

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Agenda & Meeting Papers

Meeting No. 4

29 May 2026

NGĀMOTU HOUSE

LEVEL 4/139 DEVON STREET WEST

NEW PLYMOUTH

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Meeting

29 May 2026, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: Level 4, Ngāmotu House, 139 Devon Street West, New Plymouth

I = Information A = Advice required D = Decision required

#	Wā	Kaupapa	Mahi	Whārangī
	9.00am	Karakia / Hui Opening		
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8	10.45am	Public Forum - Justus Martin, University of Edinburgh - Shaun Ramsden, EnZed Energy - Ngaire Riley, New Plymouth Tramping Club	I/A	93
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	12:30pm	<i>Lunch Shared lunch with TWCB</i>		
11	1.30pm	Conservation Law Reform Update - Peter Galvin, Director Treaty Negotiations and Land, DOC	I	120

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	3.00pm	Karakia / Hui Closing		

Kaupapa: **Apologies / Attendees**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a) Notes the apologies and attendees list for this meeting</p>
Context	<p><u>Attendee list for the 29 May 2026 meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Zieltjes – Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī • Laura Buttimore – Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī • Tinaka Mearns – Regional Director, DOC (online) • Fern Brand – Acting Operations Manager, DOC • Andy Johnston – Principal Ranger Visitor & Heritage, DOC • Peter Galvin, Director Treaty Negotiations and Land, DOC (online) <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Daysh <p><u>Public forum registrations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justus Martin – PhD Student, University of Edinburgh • Shaun Ramsden – Director, EnZed Energy • Ngaire Riley – Secretary, New Plymouth Tramping Club

Kaupapa: **Previous Hui Minutes**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note and approve the Minutes of Board meeting - <i>20 March 2026</i> b) Receive the Minutes of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee – <i>1 April & 13 May 2026</i> c) Receive the Minutes of the Relationships Sub-Committee – <i>13 April, 29 April, & 11 May 2026</i> d) Receive the Minutes of the Statutory Planning Sub-Committee – <i>2 April & 6 May 2026</i>
Context	<p>The draft minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2026 were circulated to members following the meeting. Any corrections received have been incorporated.</p> <p>The Board is asked to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Approved minutes from the sub-committees have also been included to be received by the Board.</p>

DRAFT MINUTES

TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI BOARD HUI - MARCH

Name:	Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī
Date:	Friday, 20 March 2026
Time:	8:30 am to 10:10 am (NZDT)
Location:	MS Teams, Online
Board Members:	Dr Dee Sciascia, Liana Poutu (Chair), Nicola Ngarewa, Hemi Sundgren (Chair), Dr Bruce Clarkson, Stephen Daysh, Rex Hendry
Attendees:	Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore, Mitchy Samson
Apologies:	Te Aroha Hohaia, Lesa Bevin
Guests/Notes:	Tinaka Mearns

1. Karakia / Hui Opening

1.1 Apologies / Attendees

The Chair opened the hui with karakia, and welcomed members and attendees.

Apologies were acknowledged, and it was noted that Nicola Ngarewa would arrive late due to travel delays.

Attendees:

Sean Zieltjes - Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Laura Buttimore - Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Tinaka Mearns - Regional Director, DOC

Mitchy Samson - Acting Secretariat, DOC



Agenda Item #1.1 - Decision

The Board approved item #1.1 - **Receive** the attendees and apologies for the 20 March meeting

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Actions Register

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #3.3 Annual Operating Budget 26/27 - Action #13 Status: On Hold	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.1 Operating Procedures - Action #14 Status: Completed on 15 Apr 2026	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.2 Committees - Action #15 Status: Completed on 15 Apr 2026	Lesa Bevin

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
20 Mar 2026	Agenda item #4.2 Committees - Action #16 Status: In Progress	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.2 Committees - Action #17 Status: Completed on 15 Apr 2026	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.4 Resource Management Reform - Action #18 Status: Completed on 12 Mar 2026	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.4 Resource Management Reform - Action #19 Status: Completed on 11 Mar 2026	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.4 Resource Management Reform - Action #20 Status: Not Started	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.4 Resource Management Reform - Action #21 Status: Cancelled on 11 May 2026	Liana Poutu, Sean Zieltjes
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #4.5 Barclay Road Subdivision - Action #22 Status: Completed on 11 Mar 2026	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #5.1 Public Forum - Action #23 Status: Not Started	Laura Buttimore, Sean Zieltjes
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #7.1 General Business - Action #26 Status: Completed on 11 Mar 2026	Lesa Bevin
20 Mar 2026	Agenda Item #7.1 General Business - Action #27 Status: Not Started	Laura Buttimore, Sean Zieltjes
17 Apr 2026	Agenda Item #7.1 Schedule of Engagement - Action #24 Status: In Progress	Laura Buttimore, Sean Zieltjes
30 Apr 2026	Agenda Item #7.1 General Business - Action #25 Status: Not Started	Lesa Bevin
30 Apr 2026	NZCA Paper - Action Status: Not Started	Laura Buttimore, Sean Zieltjes
30 Apr 2026	HKO Timeline - Action Status: Not Started	Laura Buttimore, Sean Zieltjes

Key points noted

- Operating budget/forecasting:
 - A three-year forecast remains difficult to determine given the Board has not yet completed one full financial year. Further work will be required to strengthen financial projections.
 - The annual budget will be brought back to the May 2026 Board meeting for consideration and approval.
- A previously listed action regarding a joint legal personhood response was removed due to timing constraints; however the Board agreed ongoing relationship building with similar legal entities remains desirable
- Risk register items (climate change and biosecurity) and development of an engagement schedule remain in progress.
- Several actions were completed and closed, including:
 - Law Reform submissions
 - Barclay Road subdivision
 - National Geographic interview
 - Inclusion of community groups within engagement planning



Agenda Item #2.1a - Decision

The Board approved item #2.1a - **Receives** the items in the Action Register

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved



Agenda Item #2.1b - Decision

The Board approved item #2.1b - **Notes** the items in the Action Register

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved

2.2 Interests Register

Stephen Daysh declared an additional interest:

- Mitchell Daysh Limited has been engaged by **Port of Taranaki** to support engagement on the LPG terminal project.
- Stephen will have an overseeing role in this work.

It was agreed:

- The interest be recorded under **Mitchell Daysh Limited**, with a project-specific sub-entry.
- No agenda conflicts arose at this meeting requiring management of the interest.



Agenda Item #2.2a - Decision

The Board approved item #2.2a - **Receives** the Register of Interests

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved



Agenda Item #2.2b - Decision

The Board approved item #2.2b - **Notes** the updated Register of Interests

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved



Agenda Item #2.2 Interests Register - Action #28

Add 'Mitchell Daysh Limited' to the Interests Register with a project-specific sub-entry for Port of Taranaki

Due Date: 29 May 2026

Owner: Lesa Bevin

2.3 Correspondence Register

Inwards and outwards correspondence were reviewed.

Clarification was requested and agreed that correspondence to Stratford District Council reflected a decision **not to be heard**, rather than withdrawal of a submission.



Agenda Item #2.3a - Decision

The Board approved item #2.3a - **Receives** the inwards correspondence

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved



Agenda Item #2.3b - Decision

The Board approved item #2.3b - **Notes and approves** the outward correspondence subject to minor wording clarification

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved

2.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Board Hui - February 20 Feb 2026, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

The minutes of the 20 February 2026 Board Hui were confirmed as a true and accurate record.



Agenda Item #2.4a - Decision

The Board approved item #2.4a - **Notes** the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2026 as read

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026



Agenda Item #2.4b - Decision

The Board approved item #2.4b - **Approves** the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2026 as true and correct

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved

3. Public Forum

3.1 Public Forum

No members of the public attended the Public Forum.

4. Operating

4.1 Operating Procedures

The Chair presented the amended Board Operating Procedures, highlighting:

- Stronger alignment with **Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's legislative and kaupapa framework**
- Reduced reliance on legacy Conservation Board language
- Clarification of roles, appointment processes, conflicts, media engagement, and accountability
- Removal of provisions not applicable to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī (e.g. ministerial removal references)
- Improved tone and clarity throughout

The Board supported the revised document and noted it should remain a living document, subject to annual review.



Agenda Item #4.1a - Decision

The Board approved item #4.1a - **Notes** the finalised Board Operating Procedures

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved



Agenda Item #4.1b - Decision

The Board approved item #4.1b - **Approves** and **adopts** the finalised Board Operating Procedures as presented

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved

4.2 Confirming Committee Member Appointments

Amendments agreed:

- The **Chair** (rather than Deputy Chair) will sit ex officio across committees.
- Hemi Sundgren to be removed from the Relationships Committee to maintain balanced committee sizes.
- Each committee will:
 - Appoint its own Chair
 - Develop Terms of Reference for Board approval
 - Progress work plans aligned to Board priorities



Agenda Item #4.2a - Decision

The Board approved item #4.2a - **Approves** the proposed committee structure and member appointments as amended

Decision Date: 20 Mar 2026

Outcome: Approved



Agenda Item #4.2 Confirming Committee Member Appointments - Action #29

Remove Hemi Sundgren from the Relationships Committee to maintain balanced committee sizes.

Due Date: 29 Apr 2026

Owner: Lesa Bevin

5. General Business

5.1 Board Member Workload and Remuneration

The Board discussed:

- Increasing time commitments outside formal board meetings (hui attendance, document review, committee work)
- The need to ensure members are adequately supported and remunerated
- Alignment of remuneration with upcoming committee work and the annual budget

It was agreed this matter will be considered alongside budget development once committee workloads are clearer.

5.2 Reporting against Statement of Priorities

Discussion covered:

- Preferred reporting frequency: **quarterly**, rather than monthly
- Desire for concise, visual reporting supported by staff presentations
- Alignment of reporting from **Te Tōpuni Ngarahu, Taranaki Maunga project**, and DOC
- Importance of establishing **baseline environmental data** to inform He Kawa Ora

It was noted:

- An initial **baseline information paper** will be presented at the **May 2026 Board meeting**
- A governance work plan will set future reporting cycles and standing agenda items
- Opportunities for **field trips** alongside Board meetings will be explored

5.3 Engagement with Ministers and MPs

The Board discussed ongoing engagement following submissions on new planning legislation.

It was agreed:

- Letters will be sent to Taranaki MPs
- A follow-up letter to the Minister will reinforce Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's role and concerns
- Members may independently engage networks, with coordinated messaging where appropriate



Agenda Item #5.3 General Business - Action #30

Draft a follow-up letter to the Minister of Conservation to reinforce Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's role and concerns

Due Date: 29 May 2026

Owners: Lesa Bevin, Liana Poutu

5.4 Acknowledgement

The Board formally acknowledged the passing of **Juliet Larkin**, recognising her contribution to the Taranaki Maunga kaupapa and extending aroha to her whānau.

6. Karakia / Hui Closing

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Board Hui - May - 29 May 2026, 9:00 am

The Chair closed the hui with thanks, noting the April hui has been cancelled.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
8.1	Agenda Item #7.1 General Business - Action #25 Due Date: 30 Apr 2026	Lesa Bevin
8.1	Agenda Item #7.1 General Business - Action #26 Due Date: 20 Mar 2026	Lesa Bevin
8.1	Agenda Item #7.1 General Business - Action #27 Due Date: 20 Mar 2026	Laura Buttimore, Sean Zieltjes

Chair closed the hui at 12:20pm with karakia.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Concessions, Consents, & Approvals
Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 1

1 April 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Liana Poutu, Hemi Sundgren, Acushla Sciascia, Rex Hendry, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore

Apologies: Stephen Daysh, Lesa Bevin

Agenda

1. Terms of Reference
2. Appointment of Chair
3. General Business

Minutes

1. Terms of Reference

The committee discussed changes to the Terms of Reference (**TOR**) including introductions, clarifying scope of work regarding written approvals, clarifying committee membership, and general topographical and formatting changes.

The committee accepted the TOR in draft subject to changes to be recommended to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for approval.

Decision – The committee recommends the Terms of Reference is approved by the Board at the upcoming hui on 29 May.

Action – Lesa to add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

2. Appointment of Chair

Rex Hendry was nominated as Chair by Acushla Sciascia with unanimous support.

Action – Lesa to add the appointment of Rex Hendry as Chair to the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals committee as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

3. General Business

A workplan will need to be established for the committee, Sean will send a list of applications to Rex.

Laura and Sean will review the 1621 Carrington Road application and provide a summary and recommendations back to the committee.

The hui closed at 10:55am

Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
CCA-001	01/04/26	Add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting	L.B	In progress	
CCA-002	01/04/26	Add chair appointment nomination as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.	L.B	In progress	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōurangi

Concessions, Consents, & Approvals
Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 2

13 May 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Acushla Sciascia, Rex Hendry, Stephen Daysh, Lesa Bevin, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore

Apologies: Liana Poutu, Hemi Sundgren

Agenda

1. Telecommunications Applications
 - a. 119491-TEL
 - b. 119881-TEL
 - c. Overall licences/leases for the Telecommunications sites in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki
2. Other Applications
 - a. 117657-OTH Taranaki Regional Council application Pukeiti Carpark
 - b. 1621 Carrington Road Application
3. Process for triaging information and applications
4. General Business

Minutes

Sean opened the hui with karakia at 4:05pm

Rex checked in on the status of the Terms of Reference, Sean noted these are still in progress and will submit to Lesa for the Board pack when they have been updated with the discussed amendments.

While the Board cannot formally reject the applications received prior to the effective date of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 (the '**Act**'), as they fall outside the 10 working day period for rejection under section 17SA of the Conservation Act 1987, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī can still recommend or request that the Department decline them as the applicant has not considered Ngā Pou Whakatupua or the status of Te Kāhui Tupua. A paper will be submitted to the 29 May Board meeting with recommendations on these applications.

Action – submit a Board paper with recommendations for the applications that were received prior to the effective date of the Act

1. Telecommunications Applications

119491-TEL & 119881-TEL

Rex gave Stephen and Dee a briefing on the telecommunication applications. Rex recommended the committee look long term to let each site to primary concessionaires as long

as Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and the Department of Conservation (**DOC**) are in agreement. There is one primary holder for each site, it would be valuable to get more information from DOC to proceed forward with these applications.

