



TE RUNANGA O TE RARAWA

Submissions

Northland Regional Councils Annual Plan 2013 - 2014

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1. Waiora Northland Programme – pg 7

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the proposed Waiora Northland programme and encourages engagement with both Iwi Authorities and hapu communities.

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa requests that a programme for engagement with affected communities be developed and is willing to assist and support Northland Regional Council to establish and build community and stakeholder groups and capacity.

2. Rescue Helicopter – pg 20

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa acknowledges the regular trips that are made by the NEST helicopter to the Te Hiku region and therefore supports the continued services provided and requests that further consideration be given to extend the funding out to the period covered by the LTP.

3. Busabout Kaitaia – pg 21

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the Kaitaia Busabout service and targeted rate to the Kaitaia and Te Hiku areas of benefit.

4. Farm Water Quality – pg 42

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the Farm Water Quality Improvement plans. We request the following information:

- Which farms and location
- Which Stakeholder/ Groups

¹ Based on the 2006 Census iwi population count. However, on our own iwi estimations our iwi population is nearer to 25,000.

This information would then be used to advocate for Te Rarawa pastoral farmers to participate in this initiative to ensure cleaner water ways and improved land use management practices.

5. Wetlands – pg 42

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the proposed Top Wetlands Project and encourages engagement with Iwi Authorities and hapu communities.

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa is willing to assist and support Northland Regional Council to establish and build community and stakeholder groups and capacity.

6. Draft Northland Regional Policy Statement – pg 43

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the continuation of drafting the Proposed New Regional Policy Statement for Northland.

With such effort made to include Tangata whenua participation and contribution to this policy through the engagement model adopted and project managed by the Runanga it was therefore extremely disappointing that during the process of confirming independent commissioners that no Maori commissioners were appointed.

- Te Runanga o Te Rarawa wishes to speak to our concerns regarding this matter.

7. Minor river works – pg 49

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the inclusion of the following rivers into the minor works programme:

- Pawarenga
- Panguru
- Waihou

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa requests that before any works are commenced the affected Te Rarawa communities are engaged and consulted.

8. Local Government Reforms – pg 61

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa supports the process being proposed to engage and consult with communities within the region seeking direction regarding Local Government Reforms.

It is considered therefore imperative that a robust and honest approach be taken to ensure that there is participation and contribution made include Maori as a key stakeholder.

9. Variation – Sources of operating funding pg 63

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa is determined to ensure Treaty Settlement legislation is completed within the 2013/ 2014 year and supports that the Crown subsidy of \$60,000 be made available at the same time that expenditure on the beach management board administration occurs.

10. Maori Capacity Policy

Although this policy is not included in this plan, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa requests that “hapu” are included into this policy alongside Iwi.