



# Ngā Manu Tāiko Agenda

Tuesday 13 April 2021, 6.00pm

Manawātū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street,  
Feilding

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## **WHAKAPAPA / HISTORY**

*The Manawatū District is home to a number of Marae. In recognition of the important part they play within the community and because of a request from a Tangata Whenua Representative Group, Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council (previously known as Marae Consultative Standing Committee) was established in 1998.*

*In 2015, Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council established Te Kaunihera Working Group as a means of working through specific outcomes. This Working Group reports directly to Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council.*

*The principal purpose of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council is to liaise between Council and local Tangata Whenua.*

*Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council represents the interests of Tangata Whenua – the people of the land, as well as those with mana whenua status within the Manawatū District and is inclusive of all Māori in our community.*

*A continuing focus for Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council will be to ensure:*

- *that all Māori of the district are represented*
- *that all Māori are able to contribute to Council decision making*
- *that Council is liaising with the people who have mana whenua*

*Membership of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council comprises one member from Aorangi, Kauwhata, Parewahawaha, Poupatate, Te Rangimarie, Taumata O Te Ra, Te Hiiri, Te Tikanga, Kotuku and Te Iwa Marae and the hapū of Ngāti Te Au and Ngāti Turanga, along with elected members appointed by Council with the Chairperson being appointed by the Committee.*

## **REO KŌRERO / COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councillor Alison Short (Chairperson)

Oriana Paewai – Aorangi Marae  
Makareta Casey – Kauwhata Marae  
Maria Maraku-Harrison – Kotuku Marae  
Piri-Hira Tukapua – Paranui Marae  
Amiria Arapere – Parewahawaha Marae  
Kipa Arapere – Poupatate Marae  
Ted Devonshire – Te Au  
Wiremu Kingi Te Awe Awe – Te Rangimarie Marae  
Manurere Devonshire – Taumata O Te Ra Marae  
Atiria Reid – Te Hiiri Marae  
Kathryn Knowles – Te Iwa Marae  
Peter Reweti – Te Tikanga Marae

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors Stuart Campbell, Hilary Humphrey, Phil Marsh and Alison Short

## **KAUPAPA / TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To facilitate dialogue between the Manawatu District Council and Tangata Whenua with the representatives being responsible for representing and reporting the position of their respective bodies.

To identify issues and the processes for dealing with those issues.

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**5. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:**

Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, that item may be dealt with at that meeting if:

5.1 The Committee by resolution so decides; and

5.2 The Chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item is not on the agenda, and the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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*Draft resolution*

*That the minutes of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held on 09 February 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record.*

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 10 Year Plan: Consultation Document and Key Projects presented by Rebecca Bell, Strategy Manager

8.2 Marae Civil Defence presented by Jeff Graham, Emergency Management Officer

8.3 Aorangi Marae Traffic Management - Right Turn Bay request, presented by Hamish Waugh, General Manager - Infrastructure

8.4 Proposed DC Rebate policy presented by Brent Limmer, General Manager – Community and Strategy

**9. REPORT BACK FROM TE KAUNIHERA WORKING GROUP**

There is no formal report back from Te Kaunihera working group.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 09 February 2021, commencing at 6.05pm in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

KUA TAE MAI / PRESENT:

Councillor Alison Short	(Chairperson)
Councillor Hilary Humphrey	
Councillor Phil Marsh	
Makareta Casey	Kauwhata Marae
Amiria Arapere	Parewahawaha Marae
Ted Devonshire	Te Au
Kipa Arapere	Poupatate Marae
Manurere Devonshire	Taumata O Te Ra Marae
Kathryn Knowles	Te Iwa Marae
Oriana Paewai	Aorangi Marae
Wiremu Te Awe Awe	Te Rangimārie Marae

NGĀ WHAKAPAHA / APOLOGIES:

Her Worship the Mayor Helen Worboys	
Councillor Stuart Campbell	
Atiria Read	Te Hiiri Marae

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trieste Te Awe Awe	Te Rangimārie Marae
Jessica Kereama-Stevenson	Taumata O Te Ra Marae
Brent Limmer	General Manager – Community and Strategy
Frances Smorti	General Manager – People and Culture
Rārite Mātaki	Kaitohu Aporei – Māori (Principal Adviser – Māori)
Steph Skinner	Governance Officer

#### NMT 21/054 MEETING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia tīmatanga to open the meeting.

Chairperson Alison Short welcomed visitor Paul Matenga who was attending with Wiremu Te Awe Awe.

