

1.1 Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group - Terms of Reference

1.1.1 Interpretation

In these Terms of Reference:

“Organisations” means the Te Arawa Lakes Trust, the Rotorua District Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

“Rotorua Lakes” means Lakes Rotorua, Rotoiti, Rotoehu, Rotoma, Okataina, Tikitapu, Okareka, Tarawera, Rotomahana, Rerewhakaaitu, Okaro and Rotokakahi.

“Group” means the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group, formed as a Joint Committee under Clause 30 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

1.1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Group is to contribute to the promotion of the sustainable management of the Rotorua Lakes and their catchments, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, while recognising and providing for the traditional relationship of Te Arawa with their ancestral lakes.

1.1.3 Membership

Six members:

- Two representatives from Te Arawa Lakes Trust
- Two representatives from the Rotorua District Council
- Two representatives from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

1.1.4 Term of the Committee

This is a permanent joint committee under the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006. The *Te Arawa Lakes Deed of Settlement* (December 2004) included clauses establishing the Group (Cultural Redress: Lakes Management and Relationships, clauses 9.1 to 9.3). The terms of reference for the Group come from a signed agreement between the three parties (dated 8 October 2004) and included in Part 1 of the Relationship Schedule to the Deed of Settlement.

1.1.5 Specific Responsibilities and Delegated Functions

The group will have the following functions:

- 1 The provision of leadership to the Organisations and the community in relation to implementation of the Vision of the Strategy for the Lakes of the Rotorua district 2000.

- 2 The identification significant existing and emerging issues affecting the Rotorua Lakes.
- 3 The preparation, approving, monitoring, evaluation and review agreements, policies and strategies to achieve integrated outcomes for the Rotorua Lakes.
- 4 The identification, monitoring and evaluation of necessary actions by the organisations and other relevant organisations.
- 5 The receiving of reports on activities being undertaken by the organisations and other relevant organisations.
- 6 Involvement during the preparation of statutory plans in relation to significant issues. Such plans include but are not limited to iwi and hapū management plans, district and regional plans, reserve management plans and annual plans.
- 7 Involvement in applications for activities in relation to significant issues not addressed by existing policies of the co-management partners. Such activities include but are not limited to resource consents, designations, heritage orders, water conservation orders, restricting access to the lakes (during special events or in particular circumstances), and transferring and/or delegating of statutory authority.

Note:

The Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group reports directly to the Regional Council.