Action - Chair to return to DOC to ask who the primary concession holder of each concession

General Telecommunication Licences/Leases

The committee discussed how to process the triaging of information – He Kawa Ora will be a major factor here. Discussions can be initiated with applicants on the process. Rex would like to see research on magnetic fields attached to license fees for a benchmark for the current EMF situation to see where the quiet areas of park are and monitor this going forward.

2. Other Applications

111-OTH Taranaki Regional Council

Rex briefed the committee on the history of the application. The point of concern is the water tanks that have been added to the area, with no knowledge of how they arrived on site. The assumption is the water is being drawn from somewhere within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. Rex noted the Taranaki Regional Council (**TRC**) has legal grounds for water take but they have not consulted with anyone on this. The committee will need to go back to TRC and ask for more information on this.

A query was raised on what the water being used for. The assumption is it is used for water filling stations and potentially previously for the café (now closed).

Action – The committee will return to TRC and obtain clarification regarding information about the water tanks

1621 Carrington Road

The proposed subdivision backs on to Te Henui stream. The boundary of the proposed subdivision does not back onto Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, but the balance lot does. It was noted this is the second subdivision application received by the Board, and it would be helpful to have a standard response to use for future subdivision applications.

Discussions have been had with the applicant's agent, the smaller lots proposed have good outcomes such as wetland restoration and native planting. The key issue is around the balance lot Significant Natural Area (**SNA**). It was queried if the committee were comfortable that the SNA provisions in the district plan protect that lot – could the committee recommend stock proof fencing or a Queen Elizabeth II National Trust (**QEII**) covenant. Fencing the entire SNA would have a high cost to the landowner, whereas a QEII covenant can help with the costs of this. The committee agreed it was worth raising with the applicant as it is a large area likely containing kiwi populations. Having no protection in this area results in a gap in kiwi protection.

Sean brought up a map of the subdivision lot for the team and explained the smaller lots and SNA areas, noting the owners did not feed into SNA in the District Plan. Ecologically this land is part of the same space as Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. If Ngā Pou Whakatupua are applied, the committee would want to see mitigations for species protection.

It was noted there has been limited engagement with hapū in the area (Ngati Tairi, Ngāti Te Whiti, and Ngā Mahanga).

Recommendation – Laura and Sean to develop a Board paper to recommend the applicant gives effect to Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua

Action – Laura and Sean to go back to applicant advise Te Kāhui Tupua is affected party and provide recommendations

3. Process of triaging information and applications

It was noted the committee’s workload may increase very soon, Rex proposed a triaging process (circulated prior to the meeting) to address this and will work with the Secretariat accordingly. It is important to maintain thorough and accurate records, as the committee may be subject to scrutiny.

The committee agreed to trialing the triaging system and decision-making matrix with applications going forward, submitting these to the Chair/Secretariat. Filling the documents in individually will allow for different perspective and expertise to be considered in the decision-making. Rex noted a similar process is used by LandSAR. The purpose is to come to a result that is justifiable, methodical, and adequate for record-keeping.

Noting DOC and the committee will need to receive the same information at the same time under Schedule 4 section (5) of the Act when it comes to applications with an interest in Te Whenua Taurikura.

4. General Business

EnZed Energy – the Director of EnZed Energy will present at the upcoming Board meeting on 29 May. Crown Minerals Act will be relevant here, noting it is very early days.

Frequency of hui – once per month, 2 weeks prior to board meeting. Anything in between could be managed by email.

Action – Lesa to set up regular monthly meetings for the committee.

The hui closed at 4:55pm

Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
CCA-001	01/04/26	Add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting	L.B	Completed	
CCA-002	01/04/26	Add chair appointment nomination as an	L.B	Completed	

		agenda item for the next Board meeting.			
CCA-003	13/05/26	Submit a Board paper with recommendations for the applications that were received prior to the effective date of the Act	S.Z/L.B u	Completed	
CCA-004	13/05/26	Return to DOC to ask who the primary concession holder of each concession	R.H	In progress	
CCA-005	13/05/26	Return to TRC and obtain clarification regarding information about the water tanks	R.H	In progress	
CCA-006	13/05/26	Return to applicant to advise Te Kāhui Tupua is affected party and provide recommendations	S.Z/L.B u	In progress	
CCA-007	13/05/26	Set up regular monthly meetings for the committee	L.B	Completed	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Relationships Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 1

13 April 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Liana Poutu, Rex Hendry, Bruce Clarkson, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore, Lesa Bevin

Apologies: Acushla Sciascia, Nicola Ngarewa

Agenda

1. Terms of Reference
2. He Takapou Tupua

Minutes

Liana opened the hui with karakia.

1. Terms of Reference

The committee discussed sections in the draft Terms of Reference (**'TOR'**) and what could be replicated from the other committee TOR's. The introductory paragraphs will discuss who the TOR applies to and who is responsible for approval and the appointment of committee members. The background, and roles and responsibilities components will differ from the other sub-committees. Planning components will also need to be added into the composition section.

Quorum should be the majority of members, if there are five members in a committee then three will need to be present at each meeting to make quorum.

Hapū will be keen to engage with the Board directly, and there may require an agreement between the Statutory Planning and Relationships committees. The Relationships committee will meet with hapū initially to determine the relationship.

The committee agreed to hold on confirming a Chair until all members are present.

Action – Sean to change committee composition to strong local networks and relationships

Decision – The committee recommends the Terms of Reference is approved by the Board at the upcoming hui on 29 May.

2. He Takapou Tupua

An initial outline has been drafted from the Department and Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī planning team that will be given to Paul Beverley to review. There are two parts to He Takapou Tupua – the functions of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and the matters listed in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo that will need to be set out in the agreement.

The next Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī meeting is scheduled for 29 May, however the agreement may need to be presented at the meeting in June. The draft will be reviewed by this committee before being submitted to the Board. The committee will request the draft by the end of May to allow adequate time for review and amendments.

This agreement should remain a living document, allowing for amendments as circumstances evolve or change. Greater specificity can only be determined once the subject matter is addressed. Statutory provisions should be recorded within the agreement, and any legislative changes should involve engagement with Te Kāhui Tupua.

Consideration should be given to including provisions regarding the promotion and use of official names, as well as the management of requests involving interviews or similar matters.

Next steps include meeting with Toka and arranging for him to meet the committee. The draft agreement will be circulated, with a target of finalising the agreement by June at the latest.

The objective is to minimise unnecessary back-and-forth, ensuring the agreement is robust and ready for committee recommendation and adoption. The committee will seek guidance from the team regarding the final form of the agreement.

Action – Lesa to begin drafting a notification to the D-G and MOC notifying them the relationship agreement is underway; noting it will be sent to Te Tōpuni Ngārahu as an FYI.

The hui closed at 1:30pm with karakia.

Relationships Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
REL-001	13/04/26	Change committee composition to strong local networks and relationships	S.Z	In progress	
REL-002	13/04/26	Draft a notification to the D-G and MOC notifying them of He Takapou Tupua progress	L.B	In progress	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Relationships Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 2

29 April 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Liana Poutu, Rex Hendry, Acushla Sciascia, Nicola Ngarewa, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore, Lesa Bevin

Apologies: Bruce Clarkson

Agenda

1. Appointment of Chair
2. Terms of Reference
3. He Takapou Tupua

Minutes

Acushla opened the hui with karakia.

1. Appointment of Chair

The committee proposed to nominate a Chair at this hui, noting an apology from Bruce Clarkson. Nicola Ngarewa was nominated as Chair, seconded by Acushla Sciascia, and agreed to by consensus.

Action – Lesa to add the appointment of Nicola Ngarewa as Chair to the Relationships Committee as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

Action – Lesa to advise Bruce of the nomination of Nicola Ngarewa as Chair.

2. Terms of Reference

The amended and agreed Terms of Reference (**TOR**) will be presented as an agenda item at the next Board meeting in May.

Action – Lesa to add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

3. He Takapou Tupua

Sean noted Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī have an extensive list of functions under Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 ('the **Act**'), which will need to be provided for in He Takapou Tupua. It was suggested the committee review the draft of He Takapou Tupua and dissect further at the next meeting.

A timeline will be presented at the next committee hui, noting the committee will need to notify for an official extension. Sean presented the current draft of He Takapou Tupua to the committee.

Risk – while commitments at conceptual level can be easily discussed, it needs to align across investment levels of both the Minister of Conservation (**‘MOC’**) and the Department of Conservation (**‘DOC’**). The purpose is to move in a positive trajectory in terms of health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua; current investment levels are not adequate.

Further discussions will be needed around Section 4 – Shared Relationship Statement. Liana noted Te Iho Tangaengae is not mentioned but would be beneficial to include, as well as a shared statement from DOC.

It was queried if there were other funding avenues outside of DOC. Ultimately Te Kāhui Tupua will require more than just government investment, and this will be explored once DOC have clarified what they are able to provide. It was also queried how to provide space for hapū and iwi to define their relationship with Te Kāhui Tupua.

He Takapou Tupua content

5. Principles of relationship – these have been taken from the TOR and redress negotiations, certain sections have been adjusted to recognise the movement through settlement.
6. Processes to implement He Kawa Tupua – noting there is a relationship agreement with MBIE to be developed. Administrative and operational support is drawn from the Act and includes the obligations of DOC to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. Baseline support can be scheduled, then any additional necessary support can be determined.

An advocacy and promotion plan will be formed determining advocacy style of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. An instrument will need to be introduced to determine how to approach different relationships. It is not yet clear if Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī are able to use DOC internal teams and resources or if they need to be outsourced.

Statutory planning will cover Conservation Management Strategies, He Kawa Ora, and bylaws. DOC must have a conversation with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī prior to the development of a Conservation Management Strategy to ensure Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua are included. Bylaws will also require further clarification; He Kawa Ora will speak to some of this point.

The development of He Kawa Ora will require clarity on who is the project manager, key terms, provision of information and who will be driving the process. There is the option for parties to hold in trust until Te Kāhui Tupua wants to hold this. It may be useful for an implementation plan to be provided to multiple teams in the Department to avoid assumptions on the terms and bylaws. It was noted the joint approval process between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and MOC was discussed at the most recent Concessions, Consents, & Approvals committee meeting.

Operational planning is a clear role for Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, and timing specified. Sean noted any new facilities developed within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki will need to follow co-design process for upcoming operational year – this also applies to urgent and unplanned activities. Schedule 1 is specific and is a key part of the agreement.

He Takapou Tupua has a review process included, with aspects reviewed annually, and a review of the whole agreement each term. Relationship building for He Kawa Ora will be a Board role, with the Relationships committee focusing on how to develop and formalise different relationships and how these are managed. The committee is aware that a number of groups will want to have their own relationship agreements with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. An engagement schedule will be sent to the Board when confirmed and specified in a Board paper. The committee are happy with the content of the agreement so far.

Action – Sean to circulate the draft He Takapou Tupua to the committee

Action – Planners to develop Relationship Engagement Board paper for 29 May Board meeting

Relationships Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
REL-001	13/04/26	Change committee composition to strong local networks and relationships	S.Z	In progress	
REL-002	13/04/26	Draft a notification to the D-G and MOC notifying them of He Takapou Tupua progress	L.B	In progress	
REL-003	29/04/26	Add Chair appointment nomination as agenda item for next Board meeting	L.B	In progress	
REL-004	29/04/26	Advise B.C of Chair appointment nomination	L.B	In progress	
REL-005	29/04/26	Add amended TOR as agenda item for next Board meeting	L.B	In progress	
REL-006	29/04/26	Circulate draft He Takapou Tupua to the committee	S.Z	Complete	
REL-007	29/04/26	Develop Relationship Engagement paper for 29 May Board meeting	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Relationships Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 3

11 May 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Liana Poutu, Rex Hendry, Nicola Ngarewa, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore, Lesa Bevin

Apologies: Acushla Sciascia

Agenda

1. He Takapou Tupua
2. General Business

Minutes

Nicola opened the hui with karakia.

1. He Takapou Tupua

The committee gave feedback on the draft of He Takapou Tupua after having time to review. Sean requested a steer from everyone on direction. Iwi and hapū views and input need to be respected and incorporated into the document.

Additional detail regarding escalation procedures and dispute resolution mechanisms is necessary. It is essential to clearly identify the primary points of contact and define the associated processes. Furthermore, expectations for the relationship should be established when proposed reforms may affect Te Kāhui Tupua.

Consideration should be given to how hapū may wish to establish a direct relationship with Te Kāhui Tupua, and whether He Takapou Tupua should include provisions that accommodate such agreements. This will not be incorporated into He Takapou Tupua at this stage; however, we may reference the existence of relevant legislative provisions and the potential for reciprocal arrangements. In circumstances where Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī or DOC enters into a relationship with a third party that affects Te Kāhui Tupua, appropriate notice should be provided. It is important to note that Te Kāhui Tupua cannot be compelled by the Crown to enter into a relationship, nor can the Crown be bound in reciprocity.

If DOC should support the development of individual relationship agreements, expectations concerning resource allocation must be clearly articulated in He Takapou Tupua. Establishing relationships with third parties may prove valuable for considerations such as private lodges. Such arrangements might not be covered by existing situations, so relationship agreements can address any gaps.

He Kawa Ora holds a senior position within the organisational hierarchy. A question was raised regarding applicants and fee-related financial transactions, specifically how entities can reciprocate and invest in Te Kāhui Tupua when such activities do not align directly with existing agreements. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will seek guidance from planners concerning the nature of these applications.

It was suggested to add the point that when there is a procedural issue between appointers, the appointments must still be undertaken in a timely manner and work collaboratively through the process set out in the legislation. Financial information of what income is being generated within park and how that is being applied should also be included, noting it is in the legislation, however the agreement should stipulate expectations.

Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakaturua is the priority when assessing concession applications, and priorities and decisions must be made in line with these. Advice will be received but if it falls outside of the status or values, it will not override or be the weighted decision. Concessions are an essential consideration that should be integrated into He Takapou Tupua. It is important to ensure flexibility and avoid adherence to legacy approaches that may not align with future iwi and hapū aspirations.

2. General Business

Bruce queried if some He Kawa Ora engagement hui can be attended online, Laura confirmed this and will send the Teams link to those wishing to attend each hui. Sean will indicate which hui each member should make a priority. Lesa will establish a record of engagement table that contains a schedule/minutes and circulate.

