

Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective

Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective – who are we?

- Ngai Te Rangi
- Ngati Ranginui
- Ngati Pukenga

Each iwi is currently or has been engaged in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown



Why does the collective exist?

We came together in the context of Treaty settlement negotiations to avoid competing with each other for resources in which, ultimately, we all have an interest



Why is the harbour a particular focus for the collective?

- The whanau and hapu of Tauranga are moanacentric people
- We have an enduring thousand year association with Te Moana o Tauranga
- That association is fundamental to our identity and our cultural and material well being



What did the collective seek as redress with respect to Te Moana o Tauranga?

The collective sought and has been offered the opportunity to have our relationship with Te Moana o Tauranga recognised and supported by way of **the first ever co-governance framework for harbours and catchment**





What are the key features of the redress?

 The Tauranga Moana Governance Group – four representatives appointed by the three iwi, and four representatives made up by the three local authorities and the Crown



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Nga Tai ki Mauao, the Moana framework document based on a shared vision that: when preparing, reviewing, varying or changing the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement, the BOPRC "must recognise and provide for Nga Tai ki Mauao"



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 Provision for the inclusion (by BOPRC) of at least one iwi commissioner from a list established and maintained by the Tauranga Moana Governance Group (s3.9 – p13)



Why did we seek it?

- To ensure the mana, rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga of the three iwi over Te Moana o Tauranga is recognised
- To secure our direct and consistent involvement in the development of policy and decision-making affecting Te Moana o Tauranga – good faith engagement on relevant issues



Why did we seek it?

- To promote holistic and integrated management of Te Moana o Tauranga
- To provide for iwi and hapu values and matauranga Maori in the management of Te Moana o Tauranga
- Because the connection, knowledge and passion we bring to the governance and management of this body of water is not the same as it is for other members of the community



What other opportunities come through this redress?

- Establish or enhance and maintain positive, cooperative and enduring relationships with local authorities and agencies with responsibilities relating to Te Moana o Tauranga
 - Respecting the autonomy, mandate, role and responsibilities of all concerned
 - o Working together



What other opportunities come through this redress? (cont'd)

- Sharing knowledge and expertise
- Co-operating with each other
- Creating an environment in which the relationships of the parties can evolve positively



Common questions

- Is local democratic decision making upheld? Yes
- Is public access (consistent with marine and coastal policy) guaranteed? – Yes
- Will hapu be involved in local management arrangements? – Yes



Ultimately, this redress commits the collective, local authorities and other agencies to work together for the health and wellbeing of Te Moana o Tauranga and by logical extension for the health and wellbeing of the people who live around it



The post settlement opportunity that we see is the opportunity to create the best model tailored to Tauranga Moana conditions and that will achieve the highest possible standard of health and wellbeing for Te Moana o Tauranga and us, all of the people who live around it



The distinctive knowledge and experience of the three iwi separately and collectively informs the strategic leadership we bring to any relationship we enter into, so the challenge in those relationships is to accept that the status quo is not good enough and mediocrity is unacceptable





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