



Making Good Decisions under the Resource Management Act Policy and Application Form for Iwi Sponsorship

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Kia hiwa rā, kia hiwa rā

1 Iwi Sponsorship Initiative

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha huri noa i ngā rohe nei tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Environment Bay of Plenty are pleased to announce the Iwi Sponsorship Initiative where three iwi representatives are sponsored each year to attend the Making Good Decisions training programme which provides resource management decision makers with the skills to run fair and effective hearings and to make informed decisions. It is also a great learning opportunity.

Three iwi representatives will be sponsored each year by Environment Bay of Plenty. One per Māori consistency which will be selected as below:

Mauao – Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty (1)

Ōkurei – Rotorua (1)

Kōhi – Eastern Bay of Plenty (1)

The intention of the sponsorship is to provide iwi with an opportunity to build Resource Management Act knowledge and capability and to assist with fostering the capacity of Māori to contribute to decision-making.

The initial outlay of costs will need to be met by the Iwi Authority (or their chosen candidate) in the first instance. Sponsorship is conditional upon successfully completing the course (proof of certification will be required). Successful applicants will be responsible for enrolment on the programme.

Nominations are now being called for from Iwi Authorities from within the Bay of Plenty region. Please read the information in this booklet carefully.

Important dates:

Nominations open	10 May 2010
Nominations close	21 June 2010
Applicants approved and notified	19 July 2010

2 About the programme

The Making Good Decisions Programme helps councillors, community board members and independent commissioners make better decisions under the Resource Management Act (RMA). It provides RMA decision-makers with the skills they need to run fair and effective resource consent, plan change and designation hearings, and to make informed decisions.

It is designed and promoted by the Ministry for the Environment and Local Government New Zealand. The Programme is delivered by the University of Auckland Centre for Continuing Education. Certification under the Programme is a means by which decision-makers meet the accreditation requirement of the RMA.

The Programme provides the skills needed to run fair and effective resource consent hearings and to make informed decisions. It focuses on the legal, technical and practical skills needed by an effective hearing committee member.

Environment Bay of Plenty is offering iwi sponsorship by reimbursing fees for selected iwi members upon successful completion of the Making Good Decisions Programme.

1.1 Qualities of a hearing commissioner

Commissioners are delegated to carry out statutory decision-making duties on a council's behalf. It is vital that commissioners make sound decisions without any conflict of interest that could open the path for challenges. They should have a set of core competencies and skills that enable them to understand the application or issue before them, conduct hearings in an appropriate manner, and make sound decisions.

1.2 Core competencies of commissioners

- Correctly identify the nature of issues arising during a hearing in terms of the RMA and relevant planning documents
- Demonstrate impartiality and integrity
- Demonstrate commitment to appropriately and fairly assessing and weighing evidence
- Formulate a reasoned decision independently of others

1.3 Expertise of commissioners

- A good knowledge of the RMA, and the decision-making and hearings procedures contained within it.
- Knowledge of functions and processes under the Local Government Act and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- The ability to listen effectively, distilling the key arguments and facts from the information presented.
- An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, their relevance in legislation, and whether and how they may be applicable to the decision(s) to be made.
- Understanding of Māori language, tikanga, history and cultural values (such as in cases where Māori heritage, taonga, or ancestral relationships could be affected). An appreciation of potential conflicting or competing interests between local hapū or iwi may also be required.

3 Scope of sponsorship

- The scope of iwi sponsorship by Environment Bay of Plenty involves reimbursing fees for selected iwi members (3 per financial year) upon successful completion of the Making Good Decisions Programme.
- The initial outlay of costs will need to be met by the Iwi Authority (or their chosen candidate) in the first instance.
- Sponsorship from Environment Bay of Plenty does not guarantee selection as an independent commissioner. It is merely an opportunity or a stepping stone towards selection eligibility.

3.1 Reimbursement of fees

Successful participants will be reimbursed course costs, travel and accommodation to the total value of \$2,500 provided that the participant:

- (a) Successfully completes the course and gains certification (proof of certification will be required).
- (b) Produces valid receipts and/or invoices for course costs, travel and accommodation.
- (c) Provides account details for payment to be direct credited.

If you are successful in gaining sponsorship, you will need to provide the documentation above after completing the course.