Action – Lesa to establish an engagement hui table and circulate to the Board

Liana closed the hui with karakia at 10:35am

Relationships Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
REL-001	13/04/26	Change committee composition to strong local networks and relationships	S.Z	In progress	
REL-002	13/04/26	Draft a notification to the D-G and MOC notifying them of He Takapou Tupua progress	L.B	Complete	
REL-003	29/04/26	Add Chair appointment nomination as agenda item for next Board meeting	L.B	Complete	
REL-004	29/04/26	Advise B.C of Chair appointment nomination	L.B	Complete	
REL-005	29/04/26	Add amended TOR as agenda item for next Board meeting	L.B	Complete	

<i>REL-006</i>	<i>29/04/26</i>	Circulate draft He Takapou Tupua to the committee	<i>S.Z</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>REL-007</i>	<i>29/04/26</i>	Develop Relationship Engagement paper for 29 May Board meeting	<i>S.Z / L.Bu</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>REL-008</i>	<i>11/05/26</i>	Establish an engagement hui table and circulate	<i>L.B</i>	<i>Complete</i>	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Statutory Planning Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 1

2 April 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Liana Poutu, Hemi Sundgren, Bruce Clarkson, Stephen Daysh, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore

Apologies: Lesa Bevin

Agenda

1. Terms of Reference
2. Appointment of Chair
3. General Business

Minutes

1. Terms of Reference

The committee discussed changes to the Terms of Reference ('**TOR**') including introductions, clarifying scope of work, clarifying committee membership, quorum and consensus decision making, and general topographical and formatting changes.

The committee accepted the TOR in draft subject to changes to be recommended to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for approval

Decision – The committee recommends the Terms of Reference is approved by the Board at the upcoming hui on 29 May.

Action – Lesa to add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

2. Appointment of Chair

Stephen Daysh was nominated as Chair by Hemi Sundgren with unanimous support.

Action – Lesa to add the appointment of Stephen Daysh as Chair to the Statutory Planning Committee as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

3. General Business

Sean and Laura gave an update on plan making process and next steps needed to support the He Kawa Ora document. Lizzie Hallsworth and Kathryn Hughes from the DOC Statutory Planning team were introduced to the committee

The hui closed at 1:50pm

Statutory Planning Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
STP-001	02/04/26	Add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting	L.B	In progress	
STP-002	02/04/26	Add chair appointment nomination as an agenda item for the next Board meeting.	L.B	In progress	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Statutory Planning Committee

Minutes

Meeting No. 2

6 May 2026

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Liana Poutu, Hemi Sundgren, Bruce Clarkson, Stephen Daysh, Sean Zieltjes, Laura Buttimore

Apologies: N/A

Agenda

1. Plan structure
2. Engagement Update
3. Key Risks to Programme
4. General Business

Minutes

The meeting started at 9:45am to allow the Chair to attend. Hemi opened the meeting with karakia.

1. Plan Structure

Sean gave an overview of today's agenda and the email that was circulated to the committee on 2 May. Stephen appreciated the thinking around the rohe-based concept, acknowledging Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki is a large area. He opened it for a discussion with the committee. All members confirmed their support of the proposed approach for the He Kawa Ora ('**HKO**') plan structure, noting it was a practical and pragmatic approach, and will enable a connection to place for hapū. Options were discussion on how to start the approach, with a focus on understanding how to explain what is important in each rohe.

A query was raised about the naming of each rohe and how tūpuna names can be incorporated to enhance mātauranga and storytelling narratives. Bruce noted this would be one layer of a series, with others to follow such as hazard layers and ecological layers – multiple layers would be needed to tell the whole story. It was noted that the rohe-based approach will impact concession applications, and could influence future arrangements and policies.

The option of aligning the rohe with the different awa was discussed, however no decision was made at the meeting, and it will be given more thought. Aligning to awa may provide more definition outside of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki which can help when determining which local authorities to engage with. An in-person workshop was suggested to be held in the coming month to work through the discussed points.

Action – Lesa to organise a face-to-face workshop with the committee

Decision - All members are in favour of the proposed rohe-based approach for the spatial design for HKO

2. Engagement Update

Letters have been circulated to all groups and dates / times are starting to be locked in. This engagement hui will serve as early conversations to familiarise groups with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and HKO. There are approximately ten engagements confirmed, noting we may not hear back from some of the groups – Sean will follow up with groups he hasn't heard from.

Comfort levels of the 20 July public notification date were tested with the committee. All members agreed to keep the 20 July date, noting to continue to use reasonable endeavours to engage, making sure there is a thorough record of engagement.

3. Key Risks

- Resourcing – still to determine what can be resourced internally and externally, how can we drive this conversation with urgency and what are the key priorities
- GIS is the most important element to initiate the plan
- Funding – Do we explore investment opportunities elsewhere, time and money tensions making it difficult to navigate. The risk will need to be signalled to the Department and will elevate if required

4. General Business

It was suggested to leave off wahi tapu sites from the rohe-based concept, and let them evolve organically through engagement discussions.

Laura noted to flag the high volume of visitors at the road end carparks due to unsafe parking conditions as something for the committee and/or the Board to think about.

Stephen will be in New Plymouth next week.

The hui closed at 10:40am

Statutory Planning Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
STP-001	02/04/26	Add the amended TOR as an agenda item for the next Board meeting	L.B	Completed	
STP-002	02/04/26	Add chair appointment nomination as an agenda item for the next Board meeting	L.B	Completed	
STP-003	06/05/26	Organise a face-to-face workshop for the committee	L.B	In progress	

Kaupapa: **Actions Register**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a) Receives the items in the Actions Register b) Notes the items in the Actions Register</p>
Context	<p>The Actions Register is provided to update Board members on actions arising from previous meetings and to track progress towards completion. For continuity and oversight purposes, completed actions will remain listed in the Actions Register for an additional meeting cycle before they are archived.</p> <p>A list of the current and completed actions are provided in the table below.</p>

TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI ACTIONS REGISTER

Date	Action #	Action	Lead	Status
31/10/2025	TTK-003	Contact Earth Law Center to explore avenues where the Board may provide support	L.B	In progress
20/02/2026	TTK-013	Produce a forecasted budget for the next three years incorporating all costs associated with the Board <i>Update 29/04 – budget will be forecasted for the 26/27 financial year only.</i>	T.M	In progress
20/02/2026	TTK-014	Add the following amendments to the adopted Operating Procedures: Add He Takapou Tupua to the list of Interpretations Insert after "Board Members are expected" to the best of their ability Insert after "If a member stands as a candidate" "endorsed by a political party"	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-015	Arrange for the Concessions, Consents, and Approvals Committee to meet to review their TOR, set out a timeline of key activities and appoint a Chair for approval at the next public meeting	L.B	Completed

20/02/2026	TTK-016	Arrange for the Relationships Committee to meet to review their TOR and appoint a Chair for approval at the next public meeting	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-017	Arrange for the Statutory Planning Committee to meet to review their TOR and appoint a Chair for approval at the next public meeting	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-018	Request through the Department of Conservation to meet with the Minister of Conservation to discuss Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's Submission to the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-019	Share the Submission to the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill with Te Tōpuni Ngārahu to help ensure co-ordination in responding and upholding the rights and interests of Te Kāhui Tupua	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-020	Send Resource Management Reform letter to the 8 PSGEs, giving commentary on the course of action	L.B	Not started
20/02/2026	TTK-021	Share the Submission to the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill with the Taranaki Members of Parliament (David Macleod, Barbara Kuriger, Carl Bates, Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Glenn Bennett) and invite them to meet with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to discuss the submission and have a briefing on He Kawa Ora	L.B	In progress
20/02/2026	TTK-022	Make enquires with Te Awa Tupua and Te Urewera on forming a joint response via Chair to Chair and Planner to Planner <i>Update 20/03 – action no longer required</i>	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-023	Send notification to Stratford District Council advising Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī no longer wished to be heard on the Kererū Hills sub-division application	L.B	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-024	Taranaki Kiwi Trust and Community Groups to be incorporated in He Kawa Ora Schedule of Engagement	S.Z / L.Bu	Completed
20/02/2026	TTK-025	Implement the He Kawa Ora Schedule of Engagement as approved	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress
20/02/2025	TTK-026	Send request to LINZ, NZTA, MetService and other relevant parties to update maps and signage with name changes	L.B	Not started
20/02/2025	TTK-027	Coordinate National Geographic interview with Chair and/or Deputy Chair	L.B	Completed
20/02/2025	TTK-028	Update He Kawa Ora risk register with climate change and biosecurity threats	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress

20/03/2026	TTK-029	Add 'Mitchell Daysh Limited' to the Interests Register with a project-specific sub-entry for Port of Taranaki	L.B	Completed
20/03/2026	TTK-030	Remove Hemi Sundgren from the Relationships Committee to maintain balanced committee sizes.	L.B	Completed
20/03/2026	TTK-031	Draft a follow-up letter to the Minister of Conservation to reinforce Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's role and concerns	L.B	Not started

Kaupapa: **Register of Interests**
 Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
 Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	It is recommended the Board: a) Receive the register of interests; and b) Note any particular interest in any agenda item.
Context	Register of interests is provided below.

TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI REGISTER OF INTERESTS			
As at 29 May 2026			
BOARD MEMBER	ORGANISATION	ROLE	DATE OF DISCLOSURE
Liana Poutu (Chair)	Edward Rongomai Ira Tamati Whanau Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Kaipakopako 2C2 Ahu Whenua Trust	Chair / Trustee	31 October 2025
	Parininihi Ki Waitōtara Incorporation	Committee Member	31 October 2025
	Parininihi Ki Waitōtara Trust	Chair / Trustee	31 October 2025
	Taranaki Crossing Project Steering Group	Chair	31 October 2025
	Te Atiawa Corporate Trustee Limited	Chair / Director	31 October 2025
	Te Atiawa Iwi Holdings Management Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Te Atiawa (Taranaki) Holdings Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa	Member	31 October 2025
	Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust	Chair / Trustee	31 October 2025
	Te Reo o Taranaki Charitable Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025

	Te Tōpuni Ngārahu Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Toi Foundation	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Toi Foundation Holdings Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Toi Foundation Investments Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	TSB Bank	Director	31 October 2025
Dr. Acushla Dee Sciascia			
	Māpuna Consultants Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Parininihi Ki Waitōtara Incorporation	Committee Member	31 October 2025
	Parininihi Ki Waitōtara Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Te Kura Māori o Porirua	Board of Trustee Member	31 October 2025
	Te Pōtiki National Trust	Director	31 October 2025
	Vision Mātauranga Capability Fund	Member	31 October 2025
Dr. Te Aroha Hohaia			
	Bashford-Nicholls Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Bishop's Action Foundation	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Federation of Mountain Clubs	Member	31 October 2025
	Hohaia van Paassen Limited	Shareholder & Director	31 October 2025
	Institute of Directors	Member	31 October 2025
	Louise Rauhuia Manuera Hohaia Whānau Trust	Responsible trustee	31 October 2025
	Ngā Rere Ora Limited	Consultant	31 October 2025
	Parihaka Papakāinga Trust	Contractor	31 October 2025
	Taranaki Crossing Governance Group	Member	31 October 2025
	Taranaki Whanui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika: Finance Audit & Risk Committee	Member	31 October 2025
	Te Papa Atawhai / Department of Conservation	Volunteer	31 October 2025
	Toi o Taranaki ki Te Tonga Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Trinity Home and Hospital Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Waiōkura Marae & Reserves Trust	Responsible trustee	31 October 2025
Nicola Ngarewa			
	Ako Mātatupu	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Ngāti Ruanui Tahua	Director	13 February 2026
	NZ Asia Foundation	Honorary Advisor	13 February 2026
	Spotswood College	Principal	31 October 2025

	Te Pāti Māori	Sister is co-leader	31 October 2025
	Te Rārama Trust	Trustee	13 February 2026
	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Toi Foundation	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Te Honoa Ltd	Shareholder / Director	13 February 2026
Hemi Sundgren			
	Ka Uruora Aotearoa Trustee Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Ka Uruora Te Taihu Foundation	Chair	31 October 2025
	Ka Uruora Te Taihu Housing Trust	Chair	31 October 2025
	Ka Uruora Kainga Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Ngāti Tama ki Te Taihu Custodian Trustee Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Ngāti Tamai ki Te Waipounamu Trust	Chief Executive Officer	31 October 2025
	Taranaki Mounga Project Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Te Here-ā-Nuku Working Group	Trustee	31 October 2025
Prof. Bruce Clarkson			
	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust	Patron	31 October 2025
	Aotearoa New Zealand World Heritage Tentative List Review	Expert Panel Member	24 February 2026
	BD & BR Clarkson Waingaro Forest (Lot 1)	Investment	31 October 2025
	Friends of Hamilton Zoo	Chair	31 October 2025
	New Zealand Botanical Society	Member	31 October 2025
	Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society	Patron	31 October 2025
	Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	Member	31 October 2025
	Royal Society of New Zealand	Member	31 October 2025
	Society for Ecological Restoration	Member	31 October 2025
	Waiwhakareke Advisory Group	Chair	31 October 2025
	West Waikato Coastal Community Catchment Group Inc	Member	31 October 2025
Stephen Daysh			
	Audacious Gems Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Bridge Pā Vinyard Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Howden Energy Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Iona College Council	Board member	31 October 2025
	Mitchell Daysh Limited	Director	31 October 2025

	Mitchell Daysh Limited (Port of Taranaki)	Director	20 March 2026
	NZGA (NZ Geothermal Association)	Member	31 October 2025
	NZPI (NZ Planning Institute)	Member	31 October 2025
	RMLA (Resource Management Law Association)	Member	31 October 2025
	Te Kauwae Education Trust	Chair	31 October 2025
Rex Hendry	NZ Antarctic Society	Vice-President	31 October 2025

Kaupapa: **Correspondence Register**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	It is recommended the Board: a) Receives the inwards correspondence; and b) Notes the outwards correspondence.
Context	Correspondence Register provided below. Copies of any item of correspondence may be requested by members from the Board Secretariat.

TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

March – May 2026

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Kaupapa	Status
24/03/2026	Ministry of Social Development	Notification of new Regional Public Service Commissioner for Taranaki	Received
01/04/2026	Estelle Clark	Request for Interview with Te Kāhui Tupua	Reply sent
07/04/2026	Director-General of Conservation	Acknowledgement of Statement of Priorities	Received
08/04/2026	Justus Martin	Request for information for Research Project	Reply sent
16/04/2026	New Plymouth Tramping Club	Request for involvement in He Kawa Ora	Reply sent
20/04/2026	Taranaki Kiwi Trust	Notification and invitation to upcoming kiwi releases	Reply sent
24/04/2026	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Invitation to kōrero - Next steps on the Mineral Strategy and critical minerals	Reply sent
30/04/2026	Department of Conservation	Request for guidance on applications received with an interest in Te Whenua Taurikura	Received
6/05/2026	EnZed Energy	Request for meeting with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī	Reply sent
11/05/2026	Earth Law Center	Invitation to Teach in the Earth Law Summer Course	Received
12/05/2026	Te Tōpuni Ngārahu	Written Approval for the addition of land to Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki	Received

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE			
Date	To	Kaupapa	Status
19/05/2026	Minister of Conservation & Director-General of Conservation	Notification of He Takapou Tupua Progress	Sent
19/05/2026	Minister of Conservation & Te Tōpuni Ngārahu	Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Annual Report	Sent

Kaupapa: **Annual Board Budget for 2026-2027**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notes the proposed annual Board budget for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for the 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 financial year. b) Discusses the proposed annual Board budget for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for the 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 financial year. c) Approves the proposed annual Board budget for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for the 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 financial year.
Context	<p>An overview of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Draft Annual Board budget is provided below.</p> <p>This is an anticipated budget for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. Under <i>schedule 2, clause 20 of Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025</i> (the ‘Act’), the Department must meet the reasonable operational costs of the Board in relation to exercising its powers and performing its functions.</p> <p>This budget recognises 2026/27 will be the first full year of operation for Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and the significant work programme for the Board to lead the development of He Kawa Ora, provided for under section 95 of the Act. It will also establish the first set of relationship agreements with aligned interested parties under section 29 of the Act and clause 12.36 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo.</p> <p>It is therefore anticipated a higher number of meetings for the coming year; this is currently forecasted for 10 per year however noting this may raise to 12 should unforeseen circumstances arise. A mindful approach has been taken to setting the budget, understanding the wider economic circumstances and increasing costs on fuel and associated costs.</p> <p>It is noted that Te Tōpuni Ngārahu fund the meeting fees for those members appointed by the Trust and may also contribute to operational costs as agreed.</p>

TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI ANNUAL BOARD BUDGET	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027	
Board Costs	Budget	Explanatory notes
Member fees	\$18,000.00	Fees for regular Board meetings
Sub-committee member fees	\$15,000.00	Fees for sub-committee meetings
Member travel	\$34,000.00	Accommodation, flights, transport, meals
Meeting costs	\$5,500.00	Venue hire costs, catering
IT	\$3,500.00	Software, hardware, website costs
Professional services	\$30,000.00	Legal, accounting, and auditing services
TOTAL BOARD BUDGET	\$106,000.00	

Kaupapa: **Department of Conservation Operational Report**
Prepared By: Tinaka Mearns, Director Operations Hauraki Waikato Taranaki
Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p>It is recommended the Board:</p> <p>a) Note and Receive the Operational Report by Department of Conservation</p>
Context	<p>The Department of Conservation (DOC) is the principal organisation currently undertaking operational activity in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to strengthen Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's understanding of current operational activity across Te Kāhui Tupua. The report has been prepared in response to a request made by the Board at its meeting of 20 March 2026.</p> <p>DOC has prepared an overview report for presentation at the Board meeting. The report addresses both district and national activity and is intended to provide the Board with greater visibility of DOC's operating context, including its role, the current state of conservation activity, key challenges, and emerging opportunities.</p> <p>This item will also assist the Board in determining the appropriate frequency and scope of future reporting from DOC.</p>



Te Papa Atawhai

Taranaki District

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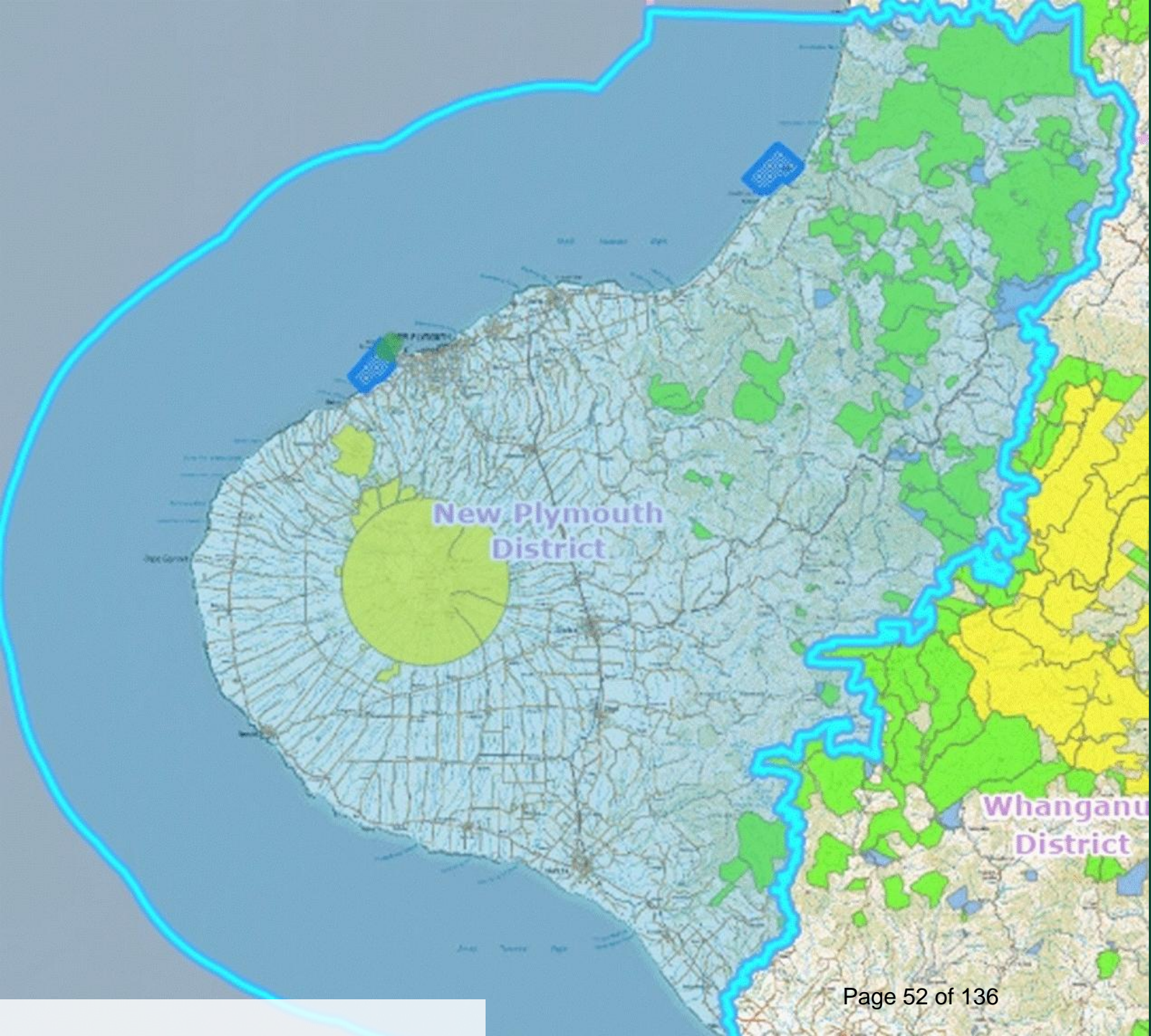
This session:

- Treaty Relationships
- Biodiversity
- Marine and Compliance
- Permissions and outreach
- Visitor Assets and Recreation

Q & A



DOC Ngāmotu team members with hapu at Pukerangiora Pā



Our Scope

Treaty Relationships



Treaty mahi

- Treaty permeates every aspect of what we do.
- Two Poutairangahau advise and support Regional Director
- Two Treaty Rangers are District focused facilitators.
 - Connect with those at place to strengthen collaboration and positive outcomes.
 - Find opportunities to realise and advance iwi/hapū/whānau aspirations.
 - Connect uri to resource.
 - Support kaimahi across the Department whose mahi occurs, or impacts, at place.
 - Whāinga Amorangi: Cultural capability building

Opportunities with Treaty partners

Connections to tūpuna maunga, whenua, awa, and moana.

Development within taiao sector, including succession plans:

- Cadetships
- Sharing knowledge opportunities

Access to cultural materials.

- taonga manu & tohorā

Co-design and development of infrastructure:

- Pouākai & Mangōraukawa

Contracts for services within taiao sector.



Biodiversity



Protecting Taonga

Melicytus drucei

- Highly vulnerable to possum/hare browse



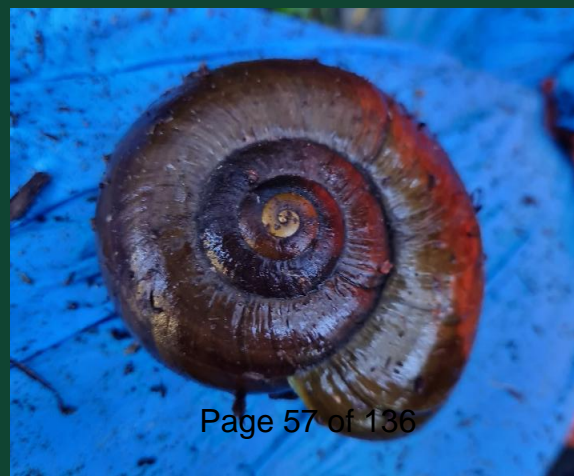
Gratiola concinna

- Successful Rotokare translocation



Pūpūrangi, Powelliphanta

- At risk outside trap network
- Unique Taranaki Species



Pua o Te Rēinga, Dactylanthus

- Protected with 1000+ cages



Whio

- Re-introduced 1997
- Self-sustaining population
- Showcase of 1080 effectiveness



Many other species

Mustelid Trapping Network

• Trap breakdown

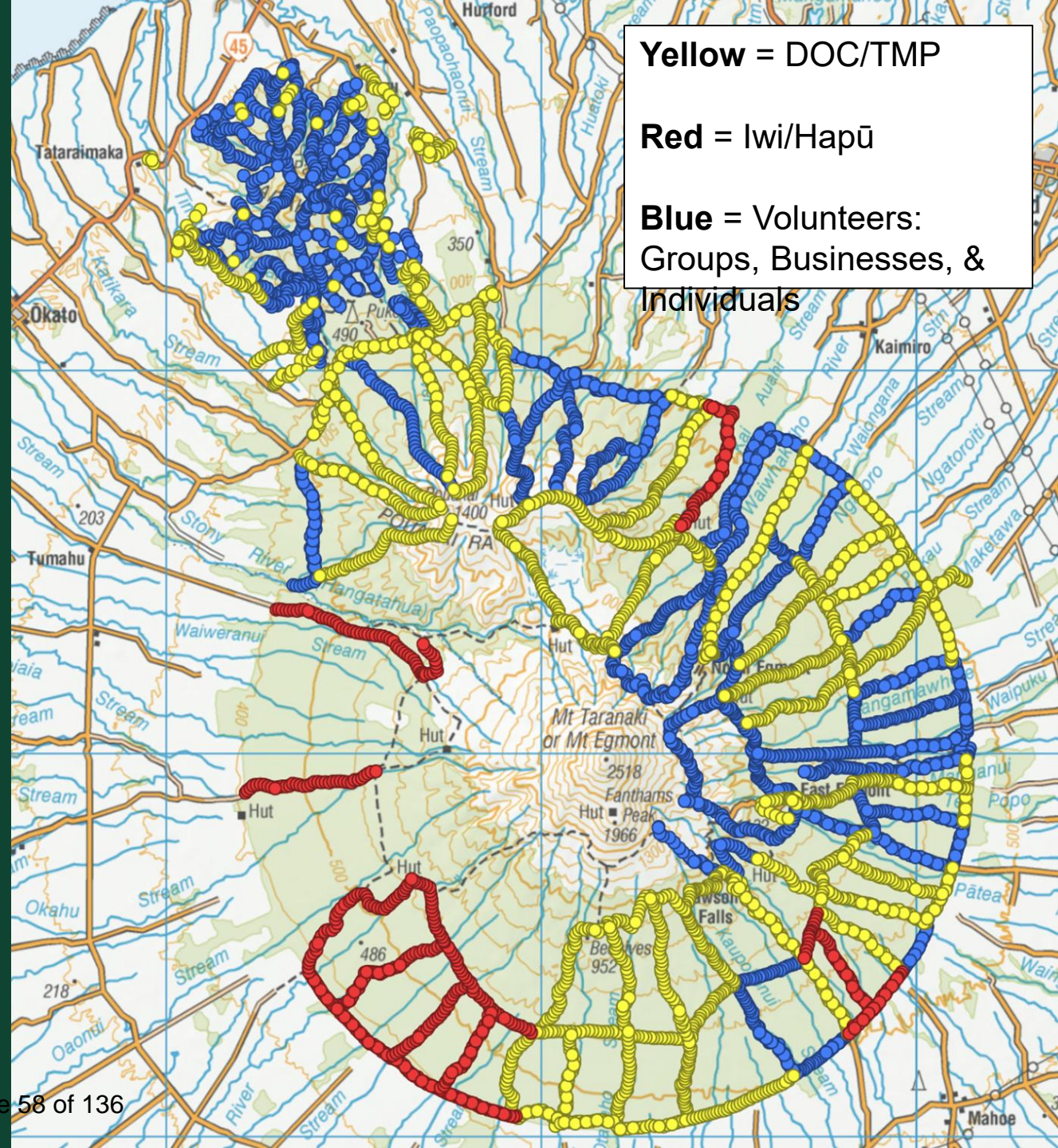
- *DOC200*: 5,804
- *DOC250*: 712
- Other traps: 194

• Current trappers:

- *DOC & TMP Kaimahi*
- *Iwi/Hapū – Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi, Te Korowai o Ngāruahine, Te Ihowai*
- *Volunteers:*
 - *Groups: Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust, TKT, Hāwera Tramping Club*
 - *Businesses: First Gas, BTW, Gallagher*
 - *100+ regular individuals*

• 10-year snapshot of trapping efforts:

- **514,433** traps checked
- **50,818** pests removed
- **160** Ferrets
- **3,543** Stoats
- **713** Weasels
- **182** Feral Cats
- **752** Hedgehogs
- **45,401** Rats
- **107** traplines laid



