

TE PAPA AHUREWA

Te Arawa Environmental Advocacy

Rotorua Lakes Council Funding Agreement (27-23-008)

Report

31 January 2023

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an initial outcome report for the contract 27-23-008 in relation to the Comprehensive Storm Water Management engagement of Te Papa Ahurewa and the related Hapū from Ngongotaha in the west to Waingaehe in the east.
2. This report is provided in table format and will address step 1 of the milestones outlined in the above mentioned contract being that an Iwi / Hapū hui was held on the 26th of January and this report will be accompanied by invoices for December and for January in accordance with the contract terms and conditions.
3. This report will outline the outcomes of the meeting held on the 26th of January 2023 at Sudima Hotel in Rotorua and provide some details around the approach moving forward.

Interim Report – Part 1 Deliverables

Objective	Deliverable	Update
<p>Objective 1: Hui-a-Iwi</p> <p><i>TPA will host a Hui-a-Iwi to discuss the comprehensive Storm Water Management Consent.</i></p>	<p>Deliverable 1.1:</p>	<p>Summary position of this report:</p> <p>This report will outline who attended the meeting held on the 26th of January at Sudima Hotel in Rotorua. It will outline the outcomes of the meeting being that the Hapū representatives request that the consents referred to in relation to the comprehensive storm water management is to be put on hold until such time legislation is clear such as Three Waters and the Resources Management Act as to how water and related resources are to be managed into the future.</p> <p>The second, is that meetings with Hapū should continue during this time to allow for positions to be put forward around the consenting matters and to allow for Hapū to be more informed and prepared.</p> <p>We provide with this report the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of January 2023; 2. Pre meeting briefing; 3. The consent information and agenda paper provided to attendees; and 4. Presentation slides. <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPA: Haimona Te Nahu, Te Rua Wallace, Briana Cardon • RLC: Kahurangi White-Parsons • Troy Brown, Stevee Wikipiwhi, Jacqui Mackle, Hikawai Te Nahu, Lorraine Hall, Deliah Balle, Selina Rika, Nireaha Pirika, Peter Staite • Online: Renee Kiriona <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lani Kereopa, Aleisha Mitchell, Robyn Bargh, Brian Bargh, Lily Wetini <p>Agenda for the meeting held on the 26th of January 2023 at Sudima Hotel in Rotorua.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am - Hui starts; • 10:30am - Rotorua Lakes Council; • 11am - Case study: Pukehangi Heights Stormwater Management; • 11:30am - Te Papa Ahurewa Kōrero; • 12pm – Wānanga; • 1pm – Whakakapi; <p>Te Papa Ahurewa (TPA) overview: It was clear in this meeting that Hapū hold multiple grievances in relation to management of infrastructure and the three waters around the Te Arawa district.</p> <p>We acknowledge Kahurangi White-Parsons for fronting the meeting on behalf of Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) and the hurt that Hapū representatives shared. It was clear that Hapū in attendance were not happy with the way in which the relationship between RLC and themselves is tracking nor were they happy with the proposed consenting process. Peter, in particular outlined that TPA and or Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) should tread very carefully when operating in or around this line of work.</p> <p>TPA sought direction from the meeting and from those in attendance and there was unanimous support from Hapū representatives that all consenting processes and or applications should be put on hold. The reasons for this is that Hapū representatives are currently working through legislation reforms such as Three Waters, Resource Management Act reforms and the likes and want to be clear what the legislative positions are before consenting decisions are made.</p> <p>Hapū encourage a thorough engagement process to outline their aspirations around the way in which RLC develops, implements, applies their plans, consents, policies and other related functions.</p> <p>TPA intends to continue engaging with Hapū in relation to the identified areas, however, states that 6 meetings may not be sufficient and the deadline for these meetings may not achieve the outcomes that RLC seeks.</p> <p>This report has been provided by</p>
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TE HUI WAIHEKE

Comprehensive Stormwater Consent

Thursday 26th Jan 2023

Introduction:

Rotorua Lakes Council are going through a consenting process and have asked Te Papa Ahurewa to assist them with engaging hapū of the location identified below. Why us? Te Papa Ahurewa provides environmental advocacy support to Te Arawa iwi, hapū and whānau and help bridge the gap between tangata whenua and Council/crown entities.

Project:

Rotorua Urban Area Comprehensive Stormwater Plan – engagement with hapū and iwi as part of the resource consent application.

Location:

Rotorua Urban Area

Site:

Rivers Waengaehe to Waitetī

Objective:

To run an engagement process that gathers the values, world view and best approach of Te Arawa hapū and iwi regarding the Stormwater catchment, and ensuring this information informs the consent conditions, design, and overall decision-making and management of the Stormwater management system in the Rotorua Urban environment.

Steps:

1. Hui a iwi (Thursday 26th Jan 2023)
2. Cluster workshops (Feb & March)
3. Technical/ expert panel input (May)
4. Output report (30th June 2023)

First hui happening **Thursday 26th Jan 2023**

Purpose:

Introduce the project and seek views on the engagement approach.

Goal for the hui:

- Determine shared values across the stormwater catchment.
- The most significant impacts on these shared values.
- Proposed options for management of issues.

Output:

- The direction of the project outputs.



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- A confirmed engagement plan.
- Timeline.

Agenda:

10am	Hui starts
10:30am	Rotorua Lakes Council
11am	Case study: Pukehangi Heights Stormwater Management
11:30am	Te Papa Ahurewa kōrero
12pm	Wānanga
1pm	Whakakapi

Light refreshments provided throughout hui

Te Papa Ahurewa Engagement Hui with Iwi and Hapu

Stormwater Management

10 am, 26 January 2023, Sudima Rotorua

Present

- TPA: Haimona Te Nahu, Te Rua Wallace, Briana Cardon
- RLC: Kahurangi White-Parsons
- Troy Brown, Stevee Wikiriwhi, Jacqui Mackle, Hikawai Te Nahu, Lorraine Hall, Deliah Balle, Selina Rika, Nireaha Pirika, Peter Staite
- Online: Renee Kiriona

Apologies

- Lani Kereopa, Aleisha Mitchell, Robyn Bargh, Brian Bargh, Lily Wetini

Karakia: Haimona

- Today's focus is on establishing what engagement on this topic will look like moving forward as decided by hapū and iwi.
- TPA will support each hapū on the position they take regarding stormwater management.
- Renee raised concerns about the hui being held during work hours making it difficult for people to get time off work and attend. Concerned about the impacts on effective engagement if hui are during work hours.

RLC Presentation: Kahurangi White-Parsons

Refer to Slides

- RLC have decided to go through this comprehensive application because of the legislation changes happening. (RMA, 3 Waters) This is not a common process, so there is no template for how it should look.
- Peter: What do you think authentic engagement is?
 - o KWP: Ensure tangata whenua are at the table, consultation, and collaboration.
 - o Deliah: Council need to acknowledge what iwi and hapū have to say and outline how they plan to incorporate that in a transformative way.
 - o Renee: TPA and Council need to be aware that a lot of whānau are not engaged on or aware about this issue. All mana whenua around the lake need to be apart of this process as what goes into the lake effects all of them not just the people within these catchment boundaries.

Wānanga - Whakaaro about the application and process

- Renee:
 - o Concerned that this application is about the future growth plans of council and building their housing developments that won't be for our people. Be clear about who the houses are being built for and the benefits to tauwi while we have to sacrifice our taonga tuku iho.
 - o The bottom line is that the Mauri of our awa and moana can not be worsened will oppose the application if that will happen.

- o Te Arawa hapu and and iwi need to make a very strong public statement that they will fight any worsening of the mauri of our waterways and lakes – kotahitanga for the sake of our taonga tuku iho.
- Peter:
 - o Need to enforce the legislation that states Council cannot pollute our waterways and degrade the environment. There is a clause to protect and enhance the mauri of the water.
 - o Example: Gave evidence to have RLC prosecuted for polluting the Puarenga. The Council were charged and had to pay damages.
 - o Need more information about the contaminants that are/will go into the lake and where they are flowing in.
- Selina:
 - o Will the application still go ahead? KWP - It has already been lodged by council, but it is on hold as they were told they need more information. This process is a part of them getting more information.
 - o Has it been considered that the iwi put their own comprehensive application that is driven by them and not council? HTN – Hapū can decide that they want to do and we can decide how we effect that.
- Lorraine:
 - o We have been trying to fix the pollution of our waterways with Council for years and nothing ever happens. RLC don't listen and we end up discussing the same old issues.
 - o The same people are always at these hui and they don't have the time, or they end up burnt out.
 - o So what happens from here? There are certain places around the lake that are more polluted than others.
- Jacqui:
 - o There needs to be a mindset change and a discussion about other options for stormwater management that are not the waterways. Perhaps onsite treatment. And a system that incorporates tohunga feedback on conditions of waterways. Can Rotorua look at utilising and upgrading existing developments.
- Peter:
 - o Not interested in filing for consent to ask for permission to do something on my own land.
 - o Should capture and treat stormwater before discharged. Pollution has to stop at Ngāpuna and going through Māori land.
 - o As per s 27 of the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement TALT Trustees need to be careful that they don't support anything that allows contaminants into the lake. I will be watching this space as one beneficiary can't take TALT to task about that.
 - o Local authorities must provide the opportunity to contribute to decision making processes. As council have already jumped ahead and made this application and we haven't seen it or know what is in it this is foul play.
- Deliah:
 - o Suggestion to put this process on hold as 3 waters is decided, and more data comes through.
 - o There is a raft of issues to consider holistically and 3 waters provides us the opportunity to decide whether these plans give effect to Te Mana o te Wai.

