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## Report Policy Advisor Māori - August 2007

### 1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahī with an update on activities and progress since the last meeting held 13 June 2007.

### 2. Iwi Technical Workshops

#### 2.1 Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy, Aquaculture and Foreshore and Seabed – 25 July 2007

*WRSS* - A successful workshop was held on 25 July 2007. Representatives from the Department of Labour (Tofilau Kerupi Tavita and Anne Hartley) joined colleagues from Wellington City Council (Paul Desborough and Steven Finlay) to seek input from tangata whenua on the Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy. The Strategy will guide policy and procedures to adopt for immigration and refugees for the region. A national strategy was launched this week. An invitation was extended by the Department of Labour to host another hui to engage more directly with tangata whenua. Ara Tahī members were forthcoming with issues and the parties found the input useful.

*Aquaculture* - Piotr Swierczynski, Greater Wellington's Coastal Planner, provided an overview of activities undertaken by Greater Wellington and Ara Tahī since November 2001. Tony Seymour and Gina Sweetman from Te Puni Kokiri (TPK) joined the workshop and spoke to a range of issues around establishing Aquaculture Management Areas (AMAs). NIWA and TPK are currently embarking on a series of hui around the motu, sharing information about aquaculture. The next hui is being held at Hongoeka Marae on Saturday 11 August from 9am. All iwi are invited to attend.

*Foreshore & Seabed* – Benesia Smith from the Ministry of Justice provided a very useful presentation on the impact of the Foreshore and Seabed Bill on tangata whenua and regional councils.

## **2.2 September 2007 Workshop**

The next Iwi Technical Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday 12 September with a focus on Iwi Management Plans and the RPS.

## **3. Iwi Hui**

Over the past five weeks the Maori Liaison officers have met with each of the seven iwi of the Greater Wellington rohe to review our relationship. This was a good opportunity to introduce Kiri Parata, discuss the 2006/07 Iwi Capacity contracts and any associated issues and look ahead to the coming year. A number of iwi took the opportunity to identify upcoming projects that might be supported through the Iwi Project funding. Jason and Kiri appreciated having time with iwi to discuss a range of issues. A number of common themes came through from these hui including:

- support for the term of the capacity contract being increased to help iwi with capacity planning;
- support for Iwi Management Plan development;
- a wish for a clearer understanding of how issues raised through the capacity contract will be followed up.

A transcript of each interview will be sent back to the respective iwi authority and a summary report, including recommendations, will be made to the next Ara Tahī meeting. Other action points identified in these interviews will be addressed in the coming weeks.

## **4. Local Government Elections**

### **4.1 Key dates**

Iwi members are reminded of the key dates for the upcoming Local Government elections:

Friday 27 July 2007 – Nominations for candidates opened. The roll is open for inspection also.

Friday 24 August 2007 – Nominations close 12 noon. Roll closes.

Saturday 13 October 2007 – Election Day.

### **4.2 Promotion of elections**

Greater Wellington is appreciative of each of the seven iwi for agreeing to promote the upcoming elections through your iwi databases and placement of pānui and posters in places where whānau may gather over the coming months.

## 5. Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Feedback from this year's promotion of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori at Greater Wellington has been very positive. Staff were given the opportunity to participate in daily lessons from 23 – 29 July. Lessons included greetings, basic phrases, Aotearoa place names, use of Te Reo for special occasions and in business. Learning was supported by the use of resources sourced from Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori, the Māori Language Commission.

## 6. Communication

There are no matters in this report that require further communication.

## 7. Recommendations

*That Ara Tahi:*

1. *receives the report;*
2. *notes the content of the report.*

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