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Tēnā koutou katoa,

A muri kia mau ki tēnā, kia mau ki te kawau mārō, whanake ake, whanake ake!

The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (the Board) is constituted under the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Act 1988 as a body corporate for the purposes of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955. The beneficiaries of the Board are the members of the Maniapoto tribe and their descendants.

The indicative Maniapoto tribal boundaries extend from Te Raukumara in the north down to Waipingao Stream on the West Coast, inland to Taumarunui in the south and across to Wharepuhunga and the Hauhungaroa Range on the eastern boundary. The Board has 7 Regional Management Committees (RMC) within the Maniapoto rohe who represent clusters of marae in their respective areas. There are four RMC's that are directly linked to this Council: Te Tokaanganui a Noho RMC (Te Kuiti), Mōkau ki Runga RMC (Mōkau), Hauāuru ki Uta RMC (Waitomo/Marokopa) and Ngā Tai o Kawhia RMC (Kinohaku/Hauturu/Te Waitere/Kawhia). The Board respects the views of our RMC's who may submit to Council their views of this Long Term Plan.

The Board holds responsibilities as co-governors and co-managers with the Crown for the Waipā River. These responsibilities are legislated under the Ngā Wai o Maniapoto (Waipā River) Act 2012 (NWOM) and also the co-governance entity, Waikato River Authority/Waikato River Clean-Up Trust.

THE CROWN AND THE MANIAPOTO MĀORI TRUST BOARD

Ko te mauri, ko te waiora o te Waipā ko Waiwaia Ko Waipā te toto o te tangata! Ko Waipā te toto o te whenua, koia hoki he wai Manawa whenua! Ko Waipā tetehi o nga taonga o Maniapoto whanui.

The Crown and the Board signed a Deed in relation to the co-governance and co-management of the Waipā River in 2010. A Joint Management Agreement was signed with the Waikato District Council and the Waikato Regional, Waipā District, Otorohanga District and Waitomo Councils on April 3, 2013.

The overarching purpose of the Deed and the NWOM Act is: to restore and maintain the quality and integrity of the waters that flow into and form part of the Waipā River for present and future generations and the care and protection of the mana tuku iho o Waiwaia. The Board and the Crown also signed an overarching Waiwaia



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Accord which has principles contained within also a Local Government Accord with the Department of Internal Affairs.

Te Awa o Waipā is a taonga to Maniapoto. Maniapoto have a deep felt obligation and desire to restore, maintain and protect all of the waters that flow and/or fall within the Maniapoto rohe (Ngā Wai o Maniapoto), whether the waters are above, on or underground. Te Mana o Te Wai (The quality and integrity of the waters) is paramount.

The obligation includes the waters that flow into and form part of the Waipā River. The relationship between Maniapoto and the Waipā River is historic, intellectual, physical and spiritual. Historically, Te Mana o Te Wai was such that it provided all manner of sustenance to Maniapoto including physical and spiritual nourishment that has, over generations, maintained the quality and integrity of Maniapoto marae, whānau, hapū and iwi.

To Maniapoto the Waipā River has mana and in turn represents the mana of Maniapoto. The Waipā River is a single indivisible entity that flows from Pekepeke to its confluence with the Waikato River and includes its waters, banks, bed (and all minerals under it) and its streams, waterways, tributaries, lakes, fisheries, vegetation, floodplains, wetlands, islands, springs, geothermal springs, water column, airspace and substratum as well as its metaphysical elements with its own mauri.

The Board have developed three key documents regarding the Waipā River:

1. *He Mahere Taiao – The Maniapoto Iwi Environmental Management Plan,*
2. *He Mahere Ika – Maniapoto Fish Plan for the Waipā River; and;*
3. *Maniapoto Priorities for the Restoration of the Waipā River Catchment Report*

The key document for Council to consider in relation to this Council Planning Document is *He Mahere Taiao – The Maniapoto Iwi Environmental Management Plan*. Within this document Council will find all of the Maniapoto priorities, objectives, policies and actions that we consider a priority for our tribal boundary. We encourage Council to seek information from the Maniapoto EMP when considering this LTP for our views regarding social, economic, cultural and environmental objectives.

The Board supports this submission.

WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE MANIAPOTO MĀORI TRUST BOARD

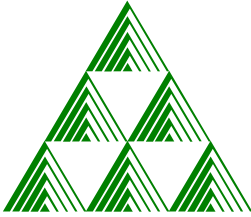
Waipā River Catchment

The Waitomo District Council is a District Council duly constituted by the Local Government Act 2002 and as such is responsible for promoting social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of its communities.

The Council is one of five Joint Management Agreement partners under the Waipā River Act between Local Authorities and the Board. The Local Authorities and the Board agreed to enter into one collective agreement for all of its joint management arrangements which is pursuant to the Waipā River Act.