- Kahurangi:
 - o We know this is not a simple project and there are other projects that need to be factored into it. We know this isn't going to be completed within 6 months.
- Renee
 - o We need a Te Arawa hapū and mana whenua water collective to lead matters relating to all things water such as 3 waters.
- Selina:
 - o Why have the 29 consents been drawn together? KWP – to create a holistic approach to management issues and one that is more efficient for more than just housing such as flooding. Considering everything from small issues to big issues.
- Jacqui:
 - o Roothing networks are not included in stormwater management currently. This is crucial because the maintenance and monitoring programmes needs to be done by the same team so they both know what is happening.
 - o Peter: The roading is contributing to pollution – especially where there are extra speed humps creating residual pollution going into the stormwater drains.
- Renee:
 - o The current application before council needs to be amended but what are some of the ways proposed in current application to mitigate the paru going into the awa and lake? – **Question has been passed on to Kahurangi to circulate answer as it is extensive**
- Deliah:
 - o TTA issued a statement on the wastewater treatment plant in order to protect penny divers at waka it became more than ways to mitigate paru but how with any activity, consent or otherwise proposed on the puarenga that impacts traditional activities we require evidence from any applicant that the activity will improve.
- Lorraine:
 - o At Ngāpuna we are replanting at the Waitawa Stream starting at Neil Hunt Park. Two other sectors to engage with and at the end of that the Papa-a-Ruamoā will be doing wetlands as another way to clean out waterways.
 - o We are resourced from the council – with them for a year and 2 months. Does include voluntary mahi aswell.
- Renee:
 - o If iwi and hapū are expected to do this mahi so that a company can get their consent over the line with council then they need to pay so that our people can be paid properly.
 - o This mahi helps developers so there needs to be meaningful reciprocation. Investment in resourcing iwi and hapū trust to do the work on the ground.
 - o Ideally want to reset entire Kaupapa so awa and moana are not the default for where paru ends up.
- Jacqui suggests that development contributions could include an iwi and hapū component.
- We need more evidence about how this consent will improve the health of our waterways. Our goal with assessing this application is deciding whether it stops paru going into our lake.
- This hui is about gathering information not deciding whether to approve or oppose this application.
- Renee:

- o What are some of the measures being used by pukehangi development to reduce paru going into the water? – **Question has been passed on to Te Rangimarie to answer and will circulate this.**
- o Is there a way we can have someone like Kepa Morgan to research some Matauranga Māori measures?

Kai break

Wānanga – What do you want to happen now?

- Renee:
 - o Put the application on hold till we get more information hand have time to unpack it all
 - o Want the contents to be put on hold while we wananga as they may be approved before we finish.
 - o Do not want our awa and moana to be default for where stormwater will go.
 - o Dream that all hapū are kaitiaki of their own part of the lake and resourced to protect their space. This means restoring iwi and hapū mana along the lake
- Lorraine:
 - o Put this application on hold until we get all of the information the go to the hapū and see how they will be effected.
 - o Develop out own stormwater management plan that caters to the different hapū dynamics.
 - o Do not want drains into our puna.
 - o Need to challenge ourselves to make changes that will have better outcomes for our wai such as composting toilets and gardens to purify water.
- Jacqui:
 - o Put the application on hold.
 - o We need to be the ones telling RLC how we want it to go and that the lake and awa are not the first option for stormwater discharge.
 - o Could ask for funding for a research and development team to look at solutions and address what is already existing.
 - o Need formal framework for accountability for council.
- Selina:
 - o Put application on hold till we get all the correct info.
- Troy:
 - o Put it on hold. Gives time to gather information and engage.
- Deliah:
 - o Put it on hold.
 - o We need to move away from responsive approach to resource consents – 3 waters and TMOTW will help us move away from this.
 - o We need to drive this process and what it looks like. We don't need to look far as we already have Te Arawa iwi working effectively with council deciding what rights and interests looks like at place.
 - o Is there are way through plan change process where iwi and hapū are made aware of issues? At what point can hui trigger plan changes? **These questions have been passed on to Kahurangi to answer.**
- Nireaha:

