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Joint Workshop - Feedback

1. Purpose

To provide feedback from the joint workshop about Iwi input into Council decision making, held at the Pipitea Marae on 21 May 2003.

2. Background

At the last meeting of Ara Tahi, the involvement of Maori in local government was discussed. In particular, some members of Ara Tahi commented that Maori need to be better represented on the Regional Council. It was agreed that further discussion on this issue should take place at a joint workshop.

The workshop began with a brief welcome and introduction, followed by briefings on current mechanisms for Iwi input into Council processes (refer to Attachment One) and Maori constituencies. Participants were then split into smaller groups, each looking at three types of input into council processes, as follows:

Group One - Ara Tahi
- Iwi representatives at Council meetings
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Group Two: - Maori Hearings Commissioners
- Resource consents
- Council Advisory Committees

Group Three: - Technical workshops
- Iwi projects fund
- Working parties

Group Four: - General consultation
- Iwi management plans
- Maori constituencies

The groups looked at what is working well, what is not working well and why, the implications of the new Local Government Act 2002, and how we could improve.

3. Action

The notes from the workshop are attached (Attachment Two of this report).

There were a number points raised at the workshop that will have to be implemented or followed up in some way. Staff are developing an action plan that will pull together the main points that emerged, and describe how we will give effect them.

The action plan will be brought to the next meeting of Ara Tahi for discussion and approval.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that Ara Tahi

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

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