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## Policy on external organisations participating at Ara Tahi

### 1. Purpose

To agree a process for responding to external organisations that wish to make presentations to, or consult with, Ara Tahi.

### 2. Discussion

At the last meeting of Ara Tahi, it was agreed that a clearly defined process is needed for responding to external organisations wishing to speak to, or consult with, Ara Tahi. A clear process will provide certainty for both Ara Tahi and external organisations.

Members stated that they are happy for external organisations to make presentations to Ara Tahi for the purpose of information sharing, but decided that it is not appropriate for those organisations to use Ara Tahi for consultation. The following process has been developed as a result of the discussions at the meeting:

- Any requests from external organisations to present to Ara Tahi are to be directed through the Policy Advisor – Māori.
- The external organisation must provide supporting information, which will be included in the order paper for the next meeting of Ara Tahi (time permitting).
- The Policy Advisor will provide advice about the length of the presentation and ensure that the presentation is for the purpose of sharing information rather than consultation. The time allocated will be determined on a case by case basis depending on the number of items on the agenda.
- The Council chairperson and Ara Tahi chairperson are available to provide clarification, if required, on the relevance of presentations.

- Ongoing consultation between the organisation and iwi will take place outside of scheduled Ara Tahī meetings. Council officers will provide iwi contact details and advice on effective consultation if requested.
- The time allowed for external presentations to Ara Tahī, and the content of the presentations, will be monitored.

### **3. Conclusion**

The process defined above will give external organisations the opportunity to present to Ara Tahī, while ensuring that there is sufficient time for Ara Tahī business. External organisations will be provided with advice and assistance to ensure that their presentations are useful to Ara Tahī members. The framework for ongoing assistance and consultation will provide an opportunity for other organisations to build internal capacity and have meaningful interaction with iwi outside of the Ara Tahī forum.

### **4. Recommendation**

*It is recommended that Ara Tahī:*

1. *receive the report;*
2. *note the contents; and*
3. *adopt the proposed process.*

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