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NGAI TE RANGI SUBMISSION ON NATIONAL PLANNING STANDARDS

Tena koe

INTRODUCTION

Ngai Te Rangī are indigenous to the coastal area between Waihi in the north to Maketu and further to the east including the offshore islands of Tuhua, Karewa, Motiti and Ruamaio and associated reefs. Our freshwater interests are nestled in the inland catchments running from Kaimai ranges to the coast. We have numerous awa, puna and tahuna – all significant taonga to Ngai Te Rangī.

SUMMARY

We have a natural resource management unit – Te Ohu Taiao that is fully funded by the Iwi. We sent our Kaiarataki - Te Ohu Taiao, along to the regional roadshow sessions offered by the Ministry in June 2018.

The feedback we received was that the session wasn't very valuable – in fact our rep expressed that the session was a waste of time. She mentioned that there were no Maori staff from the Ministry involved. Further, that despite their genuine efforts and attempts to be helpful, there was a clear inability of the staff who were present, to effectively engage with Maori on Maori issues.

Our overall observation is that this shortfall is reflected in the national planning standards – particularly where iwi Maori issues are concerned.

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THINGS WE KIND OF LIKE ABOUT THE STANDARDS

Structure Standards

Ngāi Te Rangī see the practical advantages of standardized structures but maintain that standardizing should be real-world tested before being mandatorily rolled out across the country. Please note comments in following section – *things we don't like about the standards*

Zone Chapter Structure

Ngāi Te Rangī support in principle. The work we have been advancing within plan review processes at a regional level has involved tireless advocacy for similar concepts for Maori purposes, customary activities, development aspirations, heritage preservation and other forms of Maori cultural needs.

Ngāi Te Rangī consider that relegating iwi Maori and our needs into one of the 27 zones will not work. Iwi Maori need to have a parallel zone framework. For instance, Maori have development and other requirements that involve sensitive planning considerations for matters such as residential, rural, commercial, open space and 'recreational' and even industrial sectors.

Assuming iwi Maori needs and values can be appropriately and adequately accommodated within other 'mainstream' mechanisms as factored in the "zone families" is a mistake.

Form Standards

Ngāi Te Rangī support baseline electronic accessibility and functionality and ePlan requirements standards.

Mapping & Spatial Planning Tools

While we support in principle the concept of spatial planning standards, we think the standards need to explore spatial tools that explicitly empower iwi Maori planning innovations, initiatives and needs – such as Mana Whenua Whenua Policy Framework (Kai Tahu example), Koiora Moana Spatial Plans (appeals by iwi in BOP)

This recommendation is intended to cover both regional and district plan contexts.

THINGS WE DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE STANDARDS

Part/Chapter Structures – Tangata whenua part structure

Ngāi Te Rangī get nervous when we see attempts to steer iwi Maori in a particular direction. That's how we view the potential within the standard that seeks to locate tangata whenua and our

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world view and needs in a compartmentalized section of plans. We cannot support the overly rigid and isolated results that this may unintentionally achieve or deliver.

Definitions

Ngāi Te Rangi do not support any criteria, terms or definitions being determined or standardized without great care and proper process and involvement of appropriate and widely supported and appointed Maori experts who must be put there by iwi Maori, not the Crown or Crown appointed panel.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Iwi Maori interests and values appear to advise the standards rather than be the driving factors that set them. It appears that iwi Maori interests are considered afterwards to see what extent they are offended against and while this continues, iwi Maori interests are painted as mechanisms of protest rather than mechanisms that support provisions which would seek at its center, the enhancement of the mauri on the taiao as a whole.

Heoi ano ra,

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