The purpose of the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) signed on 3 April 2013 was to achieve the following purpose:

- *To provide for the Local Authorities and MMTB to work together in carrying out the functions, duties and powers provided for in and to give effect to the Waipā River Act.*



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The scope of the JMA:

(a) Covers matters relating to the Waipā River and activities within its catchment affecting the Waipā River as depicted in Schedule One;

(b) Covers matters relating to the exercise of shared functions, duties and powers in relation to:

(i) Monitoring and enforcement activities as provided for in section 21 of the Waipā River Act;

(ii) Preparing, reviewing, changing or varying a RMA Planning Document, as provided for in section 22 of the Waipā River Act; and

(iii) Considering applications under Part 6 of the RMA in relation to resource consents as provided for in section 23 of the Waipā River Act. (c) May cover additional duties, functions or powers as agreed between the MMTB and the Local Authorities, whether collectively or individually.

The Long Term Plan discusses Safe Communities, Economic Development, Rates Remission Policy, Public Toilets at Mokau and Waitomo Village and Funding Water and Sewerage Services which the Board wish to submit on.

2018-2028 LONG TERM PLAN

1. SAFE COMMUNITIES – OPTION 1

Unless opposed in submission to the LTP by our respective RMC's in this district, the Board are supportive of this proposal. The Social Sector Youth Trials were a success within the Waitomo District and the Board had advocated for further funding of this initiative. The people of Maniapoto are well centred within the Waitomo District and the Board supports a long term solution for Safer Communities. We recommend a programme that reaches the entire district that is delivered by a community driven group.

The Board support the Council preferred **Option 1**.

2. NORTH KING COUNTRY SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRE – OPTION 1

Unless opposed in submission to the LTP by our respective RMC's in this district, the Board support Council to provide a funding grant for the establishment of the North King Country Sports and Recreation Centre. It is our understanding that a Trust will be established for the Recreation Centre (including a Fitness Centre) and that this will not be a Council facility. Increased partnership and further funding support from the community such as schools is advantageous.

The Board support the Council preferred **Option 1**.



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3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – IN SUPPORT

Unless opposed in submission to the LTP by our respective RMC's in this district, the Board supports Council's plans to participate and become a member of the proposed Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA) and the South Waikato Economic Initiative in the South Waikato Sub-Region. The Board understands that the South Waikato Partnership includes Otorohanga, South Waikato Councils and the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment all contributing to the partnership.

Economic development is a key priority for Maniapoto and we acknowledge that it also aligns with the Waikato Plan.

The Board support Council's proposal to participate in the WREDA and the South Waikato Economic Initiative.

4. RATES REMISSION POLICY – IN SUPPORT

Unless opposed in submission to the LTP by our respective RMC's in this district, the Board supports Council's proposal to establish a new remission category to bring businesses to the Waitomo District. Rating relief for businesses in the first year by 50% in order to promote employment and economic development within the District makes sense and the Board support this Council initiative.

The Board also support the other new remission category to provide relief to properties that have been detrimentally affected by erosion, subsidence, submersion, earthquake or other calamities in order to assist ratepayers affected by these natural events and their associated consequences.

The sea levels continue to increase and 100 year events are happening more often. The best answer to this is through the addition of these two new remission categories.

The Board support Council's proposal to introduce the new categories for remission into the Rates Remission Policy.

5. PUBLIC TOILETS AT MOKAU AND WAITOMO VILLAGE – OPTION 1

Unless opposed in submission to the LTP by our respective RMC's who are located in these two areas of Mōkau and Waitomo, the Board supports Council's proposal to apply for external funding from Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to cover 50% cost of the facilities and if funding is obtained, then to proceed with the upgrade at Mokau and new toilets at Waitomo Village.

6. FUNDING WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES – OPTION 2

Unless opposed in submission to the LTP by our respective RMC's, the Board supports Option 2 to retain the status quo so that the amount of rates paid by each ratepayer is determined by where people live, particularly for those who do not live in the towns but in rural areas where these services are not offered.

In relation to water and sewerage services, the Board encourages Council to look at the direction that the Board has set the direction for Maniapoto in relation to the Waipā River under the Ngā Wai o Maniapoto (Waipā River)



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Act 2012, Deed in relation to the co-governance and co-management of the Waipā River, the Vision & Strategy – Te Ture Whaimana o te awa o Waikato, He Mahere Taiao – The Maniapoto Iwi Environmental Management Plan, He Mahere Ika – Maniapoto Fish Plan for the Waipā River and the Maniapoto Priorities for the Restoration of the Waipā River Catchment Report. These are key documents that provide the view of Maniapoto in relation to all waterways and the coastal environment within our tribal boundary.

CONCLUSION

The Joint Management Agreement between the Council and Maniapoto solidifies the existing and future relationship between the two entities. The Board value the relationship that we have with Mayor Brian Hanna and support Council's drive to create a better economy for the Waitomo District.

The Board acknowledges our respective Regional Management Committees and their views on the Long Term Plan. The Board supports Council to continue to effectively lead and manage the Waitomo District, for the greater community.

Nāku iti noa, na

Sonya Hetet

Chief Executive