

Māori Committee

Terms of Reference

Adopted by resolution of Hawke's Bay Regional Council on 25 February 2026.

1. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council Māori Committee has been in existence since the 1990s and has served as a valuable network for the Regional Council. It operates to ensure Māori input to various activities of the Council including active participation in the decision-making processes and the development of sustainable relationships with Māori.
2. The purpose of the Māori Committee is to:
 - 2.1. Actively participate in and contribute to the decision-making processes, policy development and other activities of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council
 - 2.2. Consider ways in which to support the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making process
 - 2.3. Make recommendations to the Regional Council on matters of relevance affecting the tangata whenua of the Region, and to help fulfil the Māori consultative requirements of the Council particularly with regard to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The expectation of the membership is that each Taiwhenua / Executive collective and the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) Board representative will engage with their respective constituents.
4. The Chair (or Co-chairs) will be elected at the first meeting of the Committee of each triennium, from amongst the members of the Māori Committee representing Taiwhenua and the NKII Board. The Chair (or Co-chairs) shall be elected for that term of the Committee but not precluded from a subsequent term if so nominated. Two key roles of the Chair (or Co-chairs) will be to:
 - 4.1. preside over meetings of the Committee in accordance with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Standing Orders
 - 4.2. manage the nominations and appointments by Taiwhenua / Executive and the NKII Board member to the Māori Committee at the end of each triennium, for re-establishment of the Committee for the next triennium.
5. A Deputy Chair may also be elected at the first meeting of the Committee of each triennium from among the Taiwhenua and NKII Board representative members of the Māori Committee.

Membership

6. The Māori Committee comprises of:
 - 6.1. Twelve representatives appointed by each of the four Ngāti Kahungunu Taiwhenua and Executive in the Hawke's Bay region
 - 6.2. One member of the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board as appointed by the Board, and
 - 6.3. up to four elected members of Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Members *Twelve* representatives nominated for appointment by the Tangata Whenua, plus one Alternate representative nominated to attend in an appointee's absence, being:

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| Katarina Kawana | Wairoa Taiwhenua |
| Adrian Manuel | Wairoa Taiwhenua |
| Paul Kelly | Wairoa Kahungunu Executive |
| Teresa Smith | Alternate (Kahungunu Executive) |
| Ana Te Whaiti | Heretaunga Taiwhenua |
| Stewart Whyte | Heretaunga Taiwhenua |
| Mike Paku | Heretaunga Taiwhenua |
| Mārei Āpatu | Alternate (Heretaunga Taiwhenua) |
| Crystal Pekepo | Tamatea Taiwhenua |
| Henare Te Kani | Tamatea Taiwhenua |
| John Nepe Apatu | Tamatea Taiwhenua |
| Keri Ropiha | Alternate (Tamatea Taiwhenua) |
| Kirk Leonard | Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū (Napier) |
| Renee Brown | Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū (Napier) |
| Larissa Huata | Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū (Napier) |
| t.b.c. | Alternate |
| Bayden Barber | Member of the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board |
| t.b.c. | Alternate |

Up to four elected members of the Council, being:

Michelle McIlroy, Sophie Siers, Thompson Hokianga, Tony Kuklinski

Quorum A majority of members including at least 1 HBRC councillor

Meeting Frequency Three times per year, with the Committee Chair, in consultation with the HBRC Chief Executive and Te Pou Whakarae, able to arrange additional meetings should the need arise.