

Tangata Whenua/ Mana Whenua

We are reviewing and updating our current District Plan – looking ahead to the next 10 to 15 years. The Kaipara District Plan is essentially the ‘rule book’, which is applied to manage development, activities and the environment within the district.

The District Plan influences the future shape and feel of our district, which is why it’s important for Kaipara communities to be informed and get involved. Its purpose is to protect our environment, historic locations and cultural tāonga for future generations, through sustainable management of our resources, while supporting our communities to develop and grow.

We’re seeking input on our initial draft ahead of the statutory process, scheduled to commence in mid-2023. This Draft District Plan does not have any ‘legal weight’ and the Operative District Plan must continue to be relied upon.

The Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua chapter is an overarching chapter that is relevant to all chapters and zones within the Draft District Plan.

This chapter has been developed in collaboration with our Mana Whenua - Iwi Authority partners, Te Roroa and Te Uri o Hau and takes into account their Iwi/hapū Environmental Management Plans (IHEMP), *Nga Ture mo Te Taiao o Te Roroa 2019* and *Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o te Taiao 2011*.

The RMA requires that “the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, waters, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga” must be provided for. All natural and physical resource users must have particular regard to kaitiakitanga and consider the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi when managing, using, developing, and protecting natural and physical resources.

Many Iwi and Hapū link back to the Kaipara district area, connecting themselves through historical events and occupation over time. However, the Tangata Whenua who hold mana whenua over areas within the district generally whakapapa back to the following Iwi Authorities: Te Uri o Hau, Te Roroa, Ngāti Manuhiri, Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngātiwai Trust Board, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua and Te Rūnanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi.

The RMA defines Mana Whenua as having “customary authority [that is] exercised by an iwi or hapū in an identified area [rohe/takiwā]”. Tangata Whenua means “in relation to a particular area [land including resources], means the iwi, or hapū, that holds mana whenua [customary authority] over that area”.

Information on Iwi Authorities within the Kaipara district

- The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Treaty Settlement Claims
- Statutory areas of interest
- Iwi/hapū Environmental Management Plans (IHEMPs)
- Overarching Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua cultural values that guide their approach to resource management
- Obligations under Treaty Settlement Claims legislation and
- Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua engagement expectations and guidance on best practice engagement.



How much is changing?

The current Tangata Whenua chapter in the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013 only applies to Māori land and Treaty Settlement Land. In the Draft District Plan, the Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua chapter bears relevance to the draft plan as a whole. The new chapter recognises and provides for the rangatiratanga, mātauranga and kaitiakitanga of each Iwi Authority within the Kaipara district by encouraging early and meaningful engagement and providing practical information to assist all plan users.

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A LOT

Key FAQs

How can I take the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi into account?

The Draft District Plan provides a note in the Treaty of Waitangi section that provides a practical example of how the principles can be implemented within the resource management context.

How early should I make contact with Iwi Authorities about my proposed activity?

The earlier the better. Many Iwi Authorities have limited capacity so the more time you can give them the more robust the decision-making process will be.

Determining and understanding barriers to consultation will lead to more meaningful engagement and better relationships.

Do I have to consult with Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua and their Iwi/Hapū on management plans?

Or are the values in the Draft District plan sufficient to rely on?

It depends on what you are proposing to do and whether you require a resource consent. The Kaipara District Council recognises that each Iwi Authority within the district has different resource management perspectives, values, issues, priorities, resources of significance and tikanga associated with their own rohe.

The values contained within the plan are overarching on purpose and plan users should consult with IHEMPs and the applicable Iwi Authority.

I am Māori living in Kaipara, but I am not Tangata Whenua, how do I get a say?

Anyone can provide feedback on the Draft District Plan, however, under the RMA, Tangata Whenua is "in relation to a particular area, means the iwi, or hapu, that holds mana whenua over that area". For planning purposes, Council is required to work with Iwi Authorities and their representatives.

The map only shows the statutory areas of Treaty Settled Iwi Authorities, how do I find out which one I consult if my proposed activity falls outside of these areas?

Council will be able to assist.



Summary

- The role that Tangata Whenua/ Mana Whenua play in the District Plan process is recognised
- The necessity to consult is emphasised
- The Iwi Hapu Environmental Management Plans have been taken into account.

**We'd love to hear
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