

6th December 2022

To the Chief Executive

Kaipara District Council

Kaipara

Notice of Motion

I hereby give notice of a motion which I request to be included in the agenda for the council meeting to be held on Wednesday the 14th of December 2022.

The motion is as follows:

That Kaipara District Council;

- a) Agrees to open and close every full council meeting and briefing in the manner outlined below;
 - i. Chairperson invites an elected member to recognise the civic importance of the occasion through some form of reflection to open the meeting
 - ii. The elected member is selected in alphabetical order by the Chairperson
 - iii. Options for opening a meeting could include; a karakia timitanga, mihi whakatau, or powhiri as well as a karakia whakamutunga to close a meeting; an expression of community values; a reminder of the contribution of members who have gone before; a formal welcome; or any other method that the elected member chooses
 - iv. The selected elected member may decline to exercise the invitation if he/she so chooses

Background

This motion is based on clause 10 of council's current Standing Orders, which reads as follows:

10. Opening and closing

Local authorities, local boards and community boards may, at the start of a meeting, choose to recognise the civic importance of the occasion through some form of reflection. This could be an expression of community values, a reminder of the contribution of members who have gone before or a formal welcome, such as a mihi whakatau. Options for opening a meeting could include a karakia timitanga, mihi whakatau, or powhiri as well as a karakia whakamutunga to close a meeting where appropriate.

This indicates that there is a discretion to be exercised by the elected membership of the council, and the purpose of this Notice of Motion is to exercise that discretion. I am concerned about the negative publicity which has been swirling around the council since our

last meeting, but this will die down in time. I am more concerned about what will remain: damage to the council's reputation, damage to our relationship with key stakeholders whose support would otherwise have helped us in our future dealings with central government, and who might otherwise have invested in our future, not to mention the agreements which we have already signed with them. My Notice of Motion is a way of respecting and acknowledging diverse viewpoints, resolving this matter and enabling our council to focus more on the host of other issues confronting it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Vincent" in a cursive style.

Mark Vincent

Otamatea Ward Councillor