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TE ARAWA RIVER IWI TRUST (TARIT) ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC GOALS  
Whakamarohitia Nga Wai o Waikato

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**Introduction:**

TARIT has its genesis in the Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010. The Trust represents the three Te Arawa River Iwi; Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa, Ngati Kearoa-Ngati Tuara, Tuhorangi - Ngati Wahiao, who assert manawhenua kaitiakitanga, ahi ka and mana whakahaere over the Waikato River and its tributaries that run through it's rohe.

TARIT is committed to environmental sustainability and strategic goals:

1. Mana Tangata: Enabling our people to participate in the restoration and protection of the Waikato River, tributaries and environs.
2. Mana Taiao: Implementing measures to restore and protect the Waikato tributaries and environs.
3. Mana Matauranga: Upholding tikanga preserving wahi tupuna and enhancing matauranga of Te Arawa River Iwi.

**Statement of Intent:**

It has been useful to assess the MfE National Planning Standards/Tangata Whenua Provisions against our multiple TARIT ACCORDs (A-T), Joint Management Agreements (JMA-T), Environmental Management Plan (EMP-T) and Fisheries Plan (FP-T) which would include further and expected environmental analysis. Therefore the concept of support extends to templating headings assisting consistency of contents and location of areas within national, local and district plans. TARIT supports being able to locate its co governance, integrated management areas and location of our A-T, JMA-T, EMP-T and FP-T concerning national planning policy statements, regional and district planning, recognising TARITs statutory and TARIT affiliate kaitiakitanga status; ahi ka, mana whakahaere, mana whenua, whakapapa and whakapumautanga.

MfE NPS recommended readings refer to Section 32 (including other readings) beyond the case of a core basic planning template structure for plans. In these cases TARIT supports best practice resources enhancing our Iwi capacity and capability in quality planning outcomes, acknowledging additional funding resource is required. An example is the recent report on Treaty Settlements, Whakataunga Tiriti (Waikato Regional Council), an additional example is our dual Iwi concern for funding to support contribution for implementing treaty settlement arrangements, in our case for TARIT to fulfill Our Iwi aspirations and to achieve contract over appropriate aspects of environmental management to Our Iwi kaitiaki (TARIT Area B) and other measures by which we may have influence on environmental decision making, control of our taonga and our tikanga practices.

In alignment with Section 32 the development of high level documents may be prepared by Council or Iwi and offer summary information for planning purposes therefore, TARIT supports that these documents do not supersede EM-T, FP-T or TARIT affiliate Iwi Environmental Management Plans and does not negate (through standardised planning) the need for fair, by firstly determining what fair is for TARIT and proper engagement prior to consultation with our local Iwi and whanau.

In addition TARIT must be provided with the opportunity to make a further submission/or submissions on areas affecting or influencing our key interest areas (e.g. especially freshwater) pursuant to clause 8 of the schedule 1 of the RMA, especially given changes to planning documents themselves will require Ministerial (national, district or local) review triggering potential subsequent submission processes.

We would like to remain updated receiving fair and sufficient prior information and the right to request additional information sufficient for the purposes of TARIT decision making on any progress and changes, along with the opportunity to respond (and including giving consent) regarding new, amended or additional information accordingly.

We look forward to working with you through our Crown ACCORD and JMA relationships. If, you have any queries please, direct these through to Itania (Itty) Nikolao - Policy Analyst, [REDACTED].