#### NMT 21/055 APOLOGIES

##### RESOLVED

**That the apologies from Her Worship the Mayor, Helen Worboys, Councillor Stuart Campbell and Atiria Read, Te Hiiri Marae be accepted.**

**Moved by: Kipa Arapere**

**Seconded by: Wiremu Te Awe Awe**

##### CARRIED

#### NMT 21/056 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alison Short.

- Council closed for longer Christmas break 2020, most staff appreciating extra holidays.

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- A busy start to the year with Council staff working on the 10YP, the town centre refresh and updating strategies.

Wiremu Te Awe Awe.

- Funding secured for carpark repairs and maintenance works at the marae including a cemetery clean up.
- 12 positions were given to youth workers for work experience and to complete maintenance works, moving onto Te Āpiti bridge for further work involvement.
- Marae struggling to find contractors - if anyone had contacts please pass them on.

Councillor Hilary Humphrey.

- Advised the Creative Communities Funding Applications were currently open to funding requests, encouraging Iwi members involved in Māori culture and arts to apply.
- Councillor Humphrey was also happy to provide members with more information about the funding streams Eastern and Central Community Trust has to offer.

Amiria Arapere.

- PGF funding received for repairs and maintenance and work had finally started on the bathroom upgrades. The Marae would be closed during renovations.

Councillor Phil Marsh.

- 10YP moving into consultation process shortly.

Ted Devonshire.

- Advised Te Au would be going to TANS in Foxton (Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom) for their Treaty of Waitangi meetings for a week starting 12 April 2021.

Kipa Arapere.

- Poupatate Marae busy with cluster work from PGF funding advising the Waharoa had been completed. Fencing needs completion, and carvings refreshed. Hope to be finished by May 2021.

Manurere Devonshire.

- Marae currently having the exterior of all buildings painted.
- New playground had been installed beside the carpark entrance.
- The Marae held their 25<sup>th</sup> celebration on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021.
- One of their members had been awarded a weaving residency in Otaki for 1 year.

Oriana Paewai.

- Sir Mason Durie was made a member of the Order of New Zealand in the 2021 New Year's Honours, a privilege reserved for just 20 living New Zealanders who had been recognised for their ongoing service to New Zealand.
- The Marae held a wedding last week. The start of whānau celebrations happening again.
- Oriana's workplace had a family day at the Makino Aquatic Centre pre-Christmas and could not praise the staff highly enough.

## NMT 21/057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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#### NMT 21/058 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

#### NMT 21/059 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### **RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held on 9 June 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by: Oriana Paewai**

**Seconded by: Manurere Devonshire**

##### **CARRIED**

#### NMT 21/060 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Members discussed the previous presentation from Trustees of Aorangi Marae regarding the KiwiRail Hub potentially siting in the Bunnythorpe vicinity and the impact of increased traffic on the roads surrounding the Marae, and application to the Horizons Regional Long Term Plan consultation process which opened 9 February 2021 for one month.

- There had been extensive conversations and scoping of requirements between Council Infrastructure Manager and Aorangi Marae.
- Aorangi Marae would also be making a separate submission.
- Jerald Twomey, Horizons requested that Council commit funding to this project so that it would proceed.
- Councillor Alison Short requested a written update from the Infrastructure Manager on any progress or plans for improved traffic management in the vicinity of Aorangi Marae and have this circulated amongst the committee membership.
- Amiria Arapere asked this committee to make a recommendation to Manawatū District Council that Ngā Manu Tāiko want to see something done urgently. This issue had been ongoing for 25 years.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Ngā Manu Tāiko recommends the Manawatū District Council includes in its submission on the Horizons Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 support, including a funding commitment in year one, for urgent road safety improvement works needed in the vicinity of Aorangi Marae.**

**Moved by: Amiria Arapere**

**Seconded by: Makareta Casey**

##### **CARRIED**

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#### NMT 21/061 PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

#### NMT 21/062 DISCUSSION POINT – TE REUREU WATER SCHEME

Lisa Chase was last at Council talking about the Te Reureu water scheme in December 2019 on behalf of whānau living in the valley.

- The three Marae in the valley had consolidated into one working group for water supply to the Valley. The group had secured funding for initial reports to be completed, unfortunately COVID-19 had delayed this.
- The group focus had shifted from papakāinga to whānau.
- Discussion on Three Waters funding Council had received from Central Government.
- Lisa believed Halcombe/Stanway water units were available and requested these to be frozen until Te Reureu was finalised.
- The Te Reureu valley has history back to the 1840's. Now a swing of whānau returning to use the land, but there was currently no water infrastructure to connect to.
- Councillor Alison Short advised that once this project had been scoped, the business case/strategy would come to Council for consideration.
- Rārite Mātaki, Principal Adviser – Māori advised there had been conversations held with Iwi regarding the short notice for Three Waters funding applications.

