Te Ao Maori Decision Making Framework Introductory Korero with Te Karearea

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Introduction & Discussion

- Background:
 - Why.
 - Risks of not developing this framework.
 - Strategic Drivers.
 - Where are we up to.
- Opportunities.
- Approach:
 - How do we undertake a regional approach?
 - Who should we be engaging with locally & regionally?
- GIS project:
 - Hapu, Iwi or project based mapping projects that we could support?
- Next steps.







Why are we developing a framework?

- Engaging with hapū and iwi on climate change projects: regionally & within Whangarei.
- Through our engagement we have heard:
- Decision making by local government is problematic for tangata whenua:
- Framed by Eurocentric measures and concepts.
- Does not yet give sufficient voice to the specific needs of tangata whenua -
- There is inequity.
- Climate change work by local government requires:
- A correction, systemic change.
- Equity in the partnership.
- Decision making based on Te Ao Maori that builds an understanding of cultural differences into council (climate change) processes
- A framework and tools.

Risks of not doing this work -

• Climate change is a consequence of how we have engaged with, and how we have valued our natural environment.

• Without addressing how local government makes decisions then, council responses to climate change are at risk of:

- Limiting the ability of Maori to adapt to climate change;
- Limiting the efforts to reduce the severity of climate change or to improve the well being of our environment;
- Increasing the risk of maladaptation;
- Perpetuating existing inequalities and breaching Treaty obligations.

Strategic Drivers for a framework.....



Opportunities

- Building an understanding of cultural differences into Council processes;
- Equity in the Local Government responses to climate change with mutually beneficial decision making occurring;
- Well-informed processes & decision making having two streams of knowledge to draw on;
- Learn from Māori communities;
- Applying a planning horizon that is inter-generational.
- Climate change = catalyst
- Climate change is identified in HEMPs &I MPs: adaptation and mitigation
- Climate change affects all of Council business areas:
 - Apply across all of Council
 - Regionally



Some certainties

- Funding of \$100,000 obtained through the Three Waters Reform programme.
- Puawai Kake is our project manager.
 Project management is funded separately.
- 30 March 2022 project due.
- Local Government Decision Making of relevance to:
 - Hapū outcomes
 - <u>Regional</u> climate change adaptation
 - Climate change mitigation
 - Three Waters Reform
 - Te Karearea Terms of Reference
- Intention to co-design this process and the deliverables.



Seeking your direction – How do we co design this?

Scope & Expectations: relevant, achievable, next steps

Who: hapū, marae, rangatahi, tohunga, Elected Members, projects

How: engagement - regional & local

Examples: Te Ara Waiora, Te Whare Tapawha etc

Engagement strong approach



Next Steps

- Share the draft scope;
- Te Huinga next week;
- TTMAC June or asap;
- Start the process to resource the team:
 - How & whom.