- o Put this application on hold. There needs to be more engagement and more people around the table.
- o We need equity in decision making. Despite having the Eastside wellness plan the council implementation of that is shocking. Equity in decision making has to be real.
- o Mana whenua need to be the first people contacted and then hapū.
- o We need to be open to alternative ways of dealing with stormwater on site.
- o Need a solutions-based partnership with council.
- Peter
 - o They need to put it on hold or even go back to the start.
 - o There needs to be consultation with iwi and hapū around the lake from the start. All the people that should be in these hui were apart of the Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade conversations.
 - o We need all the background information to this process and application including about the 29 other resource consents – why they were acquired.
 - o District council can't just pass the ball over to TPA they need to deal with hapū directly.
 - o Why did RLC not proceed with the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant after it had been unanimously agreed to? – **Question passed on to Kahurangi to answer.**

Karakia – Haimona

End of hui

COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER PLAN – ENGAGEMENT WITH HAPU AND IWI

Project outline to Rotorua Lakes Council

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

To provide a project outline from Te Papa Ahurewa to Rotorua Lakes Council (Council) in relation to a project that will provide a Cultural Values assessment and framework for a Cultural Impact assessment to accompany the application for the Comprehensive Stormwater management plan for the Rotorua Urban area.

1.2 Overarching objective

To run an engagement process that ensures the values, world view and approach of Te Arawa hapū and iwi within the Stormwater catchment informs the consent conditions, design and management of the Stormwater management system in the Rotorua Urban environment.

The project will be a collaborative effort between Te Papa Ahurewa, Te Arawa Lakes Trust and hapū and iwi members.

2. Benefits of hapū and iwi engagement

2.1 Benefits to Council

Supports Councils to meet its commitments to the consent process for the Stormwater management plan.

Council has applied to Bay of Plenty Regional Council for a resource consent for the management of the Stormwater in the Rotorua Urban environment. There is a requirement for Council to provide a Cultural Impacts assessment.

This project will deliver a cultural values assessment across the stormwater catchment, support hapū and iwi to develop Te Mana o te Wai Statements and provide guidance to hapū and iwi on the Cultural impact assessment process.

Provide understanding of the Stormwater management processes

Currently the management of stormwater is not well understood particularly in the context of the emerging issues around the Three Waters discussions.

This project provides the opportunity to develop understanding around stormwater management and how it can be improved to provide for Te Mana o te Wai as required in the Three Waters system, including the development of Te Mana o Te Wai statements,

It will be an example of the embedding of Te Tūāpapa (Te Arawa Cultural Values framework) into the management of the Rotorua/Te Arawa Lakes

Rotorua Lakes Council is a partner on the RTALSG charged with *Promote the sustainable management of the Te Arawa/Rotorua Lakes and their catchments for the use and enjoyment of future generations, while recognizing and providing for the traditional*

relationship of Te Arawa with the Lakes. Te Tūāpapa o ngā Wai o Te Arawa framework was developed by TALT to enable hapū, iwi and the wider community to understand how to provide for Te Arawa values in decision making, management and activity on the Te Arawa/Rotorua Lakes. This is an opportunity to give effect to the principles of the framework; 1. Value Te Ao Maori and 2. Value the contribution of Te Arawa.

2.2 Benefits to Te Arawa

It will implement Te Tūāpapa o nga wai o Te Arawa and He Mahere Taiao mō ngā Wai o Te Arawa.

Te Tūāpapa is the high-level cultural values framework that describes the relationship between Te Arawa and the Te Arawa Lakes. He Mahere Taiao is the Environment Management plan to implement Te Tūāpapa and was lodged with the BOPRC in December 2019. Section 61, 66 and 74 of the RMA require Council to take this plan into account when preparing or changing regional policy statements and regional or district plans.

Section 6 WaiRua/Wairua – Our People, Knowledge and Practices specifically references Climate Change in Section 6.3 Adapting to a changing environment.

This project will contribute towards implementation of this Environment Management Plan.

3. Project staging and considerations

3.1 Project considerations

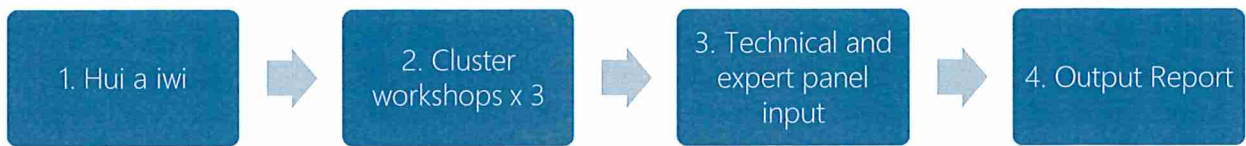
This project needs to consider the following:

- The unique mātauranga of respective Iwi-hapū in relation to the catchments with the Stormwater management plan area.
- Iwi-hapū are keen to be involved in, and where needed lead, projects / tasks.
- The links to wider water management issues
- The need to protect sensitive information, held by Iwi and hapū.