#### RESOLVED

**Ngā Manu Tāiko recommends the Manawatū District Council confirm in writing the agreement to fund the full cost, actual or in kind, of the feasibility study for the Te Reureu Water Scheme.**

**Moved by: Kipa Arapere**

**Seconded by: Oriana Paewai**

#### CARRIED

*Jessica Kereama-Stevenson arrived at 7.09pm*

#### NMT 21/063 DISCUSSION POINT – CYCLE AND WALKWAYS

Lisa Chase discussed the need for Council to plan for cycle paths and walkways requesting the Council recognise the needs of low socio-economic groups and those who have limited access to transport when planning new areas or roading upgrades. Safe walking and cycling tracks assist whānau to get around the Manawatū safely.

*The meeting adjourned at 7.11pm and resumed at 7.22pm*

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#### NMT 21/064 DISCUSSION POINT – LOCAL ELECTORAL MĀORI WARDS AMENDMENT BILL

Brent Limmer, General Manager – Community and Strategy explained the proposed changes to the Local Government Act regarding the Local Electoral Māori Ward Amendment Bill. If passed, Councils could decide to have a Māori ward without poll intervention.

- Wiremu Te Awe Awe advised a kōrero had been held earlier, with those present supporting this option.
- Ngā Manu Tāiko would like to recommend the establishment of a Māori Ward, which would be minuted at the 13 April 2021 Ngā Manu Tāiko meeting for Council to take into consideration.
- Based on the number of electors registered on the Manawatū Māori Electoral Roll, this could give 1 additional seat at Council and would ensure a Tangata whenua voice around the table.

#### RESOLVED

**Ngā Manu Tāiko supports the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill and recommends the establishment of a Māori Ward within Manawatū District Council for the 2022 Local Government Elections.**

**Moved by: Wiremu Te Awe Awe**

**Seconded by: Kipa Arapere**

#### CARRIED

Makareta Casey abstained from voting, advising her wish to take this topic back to her Marae for discussion.

#### NMT 21/065 DISCUSSION POINT – THE LONG-TERM PLAN - 10YP

Brent Limmer, General Manager – Community and Strategy gave a verbal update on 10YP process, explaining the Councillors had a balancing act between budgets, rates, community needs and regulatory/service delivery requirements.

- Facebook live pre-engagement saw growth in public participation.
- Brent Limmer gave examples of current policy items in progress: earthquake prone buildings, the town centre refresh, housing strategy, development contributions etc.
- Good feedback had been received within the community facilities strategy. Library redevelopment would be coming out for public engagement shortly. Council building earthquake strengthening currently in planning stages.
- Consultation of 10YP: draft document had been presented to Council and it was anticipated this would be in the public arena late April/early May. Hearings would be held after the submission process. 10YP documents currently with Audit NZ.
- Jessica Kereama-Stevenson talked about holding a day hui . This would give the committee time to go through the 10YP, so they understood what is being proposed.

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- Councillor Alison Short encouraged Te Kaunihera to make a submission to the 10YP to give Council a direct voice from Iwi.
- Library rebuild: do the committee want to contribute bringing Māori thinking into the concept design phase? The look of the building should show the bicultural community that Manawatū is.
- District Plan Change: Changes in the rural and residential zoning, including an aerodrome zone, would be going out for review and public consultation soon. It would include rural subdivision rules and village requirements, including soil type classifications, trying to protect classes 1 and 2 soils in terms of subdivision models. The Town Centre Refresh is a separate plan.
- Aorangi Marae was encouraged to review the chapter in the District Plan Change regarding the Taonui Aerodrome which could affect them because of their location.
- The District Plan would be seeking pre-engagement feedback and Council staff had offered to discuss in workshop sessions to Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū or Te Kaunihera before the more formal consultation process begins.
- Councillor Hilary Humphrey talked about enabling submissions for further Māori resources within Manawatū District Council and additional support to assist Rārite Mātaki in his role.

#### NMT 21/066 OFFICER REPORT

There were no officer reports this meeting.

#### NMT 21/067 REPORT BACK FROM TE KAUNIHHERA WORKING GROUP

There was no Te Kaunihera Working Group meeting held in the previous two months.

