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Committee Ara Tahī
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Kaitiaki Hui

1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahī with background on the Kaitiaki Hui at Hopuhopu on 30 and 31 March and provide an opportunity for iwi representatives to report back orally to Ara Tahī.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The inaugural Kaitiaki Hui was organised by the Ministry for the Environment's Maruwhenua unit. The purpose was to allow iwi resource management practitioners the opportunity to workshop common issues. It also provided a forum through which the Ministry could communicate its work programmes to iwi collectively.

An invitation was sent to all iwi to attend. The Ministry was to cover most costs but it was up to each iwi to arrange travel to the venue.

At their February meeting Ara Tahī agreed to use the iwi project fund to send one member from each iwi authority. Six members of Ara Tahī attended the hui. A copy of the two-day agenda is attached.

4. Comment

Early reports back from the hui suggest that it was a useful exercise and that our iwi representatives had a lot to share with the other iwi present. It was clear that the relationship between Greater Wellington and the iwi of the Wellington region is well established.

There were some frustrations noted with last minute changes to the programme and the relevance that one of the presentations had to iwi practitioners. One attendee thought that the Ministry could have better utilised the opportunity of having all the iwi practitioners in one place focussing on their work and common issues. This is something that can be addressed at future hui.

One of the initiatives from this hui was the establishment of a committee whose task is to take the issues raised and formulate a strategic direction leading into the next national Kaitiaki Hui. Te Akapikirangi Arthur was nominated to this committee.

This report provides an opportunity for iwi to feedback to the wider Ara Tahī membership on the Kaitiaki Hui.

5. Communication

There are no matters in this report that require further communication.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: The two-day agenda