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Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira – Proposed Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

Tēnā koe

This submission is made by Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira (The Runanga), the mandated iwi organization for Ngati Toa Rangatira.

The overall vision of the Runanga is to promote the mana of Ngati Toa Rangatira by enhancing the social, economic, educational, cultural and spiritual development of all whanau members, in an open and responsive manner, by enabling them opportunities to attain their full potential for the benefit of the Iwi and the community.

In pursuit of this vision, the Runanga's role includes defending and promoting our Treaty of Waitangi rights, protecting Ngati Toa's customary interests, and promoting the sustainable management of the environment within our tribal area.

It is the view of Ngāti Toa that accountability for water quality and quantity is necessary, and councils should ensure that Tangata Whenua are enabled to input in establishing accounting systems and limits. A definite time-frame must be set for councils to develop and implement accounting practices. Two years is a reasonable time-frame to achieve this.

National Objectives Framework

- The current requirement of the NPS-FM to maintain or improve overall water quality is insufficient given the currently degraded state of freshwater systems nationwide. Improving water quality in degraded rivers and lakes should be a primary objective for long-term management.
- Additional values should include biological assessment and protection for endemic wildlife species and habitats.
- The attributes proposed do not necessarily fulfill the values of mahinga kai and consequently the bands cannot be considered reflective of Māori cultural values or measurements. Development of appropriate cultural indicators and measures is necessary to ensure that values outlined in 'Te Mana o Te Wai are adequately provided for and undertaken through further consultation. Monitoring and maintaining sustainable populations of indigenous species is appropriate for inclusion in any articulation of Māori values.
- Sediment deposited in rivers and lakes should be included in ecosystem health in the first version of the NOF

Compulsory Values

- Secondary Contact for boating or wading is not an acceptable value for human health and is inconsistent with the existing requirements of the NPS-FM to safeguard life-supporting capacity, eco-system processes and indigenous species.

- Additional compulsory values should include:
- Tangata Whenua Values as partners under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in managing traditional resources as outlined in section 2 of the Treaty, including provisions for participation by Māori as Treaty Partners in co-managing freshwater at a governance level should be required by councils

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