

Minutes of the Kaituna, Maketū, Pongakawa, Waitahanui Hui-a-lwi to discuss values and interests in freshwater held at Ngāti Moko (Waitangi) Marae on Tuesday 8th of December, 2015.

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Present:	Hohepa Anderson, Wally Lee, Mason Bird, Barry Roderick, Alfred Potiki, Tanisha McNeil, Ngarongo Tai, Pia Bennett, Mita Malcolm, Wony Wihapi, Larissa Wharepouri, Jimi Mclean, RJ Wiringi, Jim Gray, TeRangikaheke Bidois, Tariana Bidois, Wikingi Paul, Kiritapu Allan, Roland Kingi, Helen Biel, Patuara Biel, Hohepa Maxwell, Te Ariki Morehu
Toi Moana Crs:	Cr Tipene Marr
Toi Moana staff:	Kataraina Belshaw, Jane Waldon, Eddie Sykes, Raina Meha-Rangitauira, Pim de Monchy, Matemoana McDonaly, Reuben Fraser, Richard Lyons, Kahurangi Tapsell, Nicki Green, Rob Donald, Lisa Tauroa and Herewini Simpson
Apologies:	Ngaperera Rangiaho, Nikora Heitia, Awanui Black

1 Introduction

Kaumtua Te Ariki Morehu opened the Kaituna, Maketū, Pongakawa, Waitahanui Hui-A-lwi with a karakia.

Approximately 23 tangata whenua attended this hui. The purpose of the hui was to provide tangata whenua with an opportunity to express their views on freshwater management and record values and interests. Involving Māori in freshwater management comes from a directive outlined in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater (NPS).

Staff gave a brief presentation to provide background and context for the kaupapa.

2 Values and Interests in Freshwater

Confirmation that values and interests identified in iwi, hapū and other documents summarised in the 'Combined Māori Values Summary' (**refer Appendix 1**) are appropriate. Iwi asked for staff to consider further conversations with hapū and iwi along the river to ensure localised perspectives. Further discussion around how the values and issues identified will be reflected within policy.

Many issues were captured during the hui. These have been summarised in the table below.

Issues	Comments
Role of Te Maru o Kaituna	Clarification sought on the role of Te Maru o Kaituna (TMOK) and its role in decision-making in comparison to the Community Groups. BOPRC staff advised that TMOK is an authority and has a mandate through treaty settlements thus having decision making power. Community groups will go to TMOK and other Council committees where as TMOK has a strong influence straight to Council. Furthermore, the forthcoming Kaituna River Document will give effect to the National Policy Statement creating beneficial changes.
Ownership	<p>A number of comments received on the importance of ownership and how it impacts the current process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wai Maori Kaumatua articulated the significance of Wai-Māori and the inherent responsibilities that tangata whenua have to ensure its sustainability for future generations. • Te Arawa The matter of water ownership is high on the agenda for Te Arawa. At the Te Arawa Lakes Trust AGM held recently, iwi have set up a committee that will look into water rights on behalf of Te Arawa. This committee is currently in its early stages. • Balance of Economic vs Cultural Interests A number of comments were made weighing up economic interests versus cultural interests. Comments expressed that Māori were not going to take water away from anyone. All agreed that access to potable water sources for domestic and cultural use is of high importance. There was a general consensus that good water quality was essential for all.
Ngāti Mākinō and the Waitahanui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Flows Preference Report Ngāti Mākinō noted the minimum flow work being undertaken in the Waitahanui in collaboration with the BOPRC. Ngāti Mākinō will be seeking a commitment that the outcome of this project will be bought through the NPS process and their values incorporated into policy. • Pongakawa/Waitahanui Community Group In recognition of Ngāti Mākinō's relationship to the Waitahanui River, it was noted that there is a gap within the current community group as there is no Ngāti Mākinō representative. Kaumatua recommended that Ngāti Mākinō representative Pia Bennett be invited onto the Pongakawa/Waitahanui Community Group.
Localised Perspectives	Emphasis placed on BOPRC to gather local/hapū perspectives from those along the river as each place is different and has different issues.
Iwi input into decision making	Iwi are seeking security on the process going forward and how they can be involved. Looking to be a part of decision making rather than just providing input.

3 Tapuika Iwi Authority Presentation

Hohepa Maxwell on behalf of Tapuika Iwi Authority presented the values and interests of Tapuika.

Meeting ended: 2.00pm

Appendix 1 – Combined Māori Values Summary

