

# Taharoa Domain Campground Management Report

**Meeting:** Taharoa Domain Governance Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 11 August 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Hamish Watson, Parks and Recreation Manager

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To seek approval for staff to undertake a review of campground management options and seek direction on a future report to Council.

## Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Kai Iwi is one of two campgrounds in Kaipara operated by the Council. Whilst this brings benefits in terms of controlling the management of the campground, it is also a demanding role and there have been questions as to whether this could be better managed by the private sector.

If directed, an investigation of options will be undertaken this financial year in preparation for the Long Term Plan.

## Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee:

- a) Notes the Taharoa Domain Campground Management report.
- b) Delegates the Chief Executive to review Campground Management and provide a recommendation.

## Context/Horopaki

Staff have been asked to look at campground management options to ensure we are using the best management model available.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Staff are looking at different options for the management of the Kai Iwi Lakes campgrounds. The current options to be investigated are;

- Council staff run the campground with funding from rates and revenue is returned to Council. (Status quo)
- Potential commercial lease.
- Council to continue to run but as a not-for-profit model where budgets are self-funded from campground income and other potential funding sources outside of Council, and any funds above operating and capital expenses, will be retained for use at the Domain.

Staff will need to review all these options and investigate other potential models, they will then need to review pros and cons while also taking in to consideration financial implications and general Domain operations.

This work will be undertaken in conjunction with an external consultant for peer review.

## Options

Option 1: Approve the review of the management options for Kai Iwi Lakes campground.

This will provide Governance and Council with the correct information to make an informed decision.

Option 2: Not approve the recommendation.

The recommended option is **option 1**.

### **Financial implications**

The cost will be covered by current budgets for Planning Services allocated in the Long Term Plan

### **Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā**

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

### **Next steps/E whaiake nei**

Continue to investigate further options and develop a report.