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The Chief Executive
 Bay of Plenty Regional Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

1. INTRODUCTION

1(a) This submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on the Proposed Regional Coastal Environmental Plan (PRCEP) has been prepared by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (TMoNRT). Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust wishes to be heard at any hearing for the Proposed Regional Coastal Environmental Plan.

2. MANDATE AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

2(a). Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust is a Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) established as a Common Law Trust to administer assets derived via the Central North Island Iwi Collective Settlement (CNI). Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (TMoNRT) is governed by elected members onto the Board of Trustees established in September 2009.

2(b). The Trust Deed Mandate for Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (in addition to exercising stewardship over the CNI settlement seeks to ensure that:

- Ngāti Rangitihi is enabled to flourish in perpetuity, supported by their unique self-determining capabilities
- The mana of the iwi is upheld, developed and organised
- The iwi resource are identified and optimised
- The survival and growth of the iwi is enabled (including: cultural, economic, social, spiritual, environmental and political survival and growth)
- The iwi whānau support networks which are developed and maintained; and
- The iwi members capacity to be self-reliant is enhanced

- 2(c). Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust regularly works alongside its neighbor iwi and local, regional and central authorities in social, cultural, environmental and economic matters.

3. IWI ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 3(a). Te Mahere ā Rohe mō Ngāti Rangitahi – Ngāti Rangitahi Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) was lodged with Whakatāne District Council (9 February 2012) and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (23 February 2012).
- 3(b). The New Zealand Planning Institute awarded Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust the Nancy Northcroft Planning Practice Award: SUPREME PRACTICE AWARD for Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust – Iwi Environmental Management Plan, May 2013.
- 3(c). Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust was also the recipient of the Best Practice Award: Non-Statutory Planning for the Iwi Environmental Management Plan, May 2013.

4. GENERAL

Thank you for providing an opportunity for TMONRT to make submissions to the PRCEP 2014.

TMONRT is supportive of many of the policies in the PRCEP and encourages Bay of Plenty Regional Council to implement its policies and work with TMONRT on developing mutually acceptable integrated procedures and protocols that will assist us all in giving effect to them.

5. SUBMISSION

- 5(a) **1.3 Water Quality, Issue 11 (pg 12)**
 That the Tarawera estuary be included into Issue 11.
Reason: That the eastern side of the Tarawera mouth has been deemed unsuitable for bathing.
Reference to Ngāti Rangitahi Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IEMP).
Pp. 29, 30, 31.
- 5(b) **3. Iwi Resource Management (IW)(pg 30)**
 TMONRT strongly support this Policy.

Reason: TMoNRT strongly support this policy as it underpins our beliefs as tangata whenua.
Ref: **IEMP in its entirety.**

5(c) **5.1.2 Tsunami Hazard Risk (pg35)**
TMoNRT strongly support this Policy.
Reason: TMoNRT strongly support this policy due to the Ngāti Rangitihi people residing in a Tsunami prone area.
Ref: **Pp. 34, 35**

5(d) **6.1.1 Surf Breaks (pg 40)**
TMoNRT support this policy with condition that the access way be properly maintained to allow easy access to a Regionally Significant Surf Break as denoted in Schedule 5 (#19, Tarawera Cut) of the PRCEP.
Reason: TMoNRT believe that under Section 6(d) of the RMA (1991), (Matters of National Importance), that **maintenance** and **enhancement** of the eastern access way to the coast must be adhered to.
Ref: **Pg. 32**

5(e) **Method 1 (pg 153)**
TMoNRT strongly support this Method.
Reason: TMoNRT support the programme which will incorporate matauranga Maori based methods and/or cultural health indicators that recognise and express Maori values since these values are core to tikanga of the tangata whenua.
Ref: **IEMP in its entirety.**

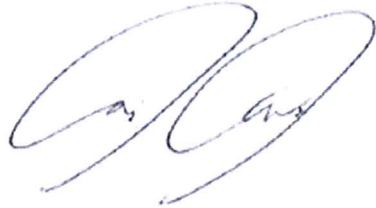
5(f) **1.4 Involvement of community groups and tāngata whenua, (Method 13 and 14) (pg155).**
TMoNRT strongly support this Method.
Reason: TMoNRT believes that this policy has the potential for tangata whenua to initiate projects which will benefit all New Zealanders.
Ref: **IEMP in its entirety**

- 5(g) **Method 1.5 Cultural and Historic Heritage (pg 156).**
TMONRT strongly support this Method in its entirety.
Reason: The preservation of customary areas of significance is welcomed by tangata whenua.
Ref: Pp. 23 - 29
- 5(h) **Method 1.7 Coastal Hazards, (Method 22) (pg 157)**
TMONRT strongly support this Method.
Reason: TMONRT believes that through collaboration with the councils the outcomes will benefit all parties.
Ref: Pg. 32, 34 - 36
- 5(i) **Method 1.8 Vessel Routeing, (Method 27) (pg 168).**
TMONRT support this Method.
Reason: TMONRT believes through the grounding of the MV Rena levels of risk associated with current vessel routeing needs to be addressed so that this occurrence does not happen again.
Ref: Pg. 22
- 5(j) **Schedule 10 – Water Quality Classifications (pg 267)**
TMONRT would like the council to clarify how this schedule is reflected upon the Tarawera River and Estuary.
Reason: TMONRT believes that the flushing Tarawera River on the outgoing tide contravenes this schedule.
Ref: Pp. 29 - 33

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi would like to take this occasion to thank the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for the opportunity to submit on the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan.

If you have any questions/queries please feel free to call me.

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