3.2 Sponsorship arrangements

3.2.1 Selection criteria

The following are the criteria for the selection of nominees:

- (a) Nominees must be affiliated and/or registered with an Iwi Authority within the Bay of Plenty region.
- (b) Nominees must have endorsement in writing, from the relevant Iwi Authority.
- (c) Iwi authorities may nominate one nominee per financial year.
- (d) One candidate will be selected from each of the three Māori constituencies per year. If there are no nominations from particular constituencies, other candidates can be considered.
- (e) Applicants should have experience with the Resource Management Act and decision making processes and exhibit some of the qualities, or have the potential to, as outlined above (refer above to Qualities of a Hearing Commissioner).

3.2.1 Selection process and closing date

The Chair of the Maori Committee on advice from the Maori Committee members will make the final selection of sponsorship candidates from those applications received.

Apart from meeting the selection criteria, recommendations to the Maori Committee will be based on:

- The nominee's standing and reputation in the community.
- Feedback from the relevant iwi authority on the nominee's ability to successfully complete the programme.
- The capacity of the relevant iwi authority in terms of environmental management.

The next Making Good Decisions programme will be sometime in November – December 2010. Enrolments for the programme open approximately three months prior and are on a first come first served basis for each location.

The closing date for applications for sponsorship is **Monday 21 June 2010** at 5.00 pm.

If you are interested in applying for sponsorship, please complete the application form attached and send it to:

Kataraina Belshaw
Maori Policy Manager
Environment Bay of Plenty
PO Box 364
Whakatane

or Kataraina Belshaw
Maori Policy Manager
Freepost Environment Bay of Plenty
Whakatāne
kataraina@envbop.govt.nz

or drop it off directly to any one of our three offices:

Whakatane office
5 Quay Street
PO Box 364
Whakatane

Rotorua office
1125 Arawa Street
Rotorua

Tauranga office
6 Rata Street
Mount Maunganui

4 Enrolling in the making good decisions programme

Online

https://secure.arts.auckland.ac.nz/cce/enrol/enrolform_rma_mgd2010.cfm

To download the application form:

<http://centreforcontinuingeducation.com/rma/Enrolment%20form.doc>

By Mail

Freepost 5058
Centre for Continuing Education
The University of Auckland
Private Bag 92019
Auckland 1142
Cheque, credit card or invoice

In Person

Centre for Continuing Education
Level 6
1-11 Short Street
Auckland

By Telephone

0800 UNICONTED (0800 864 266)
or +64 9 373 7599 ext 87831/87832
Credit card enrolment: Visa & MasterCard

By Facsimile

+64 9 373 7419
Credit card or invoice

5 Contacting your Iwi Authority

Ngāitai Iwi Authority
PO Box 147
Ōpotiki 3162
Phone 07 315 8485
www.ngaitai.iwi.nz

Ngāti Makino Heritage Trust
PO Box 479
Te Puke 3153
Phone 07 575 3370
ngatimakino@xtra.co.nz

Ngati Uenukukopako Iwi
Trust
PO Box 7166
Te Ngae Post Office
Rotorua

Ngati Pukenga Iwi ki
Tauranga Trust
612 Welcome Bay Road
RD 5
Tauranga 3175
pukenga1@xtra.co.nz
Te Rūnanga o Ngati Awa
PO Box 76
Whakatane
Phone 07 307 0760
reception@ngatiawa.iwi.nz
www.ngatiawa.iwi.nz

Ngati Ranginui Iwi Society Inc
PO Box 2526
Tauranga
admin@ranginui.co.nz
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa
PO Box 116
Murupara 3062
Phone 07 366 5736
manawarere@xtra.co.nz
www.manawakotokoto.co.nz

Ngāti Rangiteaorere
PO Box 7111
Te Ngae
Rotorua
Phone 07 345 7529
Te Rūnanga o Ngati
Pikiao Trust
PO Box 2241
Rotorua 3040
Phone 07 348 5384

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rangiwewehi
PO Box 971
Awahou
Rotorua
07 349 4590
temonr@xtra.co.nz
www.naumaiplace.com/site/tarimano

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rangitīhi
3 Onewairere Place
Matatā
RD4
Whakatāne
Phone 07 322 2302

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare
PO Box 162
Murupara 3062
Phone 07 366 5690
admin@ngatiwhare.iwi.nz
www.ngatiwhare.iwi.nz

