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Report to Ara Tahī  
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### **Progress Report from Māori Policy Advisors, Wellington and Wairarapa**

#### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahī with an update for the months of October and November, 2002.

#### **2. Training Initiatives**

##### **2.1 Wetland Technical Workshop**

Oral update.

##### **2.2 Councillor Training**

The next Councillor training will be held on 4 December 2002. This will be hosted by Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai at Waikanae. Details to follow.

#### **3. Administration Putea Funding**

Report 02.613 presented at the last Ara Tahī meeting outlined feedback received from Iwi and Greater Wellington – The Regional Council on the administrative capacity funding for the 2001/2002 financial year. It was agreed that the current funding arrangement was satisfactory and that it should continue for the 2002/2003 financial year.

Draft contracts and a copy of the reporting template has been sent to all Iwi for comment. We have heard back from 5 Iwi Groups thus far and will be sending final contracts to these groups for signing as soon as possible. We can then organise payment of monies.

Iwi groups will be providing their first written report to Greater Wellington by 15 February 2003.

#### 4. **Iwi Projects**

##### 4.1 **Wellington Tenths Trust – Inventory of Māori heritage sites and values**

- Oral update from a representative of Wellington Tenths Trust

##### 4.2 **Ngā Hapu o Otaki – Tikanga Māori Report on the Otaki River and Catchment**

- Oral report from a representative of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga

##### 4.3 **Wairarapa Projects**

- Oral report from Jason Kerehi

#### 5. **Treaty of Waitangi Framework**

Ara Tahi members participated in a review of the Charter of Understanding in 2000. These discussions prompted changes to the Charter and suggested that Greater Wellington look at undertaking a number of specific policy projects. One of the suggestions was the development of a Treaty of Waitangi analysis framework. This would ensure that all staff reports include a Treaty of Waitangi section, requiring report writers to consider Treaty implications.

Recently, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment produced a document “*He Rangahau ki te aria ko te Tiriti te putake e whakatuturutia ai nga tikanga mo te taiao*”, which examined Treaty based audit frameworks being used around the country. It stated that Treaty implications are an issue that should be considered by Local Government in light of the Local Government Bill. It also stated that organisations need to look at how responsive they are to the needs and aspirations of Māori overall.

A report by the Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment (CRESA) on “*Local Government Relationships with Maori*”, has briefly outlined mechanisms, processes and practices that Greater Wellington uses to meet its Treaty obligations (Attachment 1: Executive Summary). While this report has not provided a critical analysis of Greater Wellington’s responsiveness to Māori, it has provided a snapshot of what we are presently doing to pursue meaningful and beneficial relationships with Māori.

Discussions at Ara Tahi meetings and possible amendments to the Local Government Act suggest it is timely for Greater Wellington to undertake a Treaty Responsiveness exercise. This process would identify expectations, what we are doing well, what we do not do well and what areas we need to look at improving or change in terms of meeting the obligations of the Treaty.

As you can imagine, this will not be an easy task. The first part of this project is therefore to prepare a pre-plan of the intended exercise, so we can get an idea of its scope.

We would like the input and assistance of Ara Tahi members and Greater Wellington Councillors at a number of stages of the projects development. The project will therefore be the subject of a series of workshops early next year. You will also be kept up to date with all developments as they occur.

## 6. **Ngati Tama Relationships with Greater Wellington**

On 23 September 2002, Greater Wellington received a letter from Selwyn Katene on behalf of Ngati Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika. The letter stated that Ngati Tama would like to re-establish itself as an Iwi organisation in Wellington, and establish a Treaty Partnership relationship with Greater Wellington, including membership of its governance committee.

The Charter of Understanding states that:

*“All parties remain open to the possibility of new parties joining Ara Tahi. If a new party communicates to the Council their desire to join Ara Tahi, their request will be brought to Ara Tahi. Ara Tahi will then decide on a process to determine whether such a group will be invited to be part of Ara Tahi and a signatory of this Charter”.*

Therefore, we are obliged at some stage to address this issue through the Ara Tahi forum.

In recognition of the Manawhenua status of Te Ati Awa in the Wellington City area we held discussions with Wellington Tenth Trust and Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui to discuss this matter. On their advice we will be waiting for the release of the upcoming WAI 145 report from the Waitangi Tribunal. It is hoped that mandating issues will become clearer after the release of this report.

## 7. **Dates for Iwi Technical Workshops and Ara Tahi for 2003**

The following dates are proposed for Iwi Technical Workshops and Ara Tahi meetings for 2003:

### 7.1 **Iwi Technical Workshop Dates**

Wednesday 12 March  
 Wednesday 14 May  
 Wednesday 16 July  
 Wednesday 13 August  
 Wednesday 15 October

### 7.2 **Ara Tahi Dates**

Wednesday 19 February  
 Wednesday 16 April  
 Wednesday 11 June  
 Wednesday 17 September

Wednesday 12 November

These dates will be confirmed as soon as possible. If there are any objections to any of these dates then please let me know. It would also be helpful if members of Ara Tahī could start thinking about topics for next year's technical workshops.

## 8. Upcoming Events

- Presentation on the upcoming aquaculture reforms.  
Date: 9 December 2002.  
Letters on invitation will be sent to Iwi representatives.

## 9. Action Plan / Forward Planning

The following table documents progress on the action points from the 16 October meeting.

Action	By Whom	By When	Progress
Parks and Forests Management plan draft to Iwi	Parks and Forests, Landcare Division Contact: Victoria Owen	Friday 7 June	Iwi received a copy of the draft plan for comment. The plan has been forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for approval. It will then be publicly notified (in late December and again in late January) and submissions called for.
LTCCP Process	John Allard	February 2003	Date to be decided on for next workshop.
Administration putea reports	Iwi representatives	July 15 2002	To be actioned by Iwi

10. **Recommendations**

*It is recommended that Ara Tahi:*

- (1) ***receive the report; and***
- (2) ***note the contents.***

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Attachment:

- 1. Local Government Relationships with Iwi - Executive Summary