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Report to: Wellington Regional Council
From: Councillors Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

Ara Tahī Meeting – 12 June 2002

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings at the meeting of Ara Tahī held on 12 June 2002.

2. Background & Comment

2.1 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

The meeting was advised that the Council will be seeking Iwi input into the 10-year plan (LTCCP). The LTCCP process places particular emphasis on consultation with Iwi/hapu.

The Council wishes to engage Iwi at an early stage in the process. This early involvement will allow Iwi to participate before the Council moves to wider community consultation in September 2002.

Staff and Iwi will discuss LTCCP at a technical workshop scheduled for 17 July 2002.

2.2 Incident Response Report

A report on work on incidence response undertaken by the Council was presented to the meeting. There was a general discussion regarding enforcement powers under the RMA. Officers indicated that co-operation with business had proved a highly effective method of improving resource consent compliance.

2.3 Nomination of a Wellington Regional Council Iwi Hearing Commissioner

Ara Tahī members endorsed the nomination of Jack Rikihana (Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai) to act as a Wellington Regional Council Iwi Hearing Commissioner.

2.4 Progress Reports from Maori Policy Advisors, Wellington & Wairarapa

Oral reports were provided on the following Iwi projects, to supplement to the summary information provided in **Report 02.305**

2.4.1 *Wellington Tenth Trust – Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values*

The Tenth Trust reported that Beca Carter had completed business and scoping plans. A total of 209 significant sites in the Port Nicholson purchase block had been identified. A pilot study of one site generated 600 pages of site-specific information. However, it would be impossible to adopt the same approach for all 209 sites. Therefore, a broader approach is being adopted in order to collect site-specific information (i.e. maps, plans and images). The computer hardware and software to support a GIS system is currently being set up.

It was noted that the benefits of the project include improvements in relationships between government agencies and the Tenth Trust, provision of comprehensive information on individual sites and the increased capability of Iwi members to gain a better understanding of their history.

2.4.2 *Ngati Raukawa – Tikanga Maori Report on the Otaki River and Catchment*

It was reported that progress had been slow on this project. The issues have been discussed with WRC staff.

2.4.3 *Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui*

It was reported that progress on this project had been slow due to competing demands from various government agencies. The initial aim of the project was the production of an Iwi environmental management plan that could be integrated into the Council's planning documentation. However, the documentation has not been produced.

2.4.4 *Wairarapa Projects*

An overview of the various projects undertaken in the Wairarapa are detailed in the report. The representatives of *Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua* thanked the Council and staff for all their assistance in ensuring these projects were a success. A project expenditure report was tabled.

2.4.5 *Funding of Projects*

The meeting was advised that funding for Iwi projects had been reduced by \$50,000 as part of the overall cost cutting within Resource Policy that was necessary to remain within their fiscal envelope. It was suggested that the WRC work to improve its definitions of the kinds of projects that are eligible for this type of funding.

3. **General Business**

It was noted that the Councillor walkover of the rohe in the Wairarapa is scheduled for 25 September 2002.

The meeting was advised that Wayne Hastie had been appointed the WRC's Council Secretary. Ara Tahi members thanked Wayne for his work and commitment to the success of Ara Tahi over the years and wished him well in his new role.

4. **Recommendation**

That the report be received and the contents noted

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