#### NMT 21/068 PRINCIPAL ADVISER MĀORI – VERBAL PROGRESS REPORT

Rārite Mātaki, Principal Adviser – Māori had three Items which required members input/help/support.

1. Updating information register with names, addresses, Alternates members and their information, and emergency contact details for all. Rārite will resend updated contact list for members to correct and/or add to.
2. Seeking membership advice on how to progress with the Housing Working Group that was discussed during the last Ngā Manu Tāiko hui.
3. Seeking confirmation of interest to hold a special hui to discuss the evolution of the current Ngā Manu Tāiko forum. This would include the exploration of how to maximise the potential of this forum and gain a more strategic advantage. There are various models for the membership to view and guide this evolution.

Four further were items for members information:

1. Parks and Reserves – Have done some preliminary work with Anaru Himiona to identify a strategic approach towards indigenising Council Projects. This includes using Tāne, an Atua Māori, and all his associated characteristics to guide project development and implementation.

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2. Feilding Town Centre Refresh – the Committee have completed some preliminary work to help guide those working on this project. This includes establishing four (4) key principles that ensure a more environmentally friendly approach is achieved. These principles include:

- Te Wai (water)
- Te Taiao (the natural environment)
- Te Tangata (the people)
- Te Tuakiritanga (local identity)

These principles would be incorporated within the design concept and each principle would influence design.

3. Te reo Māori – now having discussions with Council staff about how Council use te reo Māori in different parts of the work staff were engaged in. This may include how it is used on signage associated with public facing Council projects. Where required, Council employ the services of He Kupenga Hao i te Reo, Ian Christensen.
4. Tri-Council Waiata – Manawatu District Council was hosting Horowhenua and Palmerston North Councils for an evening of celebrating waiata Māori. To be held 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 5pm.

#### NMT 21/069 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

#### NMT 21/070 CLOSING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia whakamutunga to conclude the proceedings.

#### NMT 21/071 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 8.55pm

## **Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council**

Meeting of 13 April 2021

Business Unit: Corporate and Regulatory

Date Created: 15 February 2021

### **Local Electoral Act Changes - Māori Wards**

#### **Purpose**

To report on changes made to provisions within the Local Electoral Act 2001 relating to the establishment of Māori Ward(s) and to outline the process for Council to proceed with establishing a Māori Ward in the Manawatū District for electoral purposes.

#### **Significance of Decision**

The Council's Significance and Engagement policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report.

#### **Recommendations**

That Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council receive the report on changes made to the Local Electoral Act regarding the establishment of Māori Wards, and note that the Council would be considering establishment of a Māori Ward for electoral purposes at its meeting on 6 May 2021.

Report prepared by:  
Allie Dunn  
Governance Team Leader

Approved for submission by:  
Shayne Harris  
Acting Chief Executive

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## 1 Contribution to the Council Vision and Council Outcomes

### 1.1 Relationship to the Council Outcomes that underpin the Council’s Vision:

*Connected, vibrant and thriving Manawatū District – the best lifestyle in New Zealand*

Manawatū District protects the natural environment through stewardship of the District’s natural and physical resources.	Manawatū District attracts and retains residents and businesses.	Manawatū District develops a broad economic base from its solid foundation in the primary sector.	Manawatū District is connected via quality infrastructure, services and technology.	Manawatū District’s built environment is safe, resilient and attractive.	Manawatū District Council is a customer-focussed and efficient organisation.
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The Local Electoral Act 2001 previously allowed for a decision made by Council to establish a Māori Ward to be overturned as a result of a binding poll.
- 2.2 This was the case with the decision to establish a Māori Ward made by the Manawatū District Council in November 2017, where a valid petition was received from electors that forced the holding of a binding poll. The results of the poll were for a Māori Ward not to be established.
- 2.3 This result was binding on the Council, which meant that despite wishing to establish a Māori Ward for electoral purposes, the Council was unable to do so.
- 2.4 The legislation in force at the time also prevented the Council from revisiting establishment of a Māori Ward for six years.

## 3 Discussion and Options considered

- 3.1 Recently the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for Local Government, introduced a Bill to Parliament, with the following policy intention:
  - To align the treatment of Māori Wards with the treatment of general wards as much as possible;
  - To remove all mechanisms for binding polls to be held on whether Māori Wards would be established; and
  - To provide Councils with an opportunity to make decisions on Māori Wards in light of those changes, in time for the 2022 local elections.
- 3.2 The previous Poll provision in the Local Electoral Act 2001 had proved to be a barrier to improving Māori representation in local government. In all cases except for one (Wairoa District Council), the result of a referendum had been against creating Māori Wards.
- 3.3 As there was no equivalent provision for elector-demanded polls in the process of creating general wards, the removal of the poll provision was consistent with the Crown’s obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and aimed to strengthen the Māori-Crown relationship at a local level by removing barriers to Māori participation in local elections.

