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## **Progress Report - Policy Advisors - Māori**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahi with an update since our last meeting on 2 February 2005.

### **2. Key issues for iwi**

GW would like to draw the attention of iwi to two issues that need ongoing iwi involvement.

#### **2.1 Western Corridor review & the Regional Land Transport Strategy**

Many of you are aware that the Western Corridor Transport Study is currently underway. This particular study is just one of the reviews that will guide the development of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. The updated RLTS is a five year strategy that will guide our region's transport decisions.

It is likely in the interest of iwi to be familiar with and actively involved in this overall review process. The consultants and GW staff involved in this are keen for iwi to be actively involved, but need guidance as to how this should be done.

#### **2.2 Wellington Regional Strategy**

The Wellington Regional Strategy is a ten to fifty year strategy for the entire region. It is complimentary to the Regional Land Transport Strategy. The WRS is an economic development strategy. This will provide high-level priorities to all local authorities in our region. The Ara Tahi Forum is one avenue for iwi involvement, and we encourage you to seek other avenues to ensure you are involved the development of the WRS.

### **3. Workshops for 2005**

We had a disappointingly low turnout for the Western Corridor Transport Study workshop on 21 March 2005. This workshop will not be rescheduled, and the project team will look for other ways to contact and consult with iwi.

The following topics are confirmed for Ara Tahi Workshops in 2005:

- New Zealand Archaeological Association upgrade;
- Consenting; and
- Electoral matters.

### **4. Iwi Projects**

#### **4.1 Wellington Tenth Trust**

GW and Wellington Tenth Trust had a fruitful meeting for clarification of expectations and outcomes of the Te Atiawa/ Taranaki Whānui sites of significance database on 17 February 2005.

The Wellington Tenth Trust, GW, WCC, HCC and UHCC are currently developing protocols to regulate and guide the appropriate use of the GIS data that has been received.

#### **4.2 Ngāti Toa Rangatira**

Ngāti Toa Rangatira have substantially completed the track to the urupā behind Hongoeka Marae. The Council Secretary and the Policy Advisor – Māori made a site visit on 3 March 2005. The project will soon move to the second stage: continued weed eradication and riparian management.

### **5. State of the Environment report**

Kirsten Forsyth and Graham Cameron are completing the feedback from iwi interviews for the SER. On completion the iwi chapter will be drafted. The draft will be made available to iwi for their review. Other chapters also require iwi input, so GW will contact iwi over the next month for this purpose.

### **6. Te Pī Ka Rere**

Jason Kerehi and Graham Cameron attended a Māori planners and iwi liaison officers conference in Rotorua on 17-18 March 2005. This was a useful networking opportunity that allowed consideration of preferred practice in relation to iwi and local bodies around the country.

### **7. Recommendations**

*It is recommended that Ara Tahi:*

1. *receive the report; and*

2. *note the contents.*

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