



Expression of Interest: Service Provider - Iwi Policy Liaison (Kai Tohutohu)

Expressions of Interest are sought for a service provider to assist Waitomo District Council to facilitate communication with Iwi groups for the purposes of reviewing the Waitomo District Plan.

We are looking to purchase a service from a provider with a Resource Management policy background, preferably in Local Government, experience in Māori engagement, understanding of tikanga Māori and an ability to operate within Māori and non-Māori political environments.

OVERVIEW

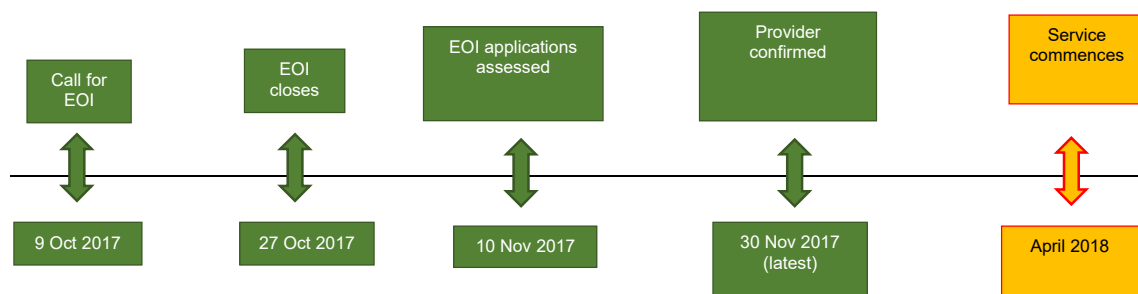
Waitomo District Council ('WDC') is undertaking a review of the Waitomo District Plan. To facilitate communication during this review process, WDC seeks assistance to liaise with Maniapoto, Waikato Tainui and other local Iwi groups. In particular, the service provider will work directly with the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board and various groups within the rohe. This includes but is not limited to:

- Maniapoto Working Group
- Te Mana Taiao Advisory Group
- Regional Management Committees
- Land owners/Trustees for Māori land
- Other Iwi working groups and Customary Marine Title Groups as required

The purpose of the role is to assist in and support the development of te ao Māori policy and Iwi involvement relating to the review of the Waitomo District Plan. This involves working in Te Kuiti, but also requires travel to liaise with Iwi groups around the District.

CONTRACT PROCESS AND TIMEFRAME

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Iwi Policy Liaison Contract close on 27 October 2017. The contract will commence in April 2018 for a 12-month period, with possibility of extension as needed.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- Knowledge of Resource Management Act.
- Proven track record engaging with whānau and hapū in consultation processes.
- Ability to communicate te ao Māori into policy process management and advise, facilitate, engage and negotiate where issues may be complex or unclear.
- Ability to communicate confidently and effectively with key stakeholders, including fostering and strengthening key relationships with Iwi leaders, Iwi partners and tangata whenua across the District.
- High level of expertise in negotiating and problem solving, including the ability to support, facilitate and coordinate the involvement of Iwi in the policy development process.
- Strong report writing skills to communicate complex planning information.
- Ability to collate divergent Iwi perspectives into considered and defensible policy.
- Understanding of Te Reo Māori me ōnā tikanga.
- Ability to ensure that Iwi are supported to contribute and influence policy development processes.

Preferred

- Registered Maniapoto tribal member.
- Existing links or relationships with Waikato-Tainui and Ngati Tama or the ability to foster and strengthen a relationship with these Iwi Authorities is important.
- Understanding of the Waitomo District Council community and Maniapoto rohe.
- Understanding of District Plan objectives, policies and rules.
- Knowledge of the Local Government Act.
- Experience in project delivery, policy writing and analysis, and a working knowledge of local government.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Please submit a brief CV and relevant work sample by close of business Friday 27 October 2017 to Cathy.O'Callaghan@waitomo.govt.nz. The work sample should demonstrate alignment with the Person Specification, for example, projects that demonstrate your strong report writing, communication and facilitation skills in respect of whānau, hapū and local government.

For more information:

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Cathy O'Callaghan on 07 878 0800 or 027 553 8562.

Expressions of interest may be dropped into the Waitomo District Council offices, Queen Street, Te Kuiti or posted to:

**Expression of Interest:
Iwi Policy Liaison Contract
Waitomo District Council
PO Box 404
Te Kuiti 3941**

WDC reserves the right to seek proposals and applications from other parties in addition to those who respond to this invitation. The terms of the contract will be negotiated directly with the successful party.