3.2 Project Staging

Te Papa Ahurewa and TALT have met with Council to ensure there is shared understanding of the approach to engage with hapū and iwi. This includes considering the wider catchment in clusters and seeking input inside each cluster as well as across the clusters.

A stepped approach is proposed:



Step 1: Hui a Iwi

Purpose	To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the project and seek views on the engagement approach
Methodology	This step involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hui with all iwi across the Stormwater catchment to share the project – Workshop the preferred engagement approach – Establish a timeline and products for the output report
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction on the project outputs • A confirmed engagement plan • Timeline • Review to inform next stage
Timeframe	3 rd November 2022, 9:30am – 12pm

Step 2: Cluster Workshops x 6

Purpose	Determine values and baselines for each catchment
Methodology	This step involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – determine shared values across the stormwater catchment – <i>the most significant impacts on these shared values</i> – Proposed options for management of issues
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop notes • Values assessment • DRAFT Te Mana o te Wai Statement • Framework for Cultural Impact assessment • Review to inform next stage
Timeframe	By end Feb 2023

Step 3: Technical and expert panel input

Purpose	To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – seek feedback on proposed options and alignment of Te Mana o te Wai statements
Methodology	This step involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a workshop to test the solutions • Receiving and capturing feedback and data.
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations on solutions • Feedback on statements
Timeframe	By end March 2023

Step 4: Output Report

Purpose	To collate and summarise the outcomes from Steps 1-3
Output	Report outlining the proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural values assessment • Agreed framework for CIA • Process for CIA implementation • Recommendations for updated Consent application
Timeframe	By end May 2023

Step 5: Output Report CIA

Purpose	To develop iwi hapū CIA
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and supporting iwi and hapū in producing CIA
Timeframe	July 2023

4. Engagement contact list

Project Team / Partners / Stakeholders – Storm water	
Role	Name
Te Arawa Hourua DCE	Gina Rangī
Project Manager	Greg Manzano
Engagement Team Te Arawa Lakes Trust / RLC	Nicki Douglas (TALT) Haimona Te Nahu (TALT) Kahurangi White-Parsons (RLC)
Technical SME	Ann Nicholas (Sigma Consultancy) Alison Lowe (RLC) Erica Withington (RLC)
Waingaehe	Ngāti Ūenukukōpako Iwi Trust – Nireaha Pirika (Chair) Ngāti Te Roro o Te Rangī Hapū Trust – Clark Pirika (Chair)
Waitawa	Ngāti Te Roro o Te Rangī Hapū Trust– Clark Pirika (Chair) Apumoana Marae Ngāti Hurungaterangi Marae Trust

Puarenga	Tūhourangi Tribal Authority – Kirikowhai Mikaere (Chair), Warena Morgan, Rangitihī Pene Apumoana Marae Hurungaterangi Marae Ngā Hapū e Toru Hinemihi Marae
Utuhina	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tūara – Robyn Bargh (Chair) Te Kōmiro o te Utuhina – Lani Kereopa Ngāti Te Roro o Te Rangī Hapū Trust
Waiōwhiro	Waikuta Marae – Ngāti Tunōhopu Rotohokahoka D North 4D land block Trust – Geoff Rolleston Ngāti Waokū Ngāti Tura Ngāti Te Ngākau Hapū Trust – Geoff Rice (Chair)
Ngongotahā	Ngāti Tura Ngāti Te Ngākau Hapū Trust – Geoff Rice (Chair)
Waitetī	Ngāti Ngāranui Hapū Trust (incl Tūteaiti and Tamahika) – Wallace Haumaha (Chair) Ngāti Tura Ngāti Te Ngākau Hapū Trust
All Awa	
Te Pūmautanga o te Arawa (TPT)	Clark Pirika
Ngāti Rangiwewehi Te Tari Taiao Unit (TTTU)	Kahuariki Hancock
Raukawa Settlement Trust Environmental Group	Cliff Kelly
Te Kōmiti nui o Ngāti Whakaue (TKN)	Rawiri Bhana
Land trusts and incorporations are also invited to participate in the hui. It is important that the hui consider the full range of hapū values (economic, social, cultural, and environmental).	Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust Owhatiura South 5 Trust Rotohokahoka D North 4D land block Trust