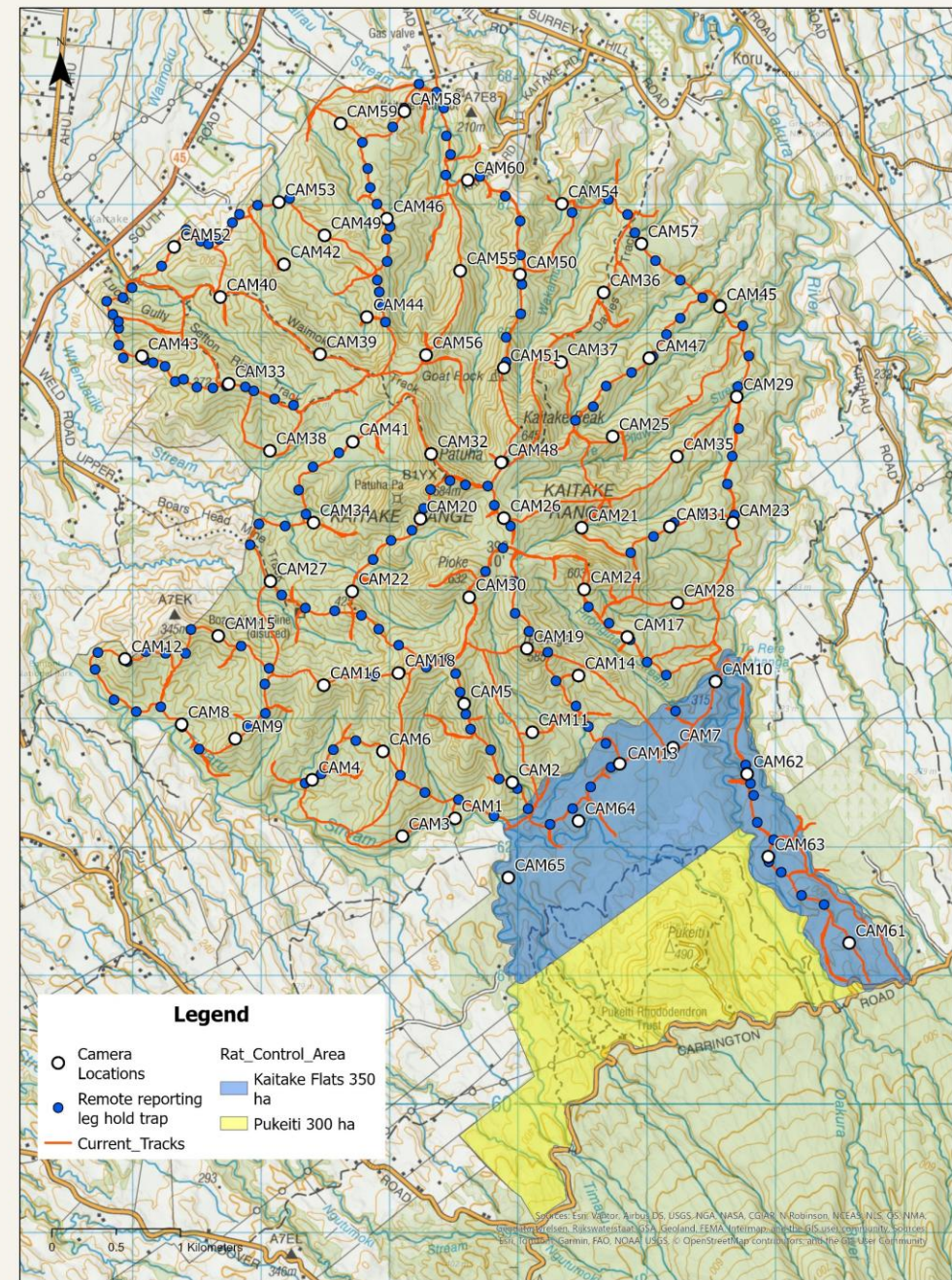
Yellow = DOC/TMP

Red = Iwi/Hapū

Blue = Volunteers:
Groups, Businesses, &
Individuals

Kaitake Range

- Kaitake Zero Possum Project success
- 90% knockdown on feral cats with 1080
- More kiwi than stoats, possums and cats on the trail cameras
- Intensive rat control is opening the door for precious taonga to return to the Kaitake, e.g. kōkako and kākā



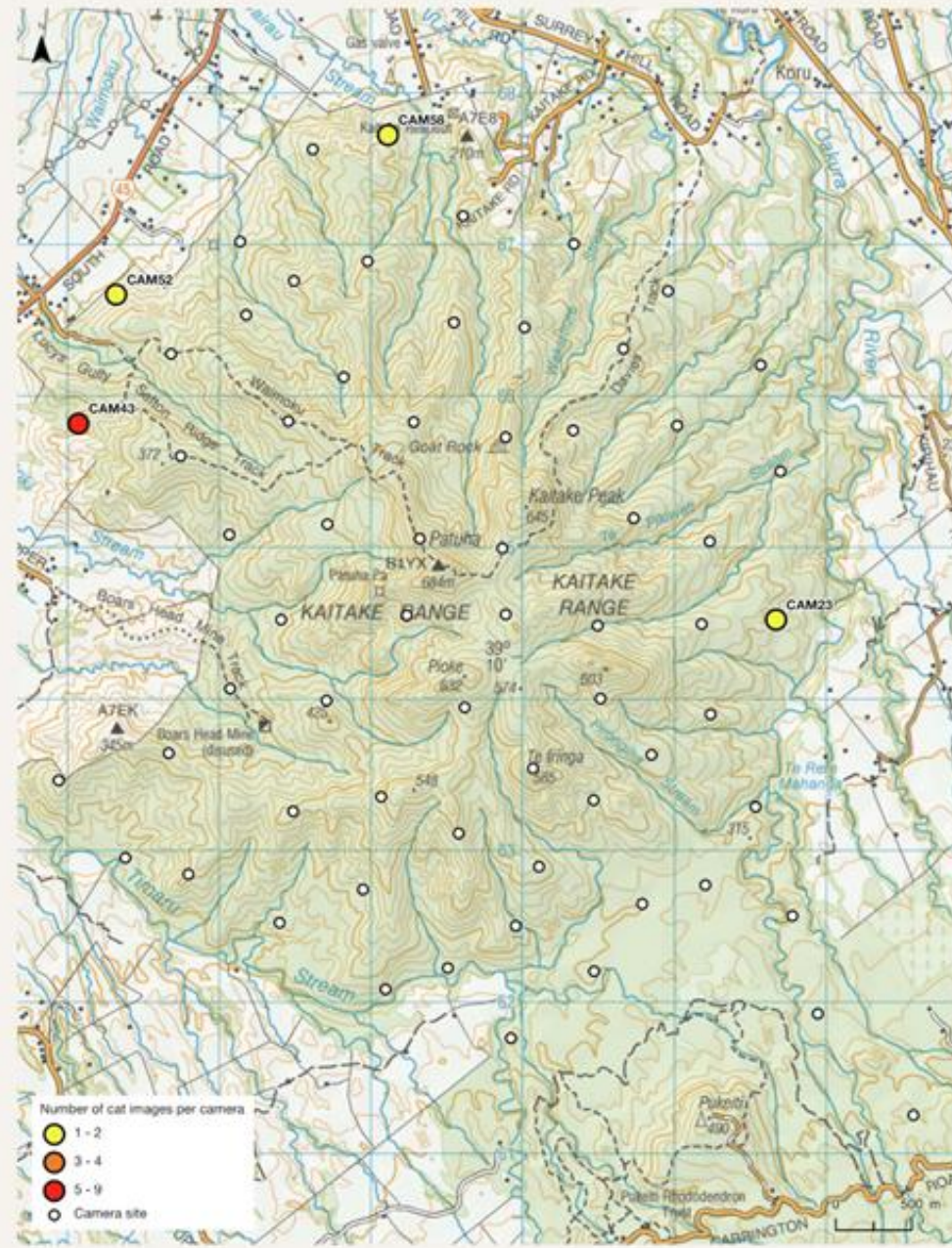
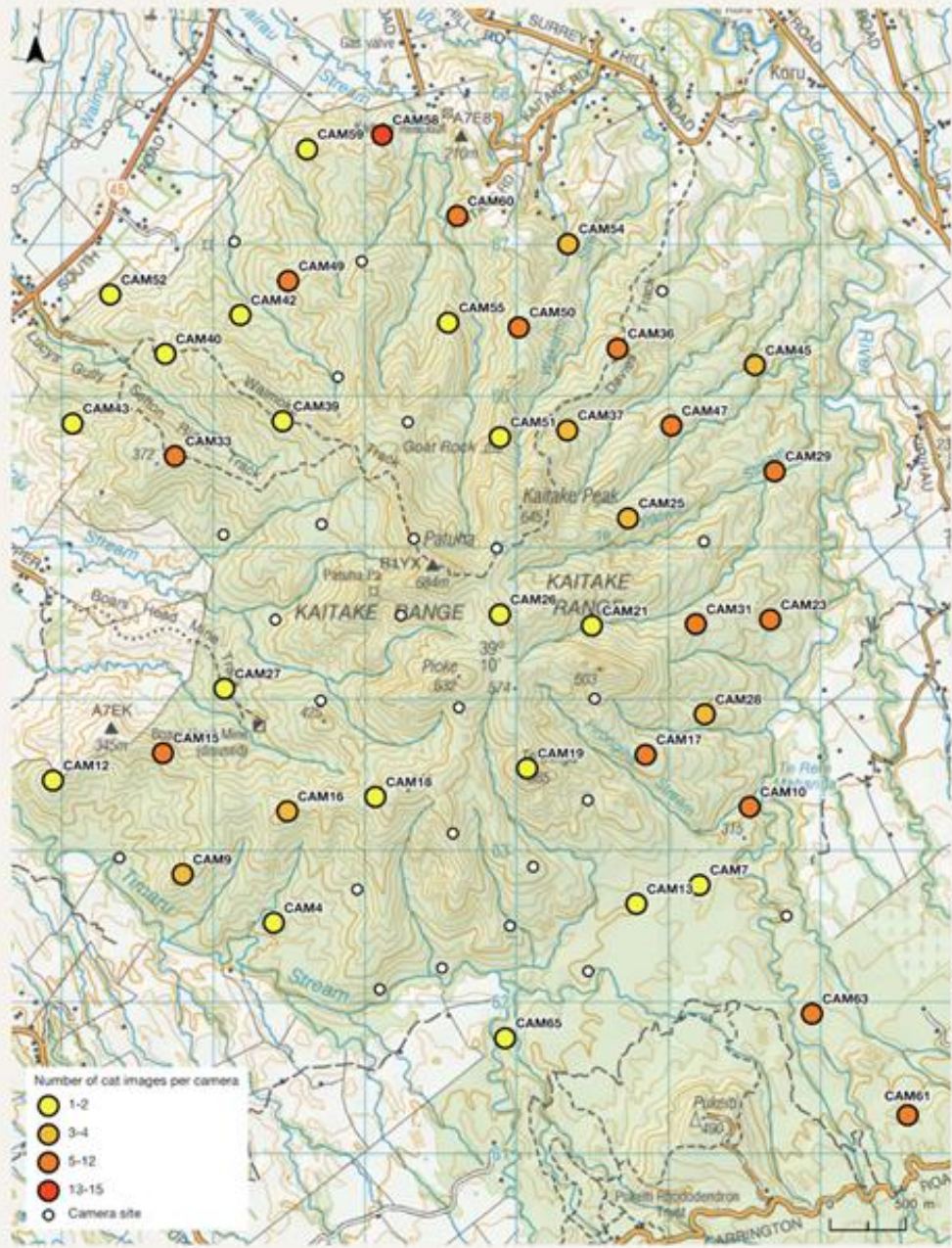
Kaitake

Pre 10/10/2024

- Camera sites
- 50 cameras
- Kaitake Range

Post 10/10/2024

- No cameras
- Kaitake Range
- The area



Marine Team



What do we do?

