

# ***Māori participation in decision making***

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# *The Plan . . .*

# Legislation

## LGA

- (a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
- (b) consider ways [to] foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority;*

*RMA: in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources . . . take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi*

Participation/partnership in decision making processes vs. representation?

He Whakaputanga?

LGA/standing order constraints?

# Recap

- History
- Te Kārearea hapū based (Council resolved not to become a signatory of Te Kahu o Taonui Relationship Agreement)
- Initial hui held 08 November 2019, challenges and opportunities exercise:
  - Potential for Te Kārearea to become a standing committee
  - Potential for a staged approach to representation over time
  - Resourcing for hapū involvement in Council's processes
  - Communication between, and capability building of, both partners
  - Different tiers/mechanisms for Council's relationship with Māori (i.e. project, process, organisation, and Te Huinga/Te Kārearea based)
  - A need for clarity around the different relationships with Council, and the processes for any outside of Te Huinga
- An overarching desire to be more strategic

# ***Direction before Christmas***

Meetings held with both Council and Te Huinga executive with:

- Initial Te Huinga support for a standing committee
- A desire to also provide voice/participation for urban Māori
- A request for budget information
- A draft Terms of Reference being sought

# ***Potential points of contention***

- Meeting schedule
- Membership/quorum
- How to strengthen partnership, particularly under option 2 given the constraints of standing orders
- He Whakaputanga capacity building
- Voice/participation of urban Māori
- Budget constraints and potentially competing expectations

# ***Governance Options for Participation***

1. Te Kārearea Advisory Committee (status quo, Relationship Agreement)
2. Te Kārearea as a committee of Council (draft ToR circulated)
3. Membership on Committees (existing committee ToR apply)

Note; for options 1 and 2 it is proposed to meet monthly for the first six months, followed by quarterly with community/technical forums/hui in the intervening months

# ***What does good look like?***

Where do you want to be in October 2022?

Exercise to assess the three options against 'desired state'

- What are the challenges and opportunities each option presents?
- What needs to change?
- What do you want to keep and build on?