



NGĀTI KOATA  
TRUST



Ngāti Rārua  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua



TE RŪNANGA O  
TOA RANGATIRA



NGĀTI TAMA  
KI TE TAUIHU



TE ĀTIAWA  
MANAWHENUA KI TE TAU IHU TRUST



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Tēnā koe e ngā Rangatira o te Kaunihera a Waiharakeke

## RE: SUBMISSION TO ANNUAL PLAN

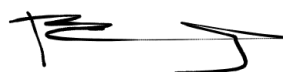
- 1.1 Te Tauihu Iwi Implementing Te Mana o te Wai Project ('the Project') is a collaborative project to enable eight Te Tauihu Iwi to participate and contribute to the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management Te Mana o te Wai ('NPSFM Te Mana o te Wai')
- 2 The output from the Project will contribute to the eight Te Tauihu Iwi priority outcomes to protect and enhance the health and wellbeing of waterways, te taiao, whānau, hapū and Iwi.
- 3 The Project is important to ensure the relationship of the eight Te Tauihu Iwi and their culture and traditions with their land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga are taken into account when a Council is making an important decision involving land or a body of water.
- 4 The health and wellbeing of wai is significant to the eight Te Tauihu Iwi in accordance with tikanga Māori including in relation to history, kaitiakitanga, mahinga kai, wāhi tapu, wāhi whakahirahira, waiora and customary protection of flora and fauna; and spiritual values.
  - 4.1 The aim of the Project is to support the eight Te Tauihu Iwi capacity and capability building in order to participate and contribute to Council's decision-making processes and freshwater management.
  - 4.2 A key output of the project will be the collation and documentation of whānau values and aspirations for each of the eight iwi, to inform development of Te Tauihu Iwi freshwater management policies and plans.
  - 4.3 The Project very important in that it will give effect to whānau intergenerational reciprocity aspirations/actions to ensure their tupuna waterways in Te Tauihu, are healthy and well.

- 4.4 The outcomes from the Project will contribute to Councils core function in plan development output: To participate and contribute to Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman Councils core functions for Plan development, to give effect to NPSFM Te Mana o te Wai.
- 4.5 A Project Policy role is therefore crucial for the eight Te Taihu Iwi, to coordinate and integrate and develop eight Te Taihu Iwi freshwater management provisions to inform Councils core function Plan development for NPSFM Te Mana o te Wai.
- 4.6 A Project Policy writer will also be able to identify where the iwi of Te Taihu have similar objectives, which will assist Councils in shaping eight iwi voices into the new Freshwater Plan.
- 4.7 In 2022, the eight Te Taihu Iwi advised the Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman Councils that baseline funding of \$172,800.00 (\$57,800.00 each Council) was essential and necessary for the Project Policy role.
- 4.8 In 2023, the Councils declined to fund the Project Policy role from their core RMA function operations budget for Plan development.
- 4.9 Instead, the Councils directed the eight Te Taihu Iwi to make a submission to the Annual Plan process for funding for the 2024/2025 period. The NPFM Te Mana o te Wai is required to be implemented by Councils by December 2024.
- 4.10 It is therefore very disappointing for the eight Te Taihu Iwi to be a submitter, cap in hand, to ask for RMA baseline funding, to assist Council's core RMA function Plan development.
- 4.11 **The benefit of Councils RMA baseline budget for** the Project Policy role contributes to the eight Te Taihu Iwi capacity and policy capability to develop eight Te Taihu iwi freshwater provisions;
- 4.12 **The benefit of Councils RMA baseline budget for** the Project Policy role contributes to the eight Te Taihu Iwi capacity and policy capability to participate and contribute to Council's core RMA function Plan development and decision making processes of Councils.
- 4.13 The Project Policy role budget is \$172,800.00.**
- 4.14 This submission request to Marlborough District Council is for \$57,600.00.**
- 4.15 The eight Te Taihu Iwi would like to speak to this submission.

Nāku noa, nā



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