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Proposed Māori name for Natural Resource Plan Committee

1. Purpose

For Council to adopt a Māori name for the Natural Resource Plan Committee.

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. Background

Ara Tahi agreed at its technical workshop on 16 September 2009 to support the establishment of the Natural Resource Plan Committee through the gifting of a Māori name for the committee. Ara Tahi considered that there was an opportunity to recognise the importance to mana whenua of the partnership expressed in the new committee by providing a Māori name that would identify both the work of the committee and its significance. Ara Tahi members agreed that:

- the name “Te Upoko Taiao” be gifted to the new committee
- mana whenua of Wellington be consulted on the name
- the name would be gifted to the new committee at the commencement of its first meeting.

The name, Te Upoko Taiao, has been endorsed by Wellington kaumātua Sam and June Jackson, who expressed their thanks to Ara Tahi for consulting with mana whenua on the matter.

Ara Tahi Chair Te Waari Carkeek gifted the name Te Upoko Taiao to Greater Wellington on behalf of Ara Tahi at the pōwhiri for the new committee on Wednesday 28 October 2009. He explained that the word “Upoko” (meaning

head) referenced both the Wellington Region (Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui – the head of the fish of Maui) and also the quality of leadership. The word “Taiao” refers to the environment.

At the inaugural meeting of the Natural Resource Plan Committee on 28 October 2009 the committee resolved to recommend to Council the adoption of the Māori name for the committee.

4. Comment

Te Upoko Taiao has been gifted as the Māori name for the Natural Resource Plan Committee. The gifting of the name establishes the relationship between Ara Tahi and the new committee and affirms Ara Tahi’s role in provision of advice and support to Council.

5. Communication

There are no matters of communication related to this report.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Adopts the Māori name Te Upoko Taiao for the Natural Resource Plan Committee.***
4. ***Considers the relationship between the name Te Upoko Taiao and the English name of the committee.***

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