Ngāti Tuwharetoa (BOP)
PO Box 334
Kawerau 3169
Phone 07 323 4164
rtkk@xtra.co.nz

Whakatohea Trust Board
PO Box 207
Ōpotiki 3162
Phone 07 315 6150
info@whakatohea.co.nz
www.whakatohea.co.nz

Hauraki Māori Trust Board
PO Box 33
Paeroa 3640
Phone 07 862 7521
haurakimaori@xtra.co.nz

Ngāti Tara Tokanui
PO Box 181
Paeroa 3640

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketū
5 Little Waihi Road
c/- Postal Agency
RD9
Maketū
Te Puke
Phone 07 533 2101
runanga@actrix.co.nz

Te Rūnanganui o Te Arawa
PO Box 874
Rotorua 3040
Phone 07 348 8340
admin@tearawarunanga.maori.nz
www.tearawarunanga.maori.nz

Te Rūnanga o Ngāiterangi Iwi Trust
PO Box 4369
Mt Maunganui South 3149
reception@ngaiterangi.org.nz
www.ngaiterangi.org.nz

Waitaha
Phone 07 573 7484
Waitaha.resource.mgmt@gmail.com

Ngāti Whanaunga
PO Box 160
Coromandel 3543
Phone 07 866 7229
rrenata@ngatiwhanaunga.maori.nz

Ngāti Tamatera
PO Box 23
Paeroa 3640
Phone 07 862 6079

Ngāti Hako
PO Box 114
Paeroa 3640
Phone 07 862 8161
www.hauraki.iwi.nz

Te Rūnanga o Te Whānau a Apanui
State Highway 35
RD3
Te Kaha
Opotiki 3199
Phone 07 325 2726
runanga@apanui.co.nz
www.apanui.co.nz

Tūhoe-Waikaremoana
Māori Trust Board
PO Box 1842
Rotorua
Phone 07 348 6911
tbnof@xtra.co.nz

Ngāti Tahu/Ngāti Whaoa
PO Box 162
Reporoa 3060
Phone 07 366 6177
Runanga-cotu@aol.co.nz

Tapuika Iwi Authority
PO Box 15
Te Puke 3153
Phone 07 573 5351
info@tapuika.iwi.nz
www.tapuika.iwi.nz

Ngāti Maru
PO Box 37
Thames
Phone 07 867 9104
ngatimaru@wave.co.nz

Raukawa Trust Board
Private Bag 8
Tokoroa 3420
Phone 07 885 0260
www.raukawa.org.nz

Application by Organisation for Sponsorship of Participant – RMA: Making Good Decisions

Iwi/Organisation Details

Name of Iwi Authority/
Organisation

Postal Address

Phone

Email

Participant Details

Full Name of Participant

Postal Address

Phone

Email

Iwi/Hapū Affiliations of
Participant

Name of Iwi Authority
providing endorsement

Endorsement by relevant Iwi
Authority:

_____ (sign)

Name and Designation

Workshop Details

Date of Workshop

Venue

Please complete this form and forward to:

Environment Bay of Plenty PO Box 364, Whakatane or
Freepost Environment Bay of Plenty, Whakatane or

Drop off to: 5 Quay St, Whakatane or
1125 Arawa St, Rotorua or
6 Rata St, Mt Maunganui

Note: Initial course fees are payable by the applicant. Environment Bay of Plenty will reimburse these fees upon successful completion only.

Reimbursement Claim Form for Successful Sponsorship Nominee RMA: Making Good Decisions Programme

Iwi/Organisation Details

Name of Iwi Authority/
Organisation

Postal Address

Participant Details

Full Name of Participant

Expenses incurred from Making Good Decisions Programme attendance (Attach receipts)

Amount		Details of Expense
1	\$	
2	\$	
3	\$	
4	\$	
5	\$	
6	\$	
7	\$	
Total	\$	

A total value of up to \$2,500.00 will be reimbursed (use separate sheet if necessary)

Payment Details

Account details for sponsorship to be paid into:

Account Name: _____

Bank: _____

Branch: _____

Account No: _____

GST No: _____

Other Requirements:

Before any payments are made to reimburse the costs of attending this course, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- 1 Original of all tax receipts must be attached (up to the value of \$2,500.00).
- 2 Copy of certificate as proof of successful course completion must be attached

I certify that the particulars above are correct and that I actually incurred and paid these expenses while attending the Making Good Decisions Programme.

Participant:

Date: