences, and crops growing, they want to know what is going on, and they want to be a part of the movement. Therefore we would like to see the door left open for re-negotiation of an extension and follow-up agreement towards the end of the first 12 months.

**Funding required:**

\$100,000 plus \$20,000 to cover bookkeeping, administration, travel/accommodation etc.

## 8.2 WAIROA WASTEWATER CONSENT UPDATE

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**Appendices:**

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3. [TOR-Stakeholder group](#) ↓

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide The Maori Standing Committee a progress update on this project
- 1.2 To seek the Maori Standing Committee's support in the formation of a stakeholder group which will work closely with the project team in the community engagement process leading to the selection of the best practicable option (BPO).

### RECOMMENDATION

That this informative report be received.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wairoa wastewater consenting project will be taken through a consultation process over the next six months culminating in the selection of a BPO.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The suitability of the current Wairoa wastewater treatment system requires evaluation ahead of its discharge being re-consented.
- 2.2 The identification of a preferred option for managing the discharges from the plant requires considerable homework to identify what is wrong with the current operation and what options there are for changes, if needed. This means a series of technical reports need to be prepared by various organisations and discussions held with the community and Tangata Whenua.
- 2.3 The reports will cover the following seven critical areas:
  - Reticulation – where does the water come from and how much?
  - Treatment – what is the performance of the treatment plant?
  - Water – what is the impact of the current discharge and what are alternative options?
  - Land – what are options for land application?
  - Tangata Whenua – matters that are important to Tangata Whenua
  - Values – what critical values does the community hold highly?
  - Planning – what are the council and legal requirements for continuing or looking at new discharge options?
- 2.4 The range of reports is shown on the attached Chart. It shows how some reports are needed in order to complete other reports. Reporting and technical work has been underway since 2015.

- 2.5 To maintain consistency between reports and to assist with the organisation of reporting, scopes and budgets have been developed for each report. The table attached is an example of a scope report.
- 2.6 The purpose of this reporting system is to summarise a large amount of technical information and bring it together in a coordinated way that is logical, but avoids duplication or gaps
- 2.7 The ultimate goal is to prepare a comprehensive set of documents that are suitable for assisting the decision of how the community should manage wastewater collected and treated at Wairoa. It will also be used to get approval from the Hawkes's Bay Regional Council for the continuation of the current system, or the development of a new system.

### 3. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 Lowe Environmental Impact (LEI) has been engaged to assist with the development of technical reports and consent documentation.
- 3.2 Neil Cook of Rationale consultants has been engaged to assist with project management, business case development and the public consultation process. Options associated with external funding will also be pursued.
- 3.3 In order to ensure a robust process is carried out when considering options, it is proposed to form a stakeholder group which will allow a tightly focused representative group to work alongside the project team in optioning toward a Best Practicable Option. Our intention is for membership to include 2 Councillors, 2 members of MSC, 1 member from AFFCO, 1 member from the business community, 1 youth member and 1 from a senior citizen group. Terms of reference for the group are attached

### 4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 This paper is for information purposes and options do not need to be considered.

### 5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Lodgement of a draft resource consent application with HBRC is expected by mid 2018 with final lodgement required by October 2018.

### 6. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

#### What is the change?

- 6.1 This paper is informative only

#### Compliance with legislation and Council Policy

- 6.2 Annual Plan – consistent and work has been planned for
- 6.3 Long Term Plan 2015-2025 – as above
- 6.4 District Plan - NA
- 6.5 Economic Development Strategy - NA
- 6.6 Other Council Policies – NA
- 6.7 Relevant legislation – There is a statutory requirement to procure resource consents

**What are the key benefits?**

6.8 The consenting process is necessary to secure certainty around the wastewater discharge for the Wairoa community

**What is the cost?**

6.9 Costs have been provided for in the Long Term Plan for the Reconsenting process

**What is the saving?**

6.10 N/A

**Who has been consulted?**

6.11 Consultation is already underway. A consultation strategy has been developed. Community engagement and views will be a key requirement to informing decisions to be made with this project. Consultation will be ongoing over the duration of this project. Tangata whenua engagement is a critical element of this project. Direction and assistance will be sought from the Maori Standing Committee throughout the project

**Service Delivery Review**

6.12 When was the last s17a service delivery review undertaken] N/A

6.13 [When is the next s17a review scheduled] N/A

**Maori Standing Committee**

6.14 It is proposed that an update will be provided to the MSC, with them nominating a contact for further consultation.

**7. SIGNIFICANCE**

7.1 The project will trigger a number of criteria around significance and engagement. Notably the 'wastewater network as a whole' is identified as a strategic asset in schedule two of the Significance and Engagement Policy. As such, the establishment of the proposed stakeholder group goes some way towards ensuring Council meets the obligations under it's Significant & Engagement Policy.

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

8.1 At an early stage of this project (7 July 2016) a risk workshop involving the project team was undertaken. This highlighted processes and opportunities, as well as work stream requirements, that needed to be considered to ensure the successful outcome of the project. Stakeholder engagement is identified as an important aspect of managing risk. Further Information

**Background Papers**

None at this stage

**References (to or from other Committees)**

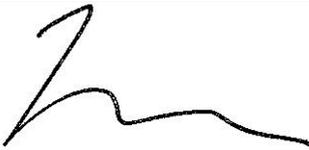
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**Confirmation of statutory compliance**

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision

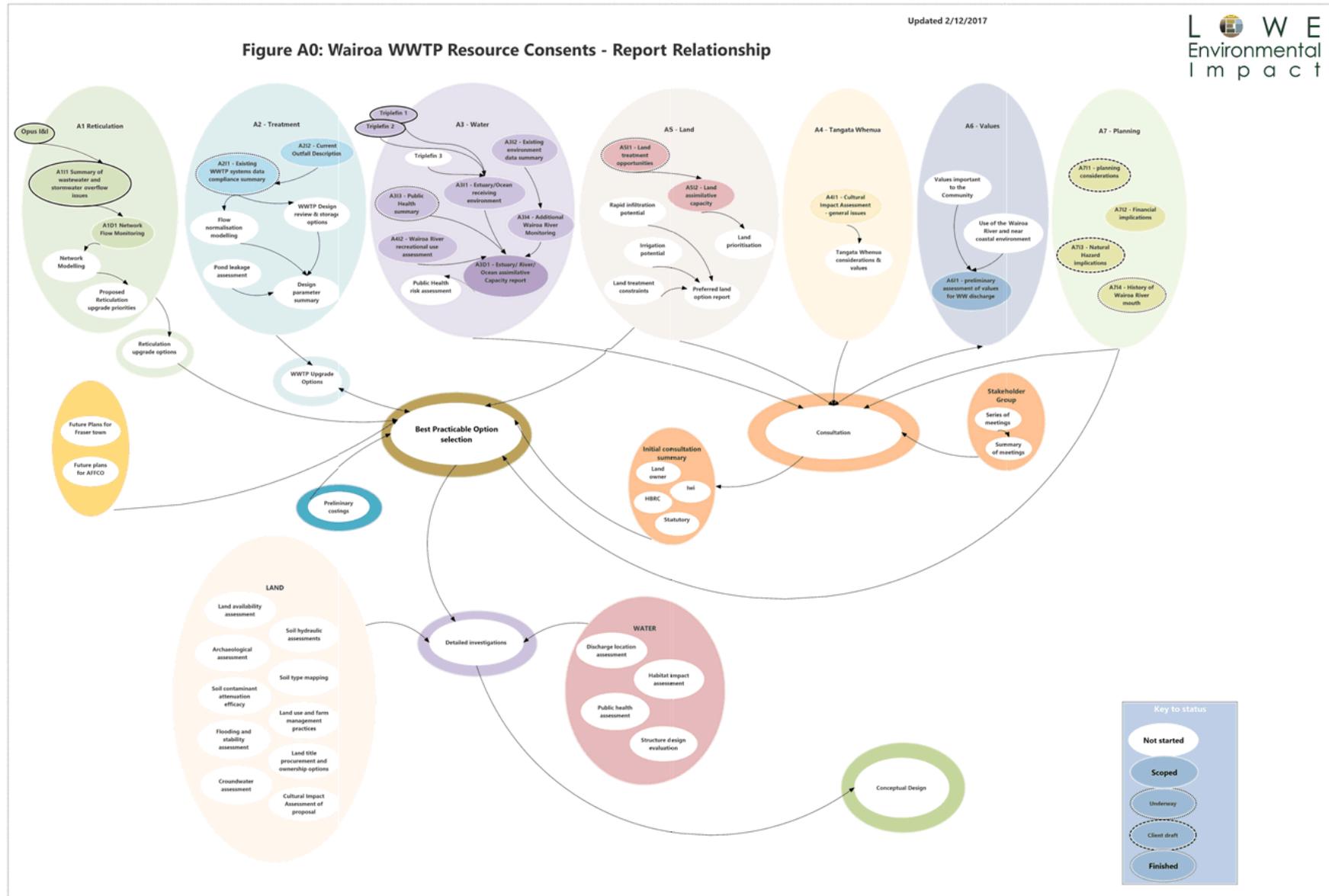
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## Sample Task Scope Report

**Table 1: Task Scope for report A1I1 – Summary of wastewater and stormwater overflow issues.**

<b>Date:</b>	3 June 2016
<b>Name:</b>	Summary of wastewater and stormwater overflow issues.
<b>Reference:</b>	A1I1
<b>Background:</b>	The Wairoa wastewater treatment system requires re-consenting and a possible upgrade. The major consent non-compliance issue with the present system, and a major issue to be addressed in re-consenting, is the recurrence of wastewater overflows to the Wairoa River, from manholes and pump stations, during times of heavy rain and high river level.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To characterise the issue of uncontrolled overflows from the Wairoa municipal wastewater system in the light of available and existing information, and to recommend options to manage the issue.
<b>What to Cover:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on the location, timing, preceding rainfall and river level in relation to overflow events;</li> <li>• Information on the effects of overflows;</li> <li>• Assessment of causes of overflows;</li> <li>• Identification of priority actions required to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the un-managed overflows; and</li> <li>• Recommendation of a program of investigations to identify specific works requirements for the reduction of the overflows.</li> </ul>
<b>Exclusions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of the Wairoa piped stormwater network.</li> </ul>
<b>Contributors:</b>	Low Environmental Impact, Wairoa District Council.
<b>Project Manager:</b>	Hamish Lowe
<b>Who to Contact:</b>	As needed
<b>Who not to Contact:</b>	Individual property owners.
<b>Timing:</b>	Started mid-2015; final report provided to Project Owner October 2015.
<b>Costs:</b>	\$X
<b>Type of Output:</b>	Report and Recommendations.
<b>Reference Material:</b>	Wairoa District Council asset information.
<b>Status:</b>	Completed.



## WAIROA WASTEWATER SCHEME STAKEHOLDER GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Introduction

Wairoa District Council (WDC) is investigating options for the future treatment and discharge of wastewater for the Wairoa township

The current situation involves treatment of wastewater in the treatment ponds near Pilot Hill; with effluent from the ponds discharged into the Wairoa River on an outgoing tide.

The current consents for the discharge of treated wastewater to the river expire on 31 May 2019. The Council therefore needs to determine what the future of Wairoa wastewater treatment and disposal will be and this engagement forms an important part of that process.

Since 2014 Council has been undertaking technical assessments to identify a range of treatment and disposal options.

### Purpose of the Stakeholder Group

The purpose of the Stakeholder Group is to provide a common platform where representative views of different sections of the community and interested stakeholders can be considered in the process of identifying and choosing the *best practicable option* for dealing with Wairoa's wastewater. Council seeks an option that will be economically, environmentally, socially, culturally, and financially sustainable.

By engaging the Stakeholder Group in the process at this early stage, it is hoped that it will streamline the consultation and consent application process as a better informed and therefore more robust options assessment will have been carried out.

### Governing Principles of the Stakeholder Group

The Stakeholder Group will:

- Keep an open mind about the issues and options;
- Respect each other's views,
- Focus on the issues not the personalities;
- Maintain confidentiality where necessary;
- Seek consensus for decision making where possible, and;
- Acknowledge that there might need to be a decision made that not all parties of the Stakeholder Group agree with.

### Stakeholder Group Mandate

The Stakeholder Group mandate is to:

- Be an active working group, functioning to create a consensus view rather than as individuals pursuing personal or sectional interests.
- Bring their diverse personal and professional experience to contribute to the assessment of issues and options.
- Provide feedback to the project team on the various options for treatment and discharge of Wairoa's wastewater.

- Be a 'sounding board' for the Council as it pursues the steps necessary to successfully select the best practical option for the Wairoa Wastewater scheme and prepare the associated resource consent application(s)
- Act as the 'community conscience' for the project team
- Provide feedback on the direction and methods of public engagement to be undertaken and assist with consultation by sharing information (where appropriate) with relevant parties.
- Ensure that the option chosen considers the outcome of public participation

Whilst it is intended the Stakeholder Group will provide valuable input to the project, the final decision of how to proceed remains the responsibility of the Elected Council.

The Stakeholder Group will be appropriately acknowledged for their contribution but in no way will Council or the project team seek to place responsibility for decisions made on the Stakeholder Group.

### **Membership**

Membership to the Stakeholder Group is voluntary with membership invited from the following:

- Tangata Whenua x 2
- Wairoa District Councillors x 2
- Business Representative x 1
- AFFCO Representative x 1
- Community Members x 2 (one youth and one senior member)

A Facilitator will be provided by Council to assist discussion within the Stakeholder Group members.

Note: individuals are invited to join the Stakeholder Group based on the role they fulfil within the authority or organisation and not on the basis of their individual interests.

External resources to support the work of the Stakeholder Group will be drawn from experts with knowledge of the issues surrounding the Wastewater discharge options being considered.

In acknowledgement of the efforts required members will be paid a sitting fee for any meetings attended.

### **Timeline and key dates**

The Stakeholder Group is to operate for a fixed term that enables adequate time for the group to select a best practicable option and for this to be reported to Council. A tentative timeframe of six months is suggested as set out below, however this overall timeframe will be subject to agreement by the Stakeholder Group at the first meeting. The frequency and length of the meetings will be dependent on the overall timeframe that the Stakeholder Group agrees to. The tentative work programme is as follows:

- March 2017 – Briefing on the issues and Council’s process. Discuss possible engagement processes
- April 2017 - Review background technical reports
- June 2017 – Site visits
- August 2017 - Option development
- November – Confirm BPO

### **Frequency**

The Wairoa Wastewater Scheme Stakeholder Group will meet as necessary in order to provide its advice on the key stages in the process. It is envisaged that meetings will be held monthly. In order to assist Members of the group, these meeting dates will be established as far in advance as possible by reference to the timetable produced as part of the Wairoa Wastewater Project. Meetings will typically last for one to two hours at the most, and occur in the late afternoon; however, timing and meeting flexibility will be subject to mutual agreement of the group.

It will be the responsibility of the Group Facilitator and the representative from WDC to agree the timing of meetings, having consideration of the needs of all members and the workload of the Group.

### **Quorum**

Stakeholder Group meetings are limited to only those selected participants and no other party. It is recognised that not all members will be available to attend every meeting scheduled throughout the process, nor would that be necessarily appropriate at every stage. Substitutes will only be acceptable where they are of equal or sufficient status to have both the capacity, background knowledge and authority to make high level decisions on behalf of the group that they represent.

There must be a quorum of four members present to enable a Wairoa Wastewater Scheme Stakeholder Group Meeting to proceed.

### **Agendas and Minutes**

It will be the responsibility of the group’s Facilitator and the representative from WDC to agree the agenda. Stakeholder Group Members will receive all papers at least a week before meetings. Confirmed meeting minutes and meeting agendas will be published on the WDC website.

Any Other Business will be considered by the group's Facilitator, who will take into account the time available and relevance of the business raised.

### **Reporting**

Minutes of the Stakeholder Group will be posted on Info-Council and any matter requiring a Policy decision will be a recommendation for the Council to consider. Info-Council is an internal WDC computer/file sharing system that Councillors can access.

### **Responsibilities of all members include:**

- Attendance at all meetings
- Come to meetings prepared and familiar with the pre-circulated documents
- Punctuality for meetings and project timeframes
- Focus on the project objectives and outcomes
- Maintaining an open mind regarding other views
- Working as a team player
- Acting in good faith to bring forward the views of the sections of the community the members is representing.

### **A Facilitator will be appointed to the group and be responsible for:**

- Assisting with coordination of and overseeing meetings with input from the project team
- Agreeing to meeting agendas and confirming meeting minutes
- Collaborating and leading efforts to build consensus among different view points
- Confirming the direction for future meetings
- Communicating progress to Council through the Project Manager
- Representing the group at Council meetings if required

(Prepared 1 March 2017)