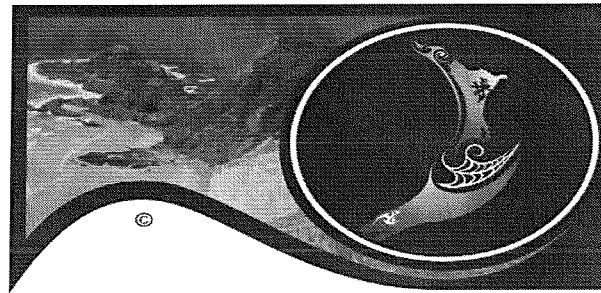


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**Ngati Kuri Trust Board
Resource Management (Simplifying and streamlining)
Amendment Bill 2009**

Ngati Kuri Trust Board is the mandated organisation to represent our iwi Ngati Kuri.

We, Ngāti Kuri appreciate that we the tangata whenua are able to participate by submitting a further submission in support of submissions on the publicly notified proposed national policy statement on the Freshwater management.

The following are the Nine objectives;

1. reduce costs and delays from frivolous, vexatious or anti-competitive submissions and appeals
2. streamline processes for applications of national significance
3. establish an Environmental Protection Authority (*EPA*) to administer applications of national significance
4. improve (by reducing time and costs to participate in) planning processes
5. improve (by reducing time and costs to participate in) resource consent processes
6. increase the effectiveness of national instruments
7. strengthen the enforcement provisions
8. improve decision making processes
9. enhance the workability of the Act

Opening Statement

“That salt water should be good enough to grow kaimoana to eat and that freshwater is good enough to drink”

It is important to understand that the current changing landscape will determine a future participation process that may look significantly different from what is suggested here. This process is to allow for an opportunity to form a collective Maori view as well as to protect each iwi's perspective enabling us to maintain Kaitiakitanga of our resources

Mandated iwi organisations or a collective body should be distilling key messages that will have collective interest through varying importance down to grass roots.

A regional collaboration that maintains a local focus is a clue to what may be needed to move forward.

Therefore we support the submissions of;

A/ Te Runanga o Ngati Hine - with one amendment

B/. NZ Historical Trust Pouhere Taonga - in its entirety

C/. We support Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated with additions;

D/. The Forest and Bird Issues Paper - in its entirety

A/. Te Runanga o Ngati Hine – with one amendment,

“Ngati Kuri agrees in part to objective 8 however would like to amend the wording”.

RELIEF SOUGHT

Replace Objective 8 with two new objectives as follows:

- "Objective - Ensuring full iwi and hapu participation in decision-making, monitoring and enhancement of freshwater resources.

To ensure that iwi and hapu participate as partners in the management of freshwater resources (management includes planning, decision-making, implementation, monitoring and enforcement) including the matters specified in Objectives 1-7."

- "Objective - Recognising and providing for tangata whenua values and interests

To ensure that the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with freshwater is recognised and provided for, including the matters specified in Objectives 1-7."

Alternatively, include the new objectives above directly within Objectives 1

we would like to amend the wording in objective 8, line 6 “that iwi and hapu directly determine policy in conjunction with the crown” to monitor....

B/. NZ Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga - in its entirety

C/. We support Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated - with additions;

Objective 3 is vague and does not provide water quality standards to provide clear goals to be attained. The term "overall" suggests an averaging. "Swimmable" is the only parameter and implies seasonal compliance, whereas cultural harvest is year round.

RELIEF SOUGHT

Cater for cultural harvest, and include water quality standards (ANZECC guidelines or similar).

We would like to amend “swimmable” to “drinkable”

D/. The Forest and Bird Issues Paper - in its entirety

3/. In summary

There needs to be thought put into developing an approach that encompasses all government agencies, acknowledging that economy of scale and effective use of limited resources should ultimately determine a meaningful participation process would be helpful in this process. Iwi mandated organisations core function is to engage with their beneficiaries so any duplication of this process will not confuse and potentially debase quality engagement,

As Te Hiku o Te Ika iwi are at different stages around capacity building and state of readiness, a collaborative approach between government agencies and Ngati Kuri to flesh out such an interface should be a high priority.

On behalf of The Ngati Kuri Trust Board thank you for allowing us to participate.

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