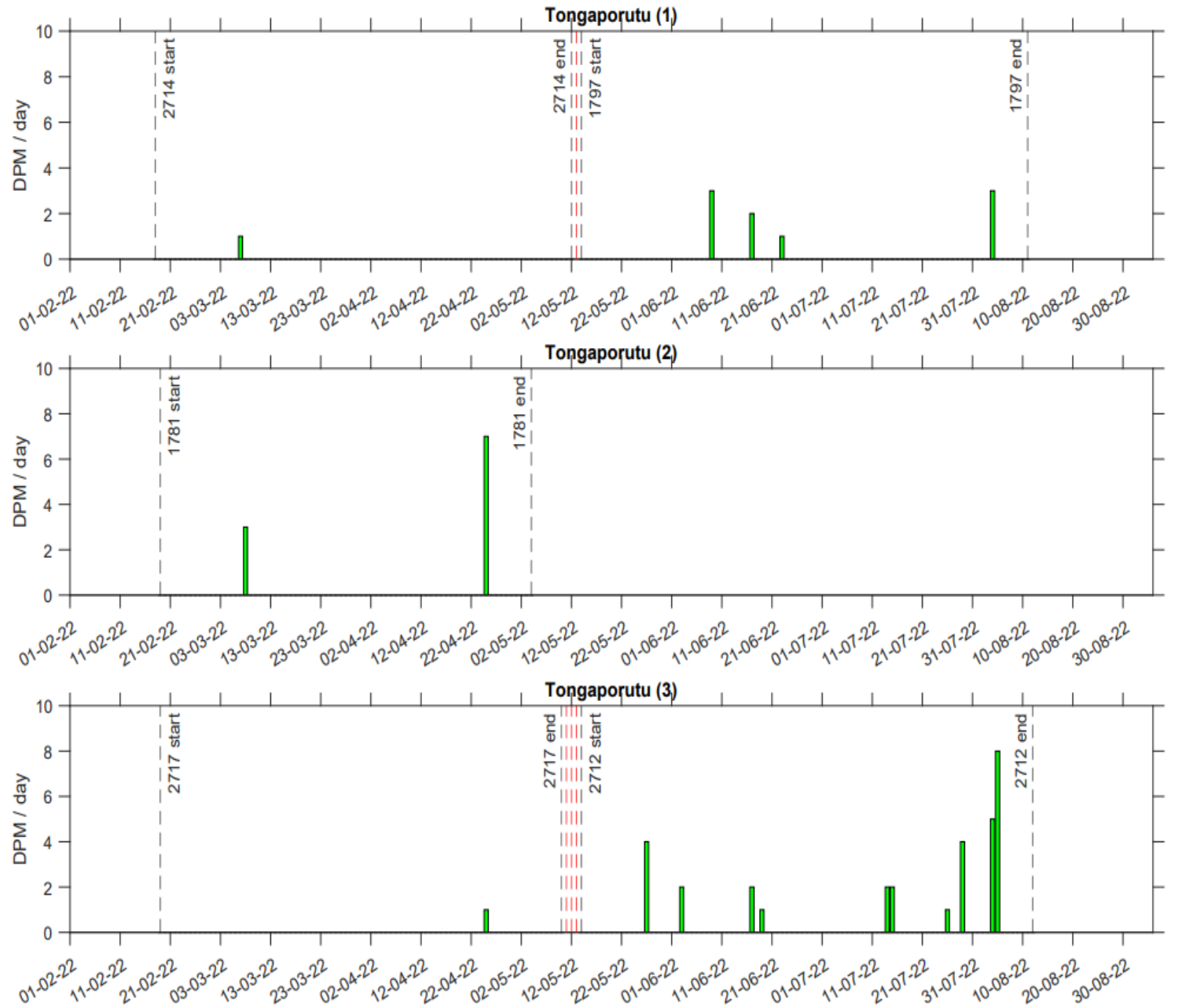






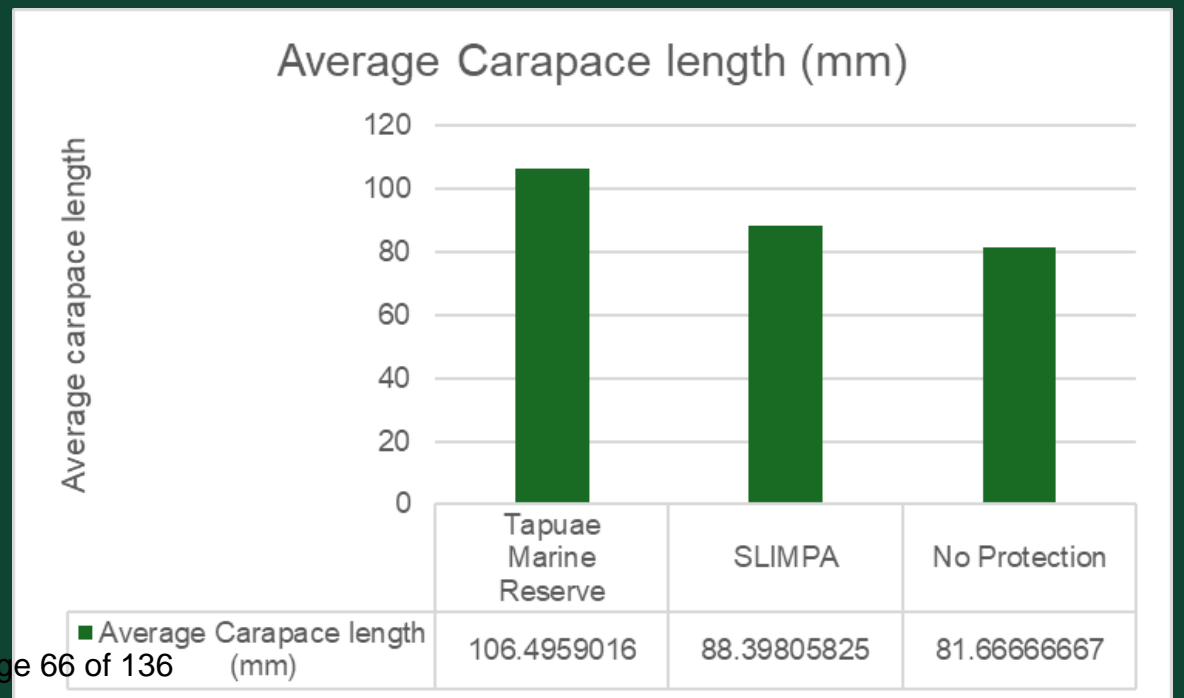
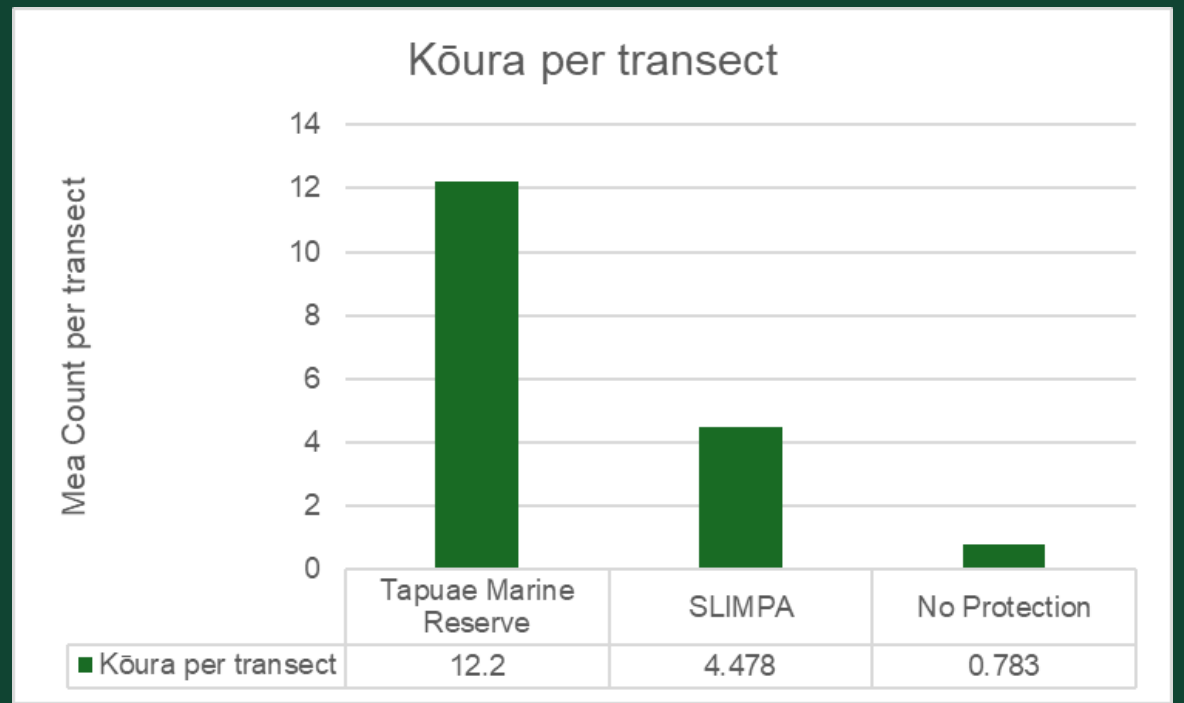
Maui Dolphin C-POD

Acoustic Monitoring

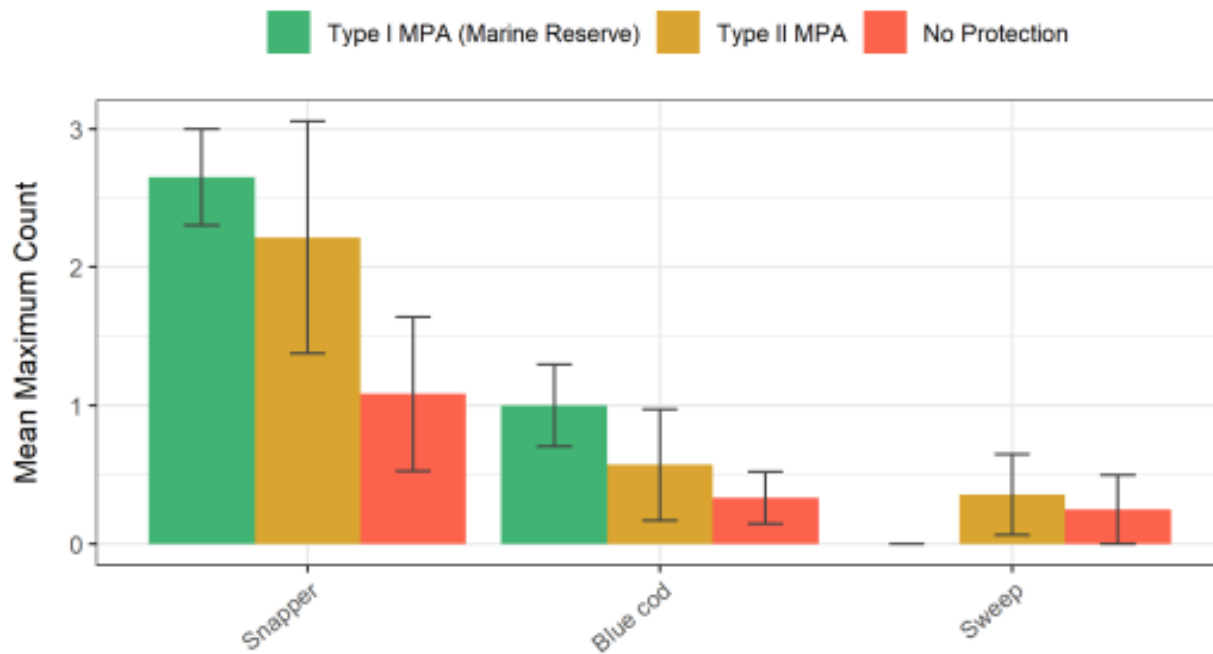


Tapuae Kōura (Crayfish) UVC 2025

- Kōura found to be more abundant and larger at sites within the MR.
- Males found to be significantly larger than females.
- Survey to be repeated in December 2026, then every second year ongoing.



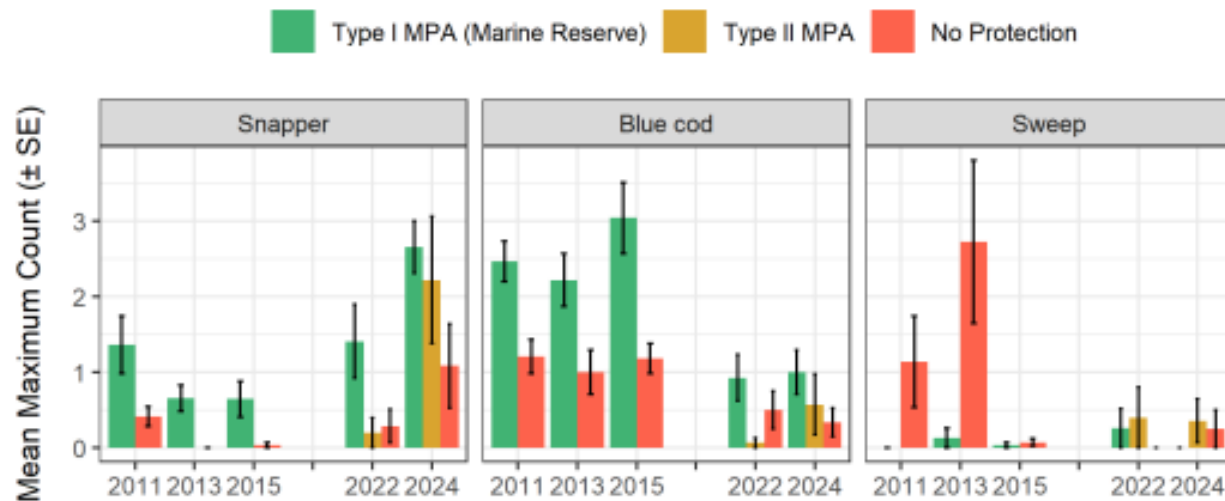
Mean Max Count by Protection Status Version 3: Bars \pm SE, split by common vs. rare species



Tapuae BUV Results

- 2026 survey complete, but videos yet to be analysed. 73 successful sites.
- Snapper and blue cod numbers are consistently higher in the marine reserve.
- Over 5 completed surveys, have seen rise in snapper counts and reduction in blue cod. More repetition needed to know if this is population or change in survey design.

Mean Max Count by Protection Status Version 1: Bars \pm SE, faceted by species



Compliance













Community and Statutory



DOC's Permissions Context

- Our District team both delivers locally and supports Regional and National work.
- Hauraki Waikato Taranaki Region
- Regional Statutory and Community Team supports all 5 Districts
- Support good Decision Making
- Decision Makers can be Nationwide.



