

Te Tirohanga Whakamua

Statement of iwi and hapū values and aspirations for urban development for the Wairarapa-Wellington-Horowhenua region



Tuanui | Future Vision

Ko te Tiriti o Waitangi te tūapapa o ngā rautaki hapori tirohanga whakamua hei huhua te rangatiratanga o tēnā o tēnā o ngā iwi.

A future for the Wairarapa-Wellington-Horowhenua region founded on Te Tiriti and realised through the tino rangatiratanga of mana whenua.

Pou 1 | Rangatiratanga (Self-determination, autonomy)

Mana whenua actively drive decision-making and influence society and the economy because they are resourced and empowered to govern and implement actions for their communities in each rohe.

Whānau decide what is right for their community.

Treaty partnership is thriving and underpins all development decisions in our towns and cities.

Pou 2 | Mātauranga Māori (Māori worldviews, language, culture, knowledge, and customs)

Mana whenua are the constant. This is recognisable because Māori culture, te reo me nga tikanga a iwi are thriving, well understood and visible in our urban and rural spaces.

Government systems reflect strong partnership between the Crown and mana whenua.

Tikanga, mātauranga, whakapapa and te ao Māori perspectives are recognised, supported and respected. This is reflected in decision making and governance at all levels.

Pou 3 | Kotahitanga/ Ōritetanga/ Mana taurite (Unity, solidarity, collective action, equity)

Targeted support, including direct mana whenua governed funding, ensure equitable outcomes for Māori in all aspects, including health, housing, the economy and justice.

Unity through diversity where the voice of mana whenua is strong and respected. There are both bespoke local solutions and regional solutions that benefit everyone.

Pou 4 | Kaitiakitanga (Holistic wellbeing between people and all the elements of nature through care and stewardship)

Land, water, the sea and humans are in harmony and balance ki uta ki tai. The mauri of each of these elements is restored, protected, and sustained and supporting the wellbeing of all life and living beings.

Growth in our region supports thriving life and abundant nature.

Tūāpapa | Foundation

Mana whenua are kaitiaki through whakapapa and have a responsibility to protect, replenish, and sustain te taiao me te whenua. Everyone in our region shares this responsibility through relationships based on trust, aroha, manaakitanga, tika and pono and through a steadfast and unwavering commitment to Treaty partnership and cultural compliance with all elements of Te Tirohanga Whakamua. This foundation must be maintained forever by all to stay strong and continue to hold up the whare.

Kōkiri 1

Growth supports Treaty partnership and is directed towards benefits for all people in the region, and has a positive cumulative impact. It is recognised that all areas of change are interrelated.

Kōkiri 2

There is movement away from a linear economy model and towards a circular approach, and development is informed by nature-based solutions wherever possible.

Kōkiri 3

When planning for growth, the environment comes first, and growth should only occur where it creates positive environmental outcomes and is in tune with nature and the biodiversity of the region.

Kōkiri 4

Planning focuses on decolonisation, removing barriers that iwi face and setting us up to respond to our challenges independently.

Kōkiri 5

Investment is directed toward reducing inequality and growing healthy economic opportunities for Māori communities, and funding distribution empowers mana whenua with what is needed in each rohe.

Kōkiri 6

The children of today are equipped with the information, tools and knowledge they need for the future of tomorrow, including climate change and natural disaster planning.