- 3.4 The Bill had its first reading in Parliament on Monday 9 February 2021, following which it was referred to the Māori Affairs Select Committee. There was a short submission period that closed on Wednesday 11 February 2021, with the matter referred back to the House for consideration on Monday 15 February 2021.
- 3.5 At the time the Bill was proposed and undertook its First Reading in Parliament, members of Ngā Manu Tāiko were advised via their 9 February 2021 meeting that changes to the Act had been proposed, and if the legislation was passed, based on the number of electors registered on the Māori Electoral Roll for the Manawatū district, this could provide for one member of Council to be elected from a Māori Ward.
- 3.6 The feedback from members at that meeting was a resolution that:
- “Ngā Manu Tāiko supports the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill and recommends the establishment of a Māori Ward within Manawatū District Council for the 2022 Local Government Elections.”*
- 3.7 The legislation was passed on 1 March 2021 and came into effect from 2 March 2021. The legislation allows a short time period for Councils that previously had a decision to establish a Māori Ward overturned by a Poll, to consider establishment of a Māori Ward for the 2022 elections.
- 3.8 For the Manawatū District Council to establish a Māori Ward in time for the next local Council elections, the Council must make a formal resolution no later than 21 May 2021.
- 3.9 Given the feedback received from Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council’s February 2021 meeting, the Council has scheduled consideration of this matter for its 6 May 2021 Council meeting and a report seeking a decision from Council to establish a Māori Ward will be part of that agenda.

#### **4 Operational Implications**

- 4.1 If the Manawatū District Council decides to establish a Māori Ward for electoral purposes, a representation review also needs to be carried out to decide whether all members are to be elected from a Ward system made up with a Māori Ward and General Wards, or whether some members are to be elected from a combined system made up with a Māori and General Wards, and some members elected at large across the district. These decisions would come into effect for the 2022 elections. Note that any decision to establish a Māori Ward cannot be overturned through the Representation Review process.
- 4.2 If the Council decides not to establish a Māori Ward for electoral purposes, the original timeframe of 2023 and 2024 for the next consideration of these matters will apply, with any resultant decision coming into effect for the 2025 elections.

#### **5 Financial implications**

- 5.1 Sufficient budget has been built into the draft 10 Year Plan 2021-31 to undertake the Māori Ward review and Representation Review in years 3 and 4 of that Plan. If a decision is taken to establish a Māori Ward and undertake the Representation Review for the 2022 elections, this budget would need to be brought forward to year 1 of the 10 Year Plan. The impact is not significant.

## **6 Statutory Requirements**

6.1 The Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Constituencies) Amendment Act came into force on 2 March 2021.

6.2 The Act made the following changes to the Local Electoral Act 2001:

- Extended the deadline for Councils to resolve to establish Māori Wards to 21 November 2021 (rather than those resolutions being required to have been made by 23 November 2020). This provided Councils with a fresh opportunity to make decisions on Māori representation for the 2022 local elections;
- Removed the ability for electors to bring a petition requiring a poll on the introduction of Māori wards'
- Removed the ability for Councils to resolve to hold binding polls on whether to establish Māori Wards.

## **7 Delegations**

7.1 The Council has the statutory authority to decide on establishment of a Māori Ward for electoral purpose, and this authority cannot be sub-delegated.

## **8 Consultation**

8.1 A decision to establish a Māori Ward does not require general community consultation. The establishment of a Māori Ward would require the Council to undertake a representation review, however the public consultation process required for the representation review does not allow the decision to establish a Māori Ward to be amended through that process.

## **9 Cultural Considerations**

9.1 Guidance was provided by Ngā Manu Tāiko members at the February 2021 hui, where members expressed support for the establishment of a Māori Ward for electoral purposes.

## **10 Conclusion**

10.1 In order for a Māori Ward to come into effect for the 2022-25 triennium, a Council resolution to that effect must be made by 21 May 2021.

10.2 A decision by the Council to establish a Māori Ward would remain in force for a minimum of two triennia, and would be in force until a further resolution took effect.

## **11 Attachments**

- There are no attachments