Permissions

- Our team deals with a wide range of concessions, permission or statutory related matters under Acts such as:
- Conservation Act 1987
- National Parks Act 1980
- Wildlife Act 1953
- Reserves Act 1977
- Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025

Most local elements of:

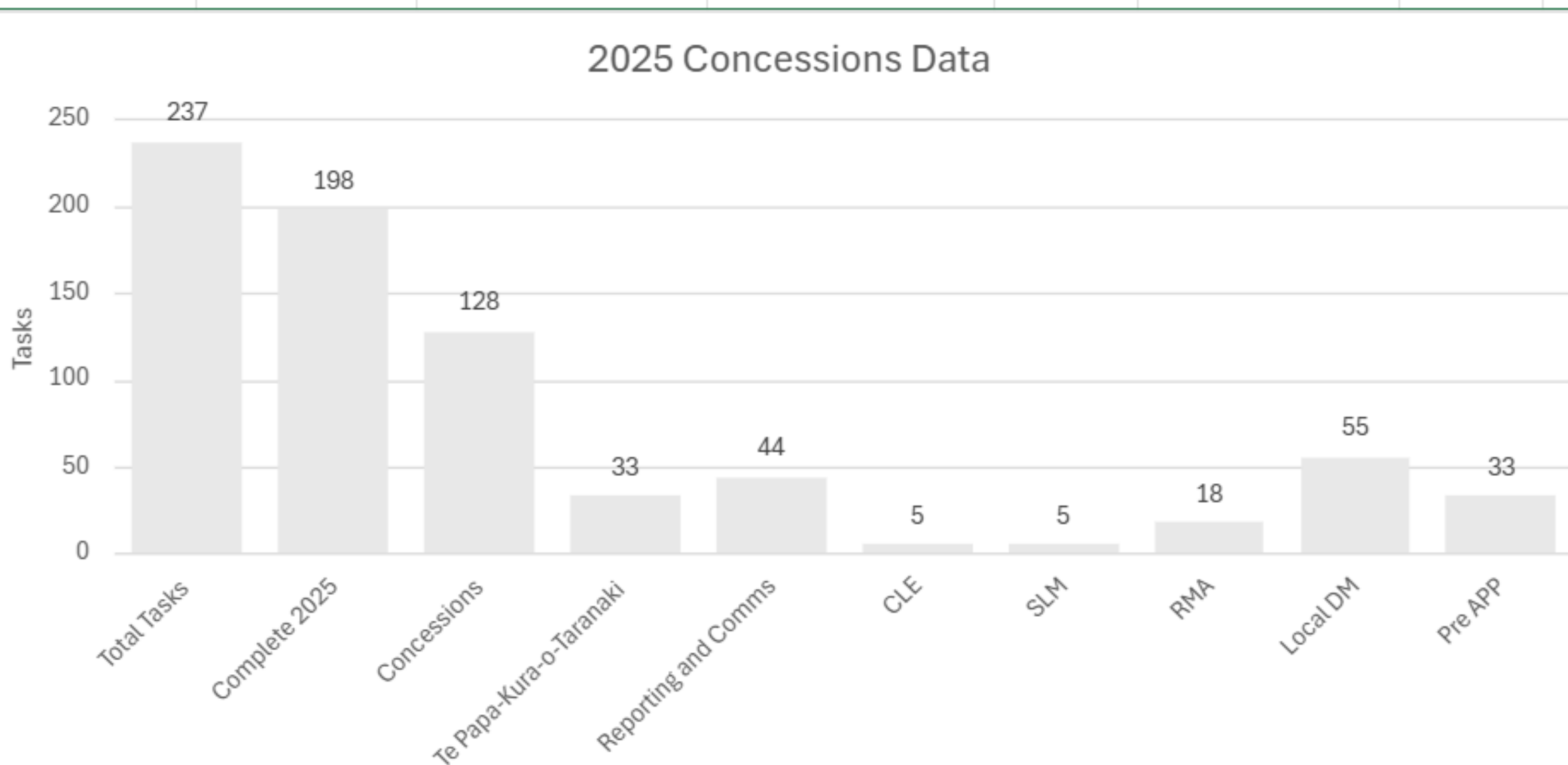
- Access Arrangements,
- Resource Management Act(RMA)
- Statutory Land Matters (SLM)
- Forestry and more

It also includes:

- Marine Mammal matters, import export and Kawenata.



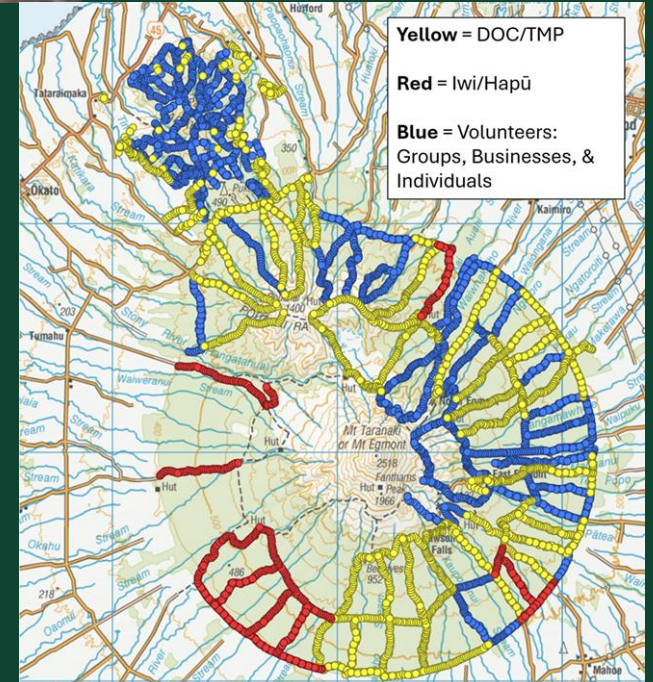
2025 Concessions and Permissions data: Taranaki



Community Outreach

Education, Advocacy and Volunteers.

- We support our other teams in their engagements.
- Schools and community groups.
- Facilitate volunteers
- Advocacy Events



Implementation

Measures we have put in place to date:

- All applications within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki must be standalone.
 - No National permits, no Multi-regional applications
- There is an additional information
 - How they acknowledge the status of Te Kāhui Tupua and align with Ngā Pou Whakaturua.
- Pre application engagements are promoted at all steps and in all of the messaging.
- A Standard Operating Procedure(SOP) provide clear direction for the whole of DOC permissions group and others.

Challenges have included helping others understand the new context, why it is important and why systems and processes must change to meet the new parameters.

Qualitative vs Quantitative: What is the question?

When assessing applications:

- Status of Te Kāhui Tupua
- Alignment with Ngā Pou Whakaturua.

**What does good
looks like and how is
it demonstrated
through activity?**

So far

- We apply local context, the redress and knowledge of the values
- Shared as part of the application document pack, with Te Tōpuni Ngārahu and iwi for consideration and feedback.
- Every application is different.

This is an ongoing space where each new application provides new challenges, identifies more opportunities, and highlights yet more issues with how things are been done vs how practices need to pivot to meet new expectations and behaviours.

Heritage and Visitor





Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki

Taranaki Maunga Te Robe Ngati Ruanui

Heritage and Visitors

Panitahi track cutting – before and after

- Regular vegetation management is required to maintain safe and enjoyable access across the 200km of public tracks on Taranaki Maunga





Keeping manuhiri safe in a dynamic environment.

Track closures required in places due to unmanageable risks...



Te Rere o Noke – Access upgrades.

We look after almost 600 visitor structures within
Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki





Plateau Wharepaku Replacement

Upgrading facilities to improve visitor experiences

York Loop Track bridge replacement



Syme Hut wind strengthening and re-cladding



Visitor Centers and Road ends





Opportunities

Q & A

Kaupapa: **Public Forum**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Note and Receive any presentations to the Public Forum; andb) Determine any appropriate response.
Context	<p>Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī holds a public forum during each meeting to give the community an opportunity to attend and speak to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on any matters relating to Te Kāhui Tupua or Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.</p> <p>A public notice of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's meeting and public forum timing is published on a dedicated Te Kāhui Tupua website ten working days prior to the Board meeting.</p>

The following representatives have registered their attendance and/or presentation to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī at this 29 May hui:

1. Justus Martin, PhD Student, University of Edinburgh
2. Ngaire Riley, Secretary, New Plymouth Tramping Club

Kaupapa: **Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee – Terms of Reference**

Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

<p>Recommendation</p>	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive and approve the Terms of Reference for the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee
<p>Context</p>	<p>A meeting of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee was held on 1 April 2026, where a final draft of the Terms of Reference (TOR) was presented to the Committee for consideration. Minor amendments were discussed and made to the draft TOR and the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend approval of the TOR. The matter is now being presented to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for a final decision.</p> <p>The purpose of the Committee is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assess the actual and potential effects of any resource consent and/or concession applications (or other regulatory process) on Te Kāhui Tupua; and b. Interpret and apply Ngā Pou Whakatupua in the assessment of the proposal; and c. Develop a recommendation to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on an appropriate position or response to the proposal, consistent with Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Concessions, Consents, and Approvals Committee

To review, comment and advise Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on resource consents, concessions and other approvals that may impact Te Kāhui Tupua

Introduction

1. These Terms of Reference (**'TOR'**) apply to the members of the Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee (**'Committee'**).
2. The Board of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is responsible for the approval of these TOR and the appointment of Committee members.
3. The **Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee** has been established by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to provide focused oversight, technical consideration, and coordinated advice in relation to these statutory and regulatory processes like resource consent applications, concession applications, and other approval process that may impact Te Kāhui Tupua. The Committee supports Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī by reviewing applications, assessing potential effects on Te Kāhui Tupua, and ensuring decisions are consistent with Ngā Pou Whakatupua.
4. The Committee plays an important role in ensuring that all concessions, consents, and approvals are considered in a timely, informed, and consistent manner, and that appropriate recommendations are provided to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for decision-making.

Background & Context

5. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī acts as the collective face and voice of Te Kāhui Tupua, upholding the integrity, mauri, and interconnectedness of all the elements that comprise Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and its wider landscape within the region of Taranaki.
6. Section 17 of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 (**'Te Kāhui Tupua Act'**) recognises that Te Kāhui Tupua is a living and indivisible whole comprising Taranaki Maunga and other tūpuna maunga, including Pouākai and Kaitake, from their peaks to, and including, all the surrounding lands, and incorporating all their physical and metaphysical elements. Surrounding land is defined in that section as the lands located within the Taranaki Region that form part of Te Kāhui Tupua.
7. Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua (Maunga values) may be considered by territorial and regional authorities and or government agencies (eg., Department of Conservation (**'DOC'**)) when exercising or performing powers, functions, or duties under any legislation that relate to, or may affect, Te Kāhui Tupua.

8. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī anticipate that this may result in a range of Resource Management Act processes (e.g., resource consent or designation applications), or approvals pursuant to other legislation that may impact Te Kāhui Tupua in a similar manner (e.g., Fast Track Approvals Act 2024) or concession applications pursuant to the Conservation Act 1987.

Purpose

9. The purpose of the Committee is to:
 - a. Assess the actual and potential effects of any resource consent and/or concession applications (or other regulatory process) on Te Kāhui Tupua; and
 - b. Interpret and apply Ngā Pou Whakatupua in the assessment of the proposal; and
 - c. Develop a recommendation to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on an appropriate position or response to the proposal, consistent with Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

Scope

10. The Committee's scope includes:
 - a. Consideration of any resource consent application, concession application and/or any other regulatory process which impacts on Te Kāhui Tupua, in accordance with Ngā Pou Whakatupua; and
 - b. Engagement with relevant information, including ecological assessments, cultural impact statements, and planning documents; and
 - c. Consultation, as required, with relevant iwi, hapū, DOC, the applicant, local authorities and stakeholders; and
 - d. Development of advice or recommendations to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for decision; and
 - e. Where the Committee recommends support for a proposal, it may also:
 - i. Develop draft proposed conditions to ensure any approval appropriately recognises Te Kāhui Tupua, and is consistent with Ngā Pou Whakatupua; and/or
 - ii. Negotiate or draft side-agreements or undertakings that provide for the protection, restoration, or enhancement of values associated with Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua, for recommendation to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for decision.
11. The Committee shall consider any matter referred to it by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.
12. The Committee does not have delegated authority to make binding decisions on behalf of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, unless explicitly authorised to do so.

Composition

13. The Committee shall comprise of between a minimum three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members and:
 - a. At least one (1) member with specialist expertise in planning or environmental management; and
 - b. At least one (1) member with demonstrated cultural and tikanga knowledge relevant to Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua; and

- c. At least one (1) member with demonstrated conservation/restoration knowledge relevant to Te Kāhui Tupua.
14. The Committee may appoint its own Chair and must review this appointment at least every three years.
 15. The Chair of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will sit ex-officio and must not be appointed as the Chair of any Committee.
 16. The Committee may, with the approval of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, co-opt advisors or subject matter experts where additional expertise is required.

Quorum & Decision-making

17. A quorum for Committee meetings will be a minimum of three members.
18. If a quorum is not present, the meeting may proceed for discussion purposes only, however no formal decisions or recommendations may be confirmed.
19. The Committee will aim to make decisions by consensus wherever possible, recognising the importance of collaborative discussion and collective agreement.
20. Where consensus cannot be reached after reasonable discussion, decisions may be determined by a vote of Committee members present at the meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the Committee will have a casting vote.

Roles & Responsibilities

21. The Committee shall:
 - a. Review all relevant application documentation; and
 - i. Assess the proposal against Ngā Pou Whakatupua and Te Kāhui Tupua status; and
 - ii. Identify potential adverse or beneficial effects on Te Kāhui Tupua; and
 - iii. Prepare a written report on relevant consents, concessions and approvals and recommendation for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's decision at the next relevant Board meeting.

Process

22. **Appointment** – Members are appointed by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for the duration of the specific matter or work programme under consideration.
23. **Reporting for Relevant applications** - The Committee shall provide a formal written report and recommendation to the next scheduled meeting of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī of any matter that requires a decision. Where approval timeframes do not align with a Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī board meeting (i.e. submission deadline) the Committee shall identify this with the Chair of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, as early as possible, to arrange an out of cycle board meeting to consider the recommendation of the Committee.

Confidentiality & Integrity

24. Committee members must treat all information with confidentiality, act with integrity, and declare any potential conflicts of interest.

Review

25. These Terms of Reference will be reviewed by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī at least annually, to ensure it remains consistent with evolving understandings of Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

Approval

26. These Terms of Reference were adopted by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on [Date]

Signed:

Liana Poutu

Chairperson, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Date: _____

Kaupapa: **Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee – Appointment of Chair**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p>It is recommended the Board:</p> <p>a. Endorse the appointment of Rex Hendry for Chair of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee</p>
Context	<p>A meeting of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee was held on 2 April 2026, during which Rex Hendry was nominated to serve as Chair of that Sub-Committee. This nomination was agreed to by consensus. The matter is now being presented to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for a final endorsement.</p> <p>The Chair will remain in that position until their term on Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī ends, they resign from the Chair position, or the committee undergoes a reconstitution (Sch 2 s (19)).</p>

Kaupapa: **Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee – Applications for consideration**

Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Receive and note the proposed direction and approach for the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee; andb) Endorse and adopt the advice to the applicant on the subdivision at 1621 Carrington Road that effects can be appropriately addressed subject to condition of consent.c) Endorse a letter to Te Papa Atawhai regarding current concession applications.
Context	<p>Since the March Board meeting, the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee has met on two occasions to review existing applications and develop a structured approach for assessing future applications as they are received.</p> <p>This paper provides Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī with an update on progress to date and outlines the next steps required to support consistent and effective decision-making going forward.</p>

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the progress of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee. Additionally, it is to seek approval of a draft letter to Te Papa Atawhai outlining how current concession applications lodged prior to the enactment of the legislation should be progressed and a recommendation on a subdivision application at 1621 Carrington Road, New Plymouth.
2. Since the March Board meeting, the Committee has met twice to review existing applications and to develop a structured approach for assessing future applications as they are received. This work is intended to support consistent, transparent, and timely decision-making.
3. This paper outlines progress to date, the emerging approach being taken by the Committee, and the next steps required to support ongoing coherence in decision-making processes.

