



TAIRĀWHITI

WAIPAOA CATCHMENT PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

Hui agenda, minutes, and actions

Hui #2



Held at Rose Room, Lawson Field Theatre on 16 August 2023 at 12:30pm

Group facilitator	Dr Jill Chrisp
Advisory Group members present	Samuel Lewis, Stan Pardoe, Jacob Harrison, Phil Gaukrodger, Grant Vincent, Tim Rhodes, Stuart Davis, Nick Briant, Tim Tietjen, Keith Katipa, Matawhero Lloyd, Dave Hawea, Owen Lloyd, Bronwyn Wilson-Hokianga, Leo Kelso, Dianne Irwin
Council	Janic Slupski, Oliver Vetter, Ariel Yann le Chew, Paul Murphy, Sarah Thompson, Desiré du Plooy Lois Easton, Wolfgang Kanz, Adele Dawson
Apologies	Alan Haronga, Shanna Cairns, Nicki Davies, Joss Ruifrok, Murray Palmer

Agenda

Karakia and whakawhanaungatanga - welcome & housekeeping	12:30
Revised draft Terms of Reference	12:55
Session 1 – recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Advisory Group • Legislative drivers • Waipaoa Catchment Plan 	13:10
Session 2 – catchment-specific group exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater values • Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) • Group exercise: setting of freshwater values and collective sharing of key discussion points 	13:30
Wrap-up and next steps	14:50
Closing karakia	14:55

Summary of actions

 Future Action * Refer to Parked List for summary	 Current Task
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Notes:

- Each task is allocated a unique identifier e.g. T2 for ease of reference
- The numbering continues from previous meeting minutes

Task	Actions	Responsible	Due
T7	Members to provide feedback on revised draft Terms of Reference	All members	25 Aug
T8	A wānanga is planned to further workshop Waipaoa catchment-specific cultural values at Ohako Marae	Freshwater team	tbc
T9	Data and digital sovereignty: need to consider Māori Data Sovereignty framework released by StatNZ, and what that means to our process (referring to inherent rights and interests that Māori have in relation to the collection, ownership and application of Māori data)	Freshwater team	tbc

Minutes

Session 1

1. Karakia and whakawhanaungatanga - welcome & housekeeping

- 1.1. The meeting commenced with an opening karakia.
- 1.2. Attendees introduced themselves for the benefit of new members.
- 1.3. The role of the facilitator was emphasised as the neutral person who guides and manages group discussions to support the korero and ensures a safe environment is created where all voices and storytelling can be heard within the allocated time.
- 1.4. Minutes and actions from the meeting held on 12 July were taken as read, and accepted, with one amendment to correct a member's surname.
- 1.5. Kara Moir is the main contact for payment queries and members should submit monthly invoices for payment purposes.
- 1.6. Council staff demonstrated the interactive Advisory Group portal and how it can be used to post ideas, access relevant documents etc. Oliver Vetter is the contact for all Advisory Group portal queries.

2. Draft revised Terms of Reference

- 2.1. Focus group members Sam Lewis, Mere Tamanui and Waverley Jones were thanked for the excellent work done on reviewing the Terms of Reference to reflect Te Mana o te Wai. The revised draft was circulated with the agenda and presented. The Ka Hoa Kupenga Framework was developed in line with feedback received from this Advisory Group to integrate mātauranga Māori and Te Tiriti principles into the Terms of Reference. A full explanation of the framework is set out in the Terms of Reference.
- 2.2. The Group was encouraged to submit feedback to Janic Slupski by Friday, 25 August.
- 2.3. The final version of the Terms of Reference is expected to be adopted at the 13 September 2023 meeting.
- 2.4. The Group was invited by Ngā Ariki Kaiputahi to attend a wānanga at Ohako Marae to further discuss the Ka Hao Kupenga Framework.

3. Role of the Advisory Group

- 3.1. General points raised included:
 - sharing individual perspectives on regional issues
 - bringing practical experience to inform policy
 - considering how issues are currently managed
 - considering whether the plan provisions needs to change.

4. Recap and context of catchment planning

- 4.1. Staff provided the context of regional freshwater planning and the key steps in developing the seven catchment plans, with the focus of this Group mainly on the Waipaoa catchment review.
- 4.2. The focus of this hui was to determine what freshwater values are considered as priority in the Waipaoa Catchment. Once we have a shared understanding of the values,

environmental outcomes can be identified followed by the setting of freshwater objectives, targets and limits. Te Mana o te Wai's hierarchy of obligations is at the centre: priority goes to the health and wellbeing of the awa, followed by people, and then all other uses now and in the future.

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6. Waipaoa Catchment Plan - freshwater values group exercise

- 6.1. The Group undertook an exercise of identifying specific freshwater values by sub-catchment, alongside those values that are mandatory in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. The Group discussed what the values mean, why it is important and to consider the priority of the value in each of the sub-catchments. Only the four most prominent values for each sub-catchment were reported back at the conclusion of the group exercise.
- 6.2. A range of values were identified that are not included in the current Waipaoa Catchment Plan. These included habitat restoration, wetlands, flood and sediment management, taniwha, original storytelling, aquifer recharge, recreation and threatened species.
- 6.3. Other values identified as being important in a wider range of locations than in the previous Catchment Plan include mahinga kai, drinking water and swimming.
- 6.4. A comment from the Group was raised on the importance and weightage of values – values that are not important to an individual may be important to others. A current example is the value of irrigation weighed differently between different interest groups.
- 6.5. It was agreed that the Waipaoa catchment-specific cultural values should be further discussed, preferably in a wānanga setting. Ngā Ariki Kaiputahi have proposed to host the wānanga for this purpose at Ohako Marae.
- 6.6. Concern was raised about data and digital sovereignty – how we will deal with sensitive issues identified. Agreement needs to be reached on how privacy, storage, confidentiality, and ownership of relevant data will be managed. It was agreed that this issue be added to the 'Parked List' and revisited in the near future.

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8. Proposed review process and wrap-up

- 8.1. At the next hui (13 September), the Group will start to look at the draft Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) formed using the mandatory and the catchment-specific values identified at this hui.
- 8.2. The Group is expected to identify the environmental outcomes for the FMUs, which will later become the objectives in the Waipaoa Catchment Plan.
- 8.3. The Group will also discuss and draft what might be a long-term vision for the catchment and its FMUs.

9. Closing karakia

The meeting closed at 15:00 with a karakia. The next Group meeting is scheduled for 13 September 2023.

PARKING LIST

The following matters have been captured from discussions during the **WAIPA OA CATCHMENT PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP** hui. They are captured here to be incorporated as supplementary recommendations in the Group's final report and/or responded to directly.

Parking List			
Reference	Item/Action	Date raised	Date addressed
T5	Organise site visits to discuss topic-specific catchment issues	12/7/23	
T6	Sub-projects Te Arai and Maungarongo wetlands to be covered at a future meeting	12/7/23	
T8	A wānanga is planned to further workshop Waipaoa catchment-specific cultural values at Ohako Marae	16/8/23	
T9	Data and digital sovereignty: need to consider Māori Data Sovereignty framework released by StatNZ, and what that means to our process (referring to inherent rights and interests that Māori have in relation to the collection, ownership and application of Māori data)	16/8/23	