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## Ara Tahi Meeting on 4 December 2008

### 1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 4 December 2008.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Attendance

<i>Kahungunu ki Wairarapa</i>	Rawiri Smith, Haami Te Whaiti
<i>Ngāti Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Graeme Hastilow
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu, Teri Puketapu
<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek, Rupene Waka
<i>Rangitāne o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Atiawa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana, Shannon Parata
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Baber and Glensor
<i>GW Committee Representatives</i>	Te Hope Hakaraia, Nelson Rangi

## **4. Comment**

### **4.1 Kaitakawaenga Report**

Ara Tahi received an update on the work carried out by Greater Wellington's Māori liaison officers since the last meeting. This covered the continued progress on scoping a region-wide iwi management plan for water, as well as plans to educate Greater Wellington officers on Māori protocols and cultural understanding. Progress has also been made on reviewing Greater Wellington's Charter of Understanding with regional iwi.

### **4.2 Proposed GPI Tangata Whenua Indicators (WRS)**

Melanie Thornton gave an update on what feedback had been received since the last Ara Tahi meeting. A discussion followed on the extent to which GPI can be used as a replacement for GDP, and the Wellington Region's role in setting an example for the rest of New Zealand. The proposed indicators were refined, and there was some discussion on the availability of data.

### **4.3 Bylaw for the Greater Wellington Regional Council forests, parks and reserves**

After the initial presentation of the draft bylaw, it was proposed that Murray Waititi would consult separately with each iwi to assess their responses before reporting back to Ara Tahi again for input.

### **4.4 Charter of Understanding Review**

Ara Tahi were presented with a timeline for the review. It was agreed that the charter should be reviewed before any iwi contracts are negotiated. The process would need to take into account that Ara Tahi provides expert advice on cultural matters so should be compensated accordingly. Iwi should in turn provide professional advice, focusing on developing a true partnership.

It was raised that the charter is a matter of form. If a memorandum of partnership is developed, it will need to carry the same status and weight as the current Charter. Having this document soundly in place will mean that the contracts that flow from it will be more robust. Members asked that the new document accommodate hapu/whanau as their lack of status as a legal entity means they can be locked out.

## **5. Communications**

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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