

Te Roroa Environmental Policy Document

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 24 November 2021
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Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To note the Te Roroa Environmental Policy Document 2019 as a relevant planning document from an Iwi Authority.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Iwi Authorities are entitled to lodge their relevant planning documents with Councils to provide their views and ambitions to council.

In terms of section 74(2A) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), in preparing a District Plan, councils have to take into account any relevant planning document recognised by an iwi authority, to the extent that its content has a bearing on the resource management issues of the district.

For public transparency and to reflect our Mana Enhancing Agreement with Te Roroa, their updated Environmental Policy Document 2019 (**Attachment B**) is being reported to council for noting. This will replace the previous (2009) version.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the updated Te Roroa Environmental Policy Document 2019 (Attachment B) lodged by the Iwi Authority to be taken into account in the development of the District Plan Review, to the extent that its content has a bearing on the resource management issues of the district.

Context | Horopaki

In terms of section 74(2A) of the RMA, in preparing a District Plan, Council has to take into account any relevant planning document recognised by an iwi authority and lodged with the Council, to the extent that its content has a bearing on the resource management issues of the district.

It is normal practise for Iwi Authorities to provide their relevant planning document to councils for information. These documents provide the thoughts and aspirations of Iwi. Council records show that in 2009, Te Roroa provided council with their Te Roroa Environmental Policy document. The policy was to be reviewed by Te Roroa every 10 years. Te Roroa have now reviewed it and have submitted their updated document to Council.

The Te Roroa Environmental Policy document has been developed within the aims of the Mana Enhancing Agreement adopted by both Te Roroa and Kaipara District Council. In the interests of public transparency and to reflect the Mana Enhancing Agreement, the updated Te Roroa Environmental Policy Document 2019 is being provided on the Council agenda for noting.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Kaipara District Council can either note the replacement Te Roroa Iwi Environmental Policy Document 2019 or informally use the document.

Options

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1. Note the updated Iwi Environmental Policy Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a revision of the 2009 document (previously provided to Council) and has been substantially reviewed and updated. ▪ Would align with the intent of the Mana Enhancing Agreement between Te Roroa and Council ▪ Taking note of the updated 2019 document would give effect to the requirements of the RMA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None apparent.
2. Do not note the 2019 amended Iwi Environmental Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None apparent but the outdated 2009 version will still be the noted version. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not taking notice of the updated 2019 document would not give effect to the requirements of the RMA. ▪ Would not align with the intent of the Mana Enhancement Agreement.

The recommended option is **option 1**.

To comply with the requirement of the RMA, Council should formally note the Environmental Policy Document 2019 and take it into account as a relevant planning document recognised by an iwi authority and lodged with the territorial authority, to the extent that its content has a bearing on the resource management issues of the district.

Policy and planning implications

Noting the Te Roroa Environmental Policy Document 2019 will assist in the District Plan review and will also give effect to the Mana Enhancement Agreement between Te Roroa and the Kaipara District Council. The document also reflects broader thoughts and aspirations from the Te Roroa perspective. Noting the document does not reflect agreement or otherwise with those thoughts or aspirations.

Te Uri o Hau have indicated that their 2011 “Te Uri o Hau Kaitikitunga” Iwi Environmental Management Plan is still relevant and no review is envisaged in the short term. That plan has also been formally noted by Council.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Impacts on Māori

Māori have a unique relationship with councils through the Treaty of Waitangi and supporting legislation. This relationship is reflected in the principles and requirements set in legislation to ensure participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes.

Formally noting the Te Roroa Environmental Policy Document 2019 will help to foster the relationship between Te Roroa and Kaipara District Council and will be taken into account in the development of the District Plan Review, to the extent that its content has a bearing on the resource management issues of the district.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Te Roroa will be informed that the Environmental Policy Document 2019 is noted by Kaipara District Council as a relevant planning document, which will be taken into account in the review of the Operative District Plan.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Request from Te Roroa to note their Environmental Management Plan
B	Nga Ture mo Te Taiao o Te Roroa Te Roroa Iwi Environmental Policy Document (Ratified version 2019)