



Te mahi tahi ki ngā mana whenua - Partnership with mana whenua

Greater Wellington has six mana whenua partners. They are represented by the following entities: Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust, Rangitāne O Wairarapa Inc. and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Charitable Trust.

Greater Wellington also has links with mātāwaka through marae and economic development initiatives (Te Matarau a Māui) around the region. Over the coming years, our focus for decision making is putting into practice partnering for improved outcomes for Māori. This signals a transformational change across the business as we look to an active partnership by design with mana whenua.

We have listened to what our partners have told us:

- We need to plan for the long term (much longer than 10 years).
- The relationship mana whenua partners have with Greater Wellington needs to be based on our mutual interests and on collaborations based on shared visions and shared power.
- Greater Wellington's Te Tiriti relationship with our partners needs to acknowledge their mana motuhake and tino rangatiratanga which may be demonstrated in co-design and collaboration, and equitable resourcing.

- Continue embedding Te Tiriti and prioritising taiao and community outcomes.
- Develop value led policy, so that behavioural change aligns with values.
- Recognise the specific impact of climate change on mana whenua, especially coastal sites. There is urgency in resourcing and funding objectives related to climate change and the partnership role of mana whenua.
- Develop co-management opportunities in our natural places to ensure kaupapa-driven outcomes.

We are moving from a relationship that could be described as transactional to one of active partnership by design so that we achieve goals through collaboration and high trust. This means moving from short term initiatives and goals, to long term high-quality relationships that are mokopuna and rangatahi focused.

Our partnership recognises and supports mana whenua as kaitiaki (guardians) of their broad whenua, freshwater and moana interests in their ancestral lands. We continue to work with our mana whenua partners in new ways at all levels of our organisation including governance, management and operations. We are committed to striving for excellence, in using the poutama model to ensure we continue to improve how we work with mana whenua and Māori to achieve outcomes across all the work we do in the region. At the governance level, Council has established two new committees of Council: a Long Term Plan Committee and a Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti.

Long Term Plan Committee

In December 2022, the Council approved establishing a Long Term Plan Committee. Its role is to develop a clear direction for what Greater Wellington wants to achieve in years to come, the strategic priorities and the how to address long term challenges such as climate change. The Committee has six mana whenua members (one from each of our mana whenua partners), and the thirteen councillors. The Terms of Reference also provide for six alternate members and six rangatahi observers. Mana whenua members have been working alongside councillors as full members of the Committee, contributing their knowledge to the development of this 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Te Tiriti of Waitangi Komiti

Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti is a committee of the full Council and has been established as an important step towards honouring our commitments, obligations and responsibilities to mana whenua and Māori and the various legislation that Greater Wellington operates under. The Komiti aims to influence all our thinking and decision making, so te ao Māori, tikanga and mātauranaga Māori are built into our strategies, plans and processes from the start. It also aims to ensure perspectives of people caring for their rohe are understood when issues, and their potential solutions, are considered. The formation of the Komiti reflects Greater Wellington's organisational objectives under Te Whāriki, our Māori outcomes framework.