Purpose – He aronga matua

4. The purpose of this paper is to provide Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī with an update on the work of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee to date, including progress made in establishing an approach to assessing consent and concession applications.
5. The paper also seeks approval of a draft letter to Te Papa Atawhai outlining how concession applications lodged prior to the enactment of the legislation should be progressed.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

6. The Concessions, Consents, and Approvals Committee mandate is to assess the actual and potential effects of any resource consents and/or concession applications (other regulatory processes) on Te Kāhui Tupua.
7. The Committee has met with Te Papa Atawhai Ranger Project Lead Mr David Craig who has advised that they currently have three concession/ license applications that were lodged prior to the enactment of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025. These applications are summarised below in table 1.

Table 1: Concession/ Licenses Applications lodged prior to Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025

Application details	Lodgement date	Comments
117657 -OTH Taranaki Regional Council Standalone application or the continued use of the Pukeiti Rhododendron Gardens car park within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.	25 th of June 2024	Currently rolling on under the previous Licence (38707-OTH). The carpark contains water tanks which do not seem to be part of the original concession, and it is unclear if there is a water take from within Te Papa-a-Kura-o-Taranaki.
119491 – Tel Powerco Limited A standalone application for the continued operation of a telecommunication site (the Airways site off Pembroke Road co-sited with others) that includes a	27 th of March 2025	The previous Licence (45521-TEL) expired on 1/03/2025.

<p>communication mast, together with radio, power and associated equipment located in the adjoining building on site.</p>		
<p>119881 – Tel – Chorus New Zealand Limited</p> <p>National application for multiple telecommunications sites throughout New Zealand.</p>	<p>20th of January 2025</p>	<p>A Decision for Chorus's National Concession (118972-TEL) has been made but the two Te Papa-Kura-Taranaki sites (Jacksons Lookout - CMRA site and Carrington Road - not a CMRA site) have been separated out to be a stand-alone concession.</p> <p>Chorus's previous National concession (OT-27822-TEL) which expired on 30/04/2025 is set to rolling on status in the Permissions Database and covers these two sites. This new standalone Permissions Number has been generated for Chorus's two Te Papa-Kura-Taranaki sites.</p>

8. The Committee has reviewed these above applications and recommend to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī that the draft letter attached in [Appendix 1](#) is provided to Te Papa Atawhai which recommends the declining of these application as they don't consider Ngā Pou Whakatupua or the effects of their application on Te Kāhui Tupua.
9. A decision-making matrix has also been established for the Concessions, Consents, & Approval Committee to enable a streamlined and consistent assessment of applications as they progress. The Committee will look to apply this matrix to applications as and when they are provided to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for comment.
10. Separately to the above, a three-lot subdivision application at 1621 Carrington Street is being prepared to be lodged with New Plymouth District Council. The applicant's agent (Hamish Walker of BTW Company) is seeking feedback from Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī in relation to this application. A paper has been prepared assessing this subdivision against Ngā Pou Whakatupua (see Appendix 2) and recommends a number of conditions of the resource consent to manage potential effects on Te Kāhui Tupua from the subdivision. This assessment was completed by us, not the applicant. It is the committee's position that subject to these conditions the effects on Te Kāhui Tupua can be adequately managed,

however the applicant should undertake an assessment on Ngā Pou Whakatupa as part of the resource consent application.

11. The Committee has agreed to meet on a monthly basis two weeks prior to the Board meeting to assess and discuss any applications before they otherwise deal with feedback, comments, and review through email correspondence.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

12. This section identifies key risks associated with the current approach to concessions, consents, and approvals, and the work of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee.
13. Decision-Making Consistency Risk: As the Committee is still developing its framework for assessing applications, there is a risk of inconsistency in how applications are reviewed and advised upon. Without a clear and embedded approach, similar applications may be treated differently, leading to uncertainty for applicants and stakeholders, and reduced confidence in the process.
14. Operational and Process Risk: Given the evolving nature of the Committee's processes, there is a risk of delays or inefficiencies in the assessment and progression of applications. This includes the potential for misalignment between statutory timeframes, agency processes, and internal decision-making requirements.
15. Mitigation Approach: These risks are being addressed through:
 - Establishment of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee to provide structured oversight;
 - Development of a consistent assessment approach aligned with the Act, evaluating urgency, impact and relevance;
 - Ongoing engagement with Te Papa Atawhai to clarify process expectations; and
 - Strengthening internal reporting and escalation pathways to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to support timely and informed decision-making.

Consultation – Toronga

16. Ongoing engagement and consultation with Te Papa Atawhai will be required as the approach to concessions, consents, and approvals continues to develop and be implemented. This engagement will support alignment on statutory processes, assessment expectations, and the practical application of Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua within decision-making frameworks.
17. It is also expected that applicants seeking concessions, consents, licences, or other approvals within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki will undertake direct engagement and consultation with relevant iwi and hapū where appropriate. Responsibility for this engagement sits with the applicant and should occur early enough to meaningfully inform the application and assessment process.
18. The Committee will continue working with Te Papa Atawhai to support clear expectations regarding engagement requirements and to encourage consistent and culturally appropriate processes going forward.

Legislation – He aronga ture

19. The Committee decision making framework and recommendations made within this paper align with the legislative requirements set out by Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

20. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī make the following decisions:
 - a. **Receive** and **note** the proposed direction and approach for the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee; and
 - b. **Endorse and adopt** the advice to the applicant on the subdivision at 1621 Carrington Road that effects can be appropriately addressed subject to condition of consent.
 - c. **Endorse** a letter to Te Papa Atawhai regarding current concession applications.

Decision comments

Appendix 1: 1621 Carrington Road Subdivision Assessment

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī feedback on propsoed subdivision at 1621 Carrington Road, New Plymouth

Applicant details

Full name	Steve Longstaff and Wanda Star
Contact Person	Hamish Walker at BTW Company
Electronic Service Address	hamish.walker@btw.nz
Site Address	1621 Carrington Road, New Plymouth

Tūtohi 1: Application details

Introduction and context

Te Kāhui Tupua is the legal person in accordance with section 18 of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025 (**‘Te Kāhui Tupua Act’**).

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī are the face and voice of Te Kāhui Tupua, obligated to represent the interests of Te Kāhui Tupua in processes such as for resource consent applications. In discharging these duties, Te Topuni Kōkōrangī are to uphold and promote Te Kāhui Tupua status, and Ngā Pou Whakatupua, which are the Maunga Values set out in Section 19 of the Te Kahui Tupua Act.

Ngā Pou Whakatupua are inherently relational in nature, and require an active and on-going relationship between people, communities, and Te Kāhui Tupua. It is through these relationships that other aspects of the values are realised; including the cultural or conservation outcomes expressed across Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

To this end, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī express their appreciation for the applicant’s recognition of Te Kāhui Tupua as a living and indivisible whole from the peaks down to and including all of the surrounding lands within Taranaki, encompassing both physical and metaphysical elements. This has been evidenced through the applicant seeking Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī feedback and input at this early stage prior to consent lodgement. This is supported.

In making these comments, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has not yet reviewed any application, or undertaken a site visit, these are likely next steps in this engagement process. It is also understood engagement is occurring with mana whenua being Ngāti Tairi alongside Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi and Ngāti Te Whiti alongside Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa (acknowledging the Te Henui is a listed Statutory Acknowledgement Area in the Te Atiawa Claims Settlement Act 2016). This engagement and cultural input will be crucial to understanding the cultural context and considerations for the site. A copy of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment prepared by Blac. And Parker Landscape Architecture has been reivewed.

Existing Environment

The existing environment is characterised by Te Kāhui Tupua. Te Kāhui Tupua is a living and indivisible whole comprising Taranaki Maunga and other tūpuna maunga, including Pouākai and Kaitake, from their peaks to, and including, all the surrounding lands, and incorporating all their physical and metaphysical elements. It is the synthesis of the Region (the physical environment, and the communities of people) as described in Te Iho Tāngaengae. It is a citadel for native biodiversity.

Importantly, Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua / Maunga Values are also forwards focused and set a strong expectation for the future environment as it is reasonable to anticipate.

Te Kāhui Tupua Status, Ngā Pou Whakatupua / Maunga Values and the actual and potential adverse effects of the proposal

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has identified the following actual and potential adverse effects that may result from the proposal in accordance with Ngā Pou Whakatupua:

- Effects on native biodiversity, including impacts on the rate of restoration outcomes being achieved in this area as a result of initiatives within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki (e.g., re-establishing kiwi populations to abundance). Adverse effects may continue to accrue over time as the increase of people living in the area results following the subdivision.
- Effects on the relationship between Te Kāhui Tupua, iwi and hapū.
- Effects on landscape resulting from more buildings and structures across the proposed subdivision area.

Te Kāhui Tupua Status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua are the foundation for the governance, management and administration of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. They may be considered by Councils exercising their powers, functions or duties on surrounding lands that relate to or may affect Te Kāhui Tupua. The applicant has yet to undertake this assessment.

Ngā Pou Whakatupua inform the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats, outstanding natural features and landscapes, and the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands as matters of national importance. Similarly, Ngā Pou Whakatupua provide more site specific context for a number of other matters to have particular regard to including kaitiakitanga, intrinsic values of ecosystems, the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment, and the ethic of stewardship.

Summary

The proposed subdivision adjoins Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, on Te Kāhui Tupua. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī recommend that the applicant engage with both Ngāti Tairi Hapū and Ngāti Te Whiti Hapū to ensure cultural expertise into the application is provided. Te Tōpuni

Kōkōrangī also recommend that the applicant undertake an assessment of the subdivision on Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has several residual concerns in the instance that the proffered conditions in the application are not adopted. This is with respect to management of the indigenous biodiversity identified in Significant Natural Area (SNA 17) under the Part Operative New Plymouth District Plan and design guide consent notice controls, including the commitment to aligning with Ngā Pou Whakatupua as values that persist in the existing environment that the application would result in actual and potential adverse effects on the environment as outlined above.

Similarly, ensuring mechanisms are in place to enable future residents to reciprocate the benefits of living in close proximity to Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, and contribute towards the revitalisation of Te Kāhui Tupua are considered necessary to avoid adverse effects on Te Kāhui Tupua.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī consider the potential effects of the subdivision on Te Kāhui Tupua can be appropriately managed provided the following recommendations are adopted.

Recommendations for conditions of consent

Consent Notice Conditions:

1. A Consent Notice shall be recorded against Lots 1-3 of the subdivision to the following effect:
 - a) *Lots 1 and 2 shall be limited to one dwelling only.*
 - b) *The habitable building platform areas shall be limited to the areas identified on the scheme plan as area "A" and "B" on Lots 1 and 2. These areas shall be marked and defined on the survey plan.*
 - c) *To maintain rural character all new buildings, habitable and non-habitable, roofs and cladding should be finished with materials that have a light reflectance value of less than 20%.*
 - d) *To maintain rural character, boundary fencing on any allotment should consist of either post and rail or 7-wire post and batten fencing only.*
 - e) *Driveways shall be chip sealed, asphaltic-concrete, metalled, or concrete with a minimum of 4% black oxide.*
 - f) *Lots 1 and 2 shall not be further subdivided, except for minor boundary adjustments (that will not create additional building lots and/or change the use of the land) while the land remains zoned Rural.*
 - g) *Dwellings must treat wastewater by way of secondary treatment at the least. All treatment systems are to be more than 25m from waterbodies.*
 - h) *All exterior lighting shall be 'hooded' and cast down.*
 - i) *Each allotment shall be managed in accordance with the Landscape Mitigation Plan and meet the required planting, fencing and restoration requirements set out in this Plan.*
 - j) *No cats, goats, mustelids, or deer shall be kept on any of the allotments.*
 - k) *All dogs kept on any allotment shall:*
 - a. *Be trained in kiwi-aversion. Kiwi aversion training must be renewed bi-annually;*
 - b. *Be constrained or otherwise fenced into the allotment; and*
 - c. *Be excluded from replanting or revegetation areas by way of dog proof fencing.*
 - l) *Owners and occupier of Lots 1 - 3 must comply with any compulsory pest and plant and animal species eradication programmed managed by Taranaki Regional Council or other supporting entities.*
 - m) *Riparian planting and fencing along the length of the Te Henui waterbody or the mitigation planting areas shall be retained, maintained and enhanced on an on-going basis.*
 - n) *Any dead or diseased species within the riparian planting shall be replaced as soon as practicable within the next planting season.*
 - o) *Any damaged fencing along the riparian margins or SNA boundary shall be replaced to ensure stock proof fencing permanently along the stream margins and SNA Margins.*

- p) *The owner shall not object to, oppose, appeal, seek enforcement action in respect of, or lodge any complaint (including under the Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 2002, or common law nuisance) against the Department of Conservation, any regional or territorial authority, or any authorised contractor or agent, in respect of the lawful undertaking of pest control operations, including aerial 1080 application, over or in the vicinity of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.*

Protection of the Significant Natural Area

A consent notice shall be recorded against the record of title for Lot 3 to the following effect:

2. *The [Insert Identifier, e.g., Lot X on LT Plan 12345] contains an area of indigenous vegetation (defined as SNA17) that must be maintained and protected on an ongoing basis.*
3. *The registered owner of the lot shall ensure that, within Area A, there is no:*
 - *Clearance, removal, topping, or trimming of indigenous vegetation;*
 - *Damage to roots, or removal of soil/soil disturbance;*
 - *Planting of exotic species;*
 - *Introduction of pest plants or animals;*
 - *Storage of machinery, vehicles, or materials.*
4. *The owner shall manage Area A to enhance its ecological value, including:*
 - *Managing and controlling weeds and pest animals.*
5. *The owner shall maintain a permanent fence (or, if approved, alternative boundary demarcation) around the boundary of Area A to exclude stock.*
6. *Notwithstanding the above, the owner may remove dead or diseased vegetation for safety reasons, provided it does not reduce the indigenous biodiversity values of the area.*

Landscaping

7. *Landscaping will occur in accordance with Wild for Taranaki Restoration Planting Guidelines for the Egmont Ecological District.*
8. *Landscaping shall undertaken will be in accordance with the Landscape Mitigation Plans prepared by Parker and referenced as drawing L1.0 – L1.3 dated 21 March 2026 and shall be completed prior to s224 sign off.*

A copy of schme plan and Landscape Plan for reference below



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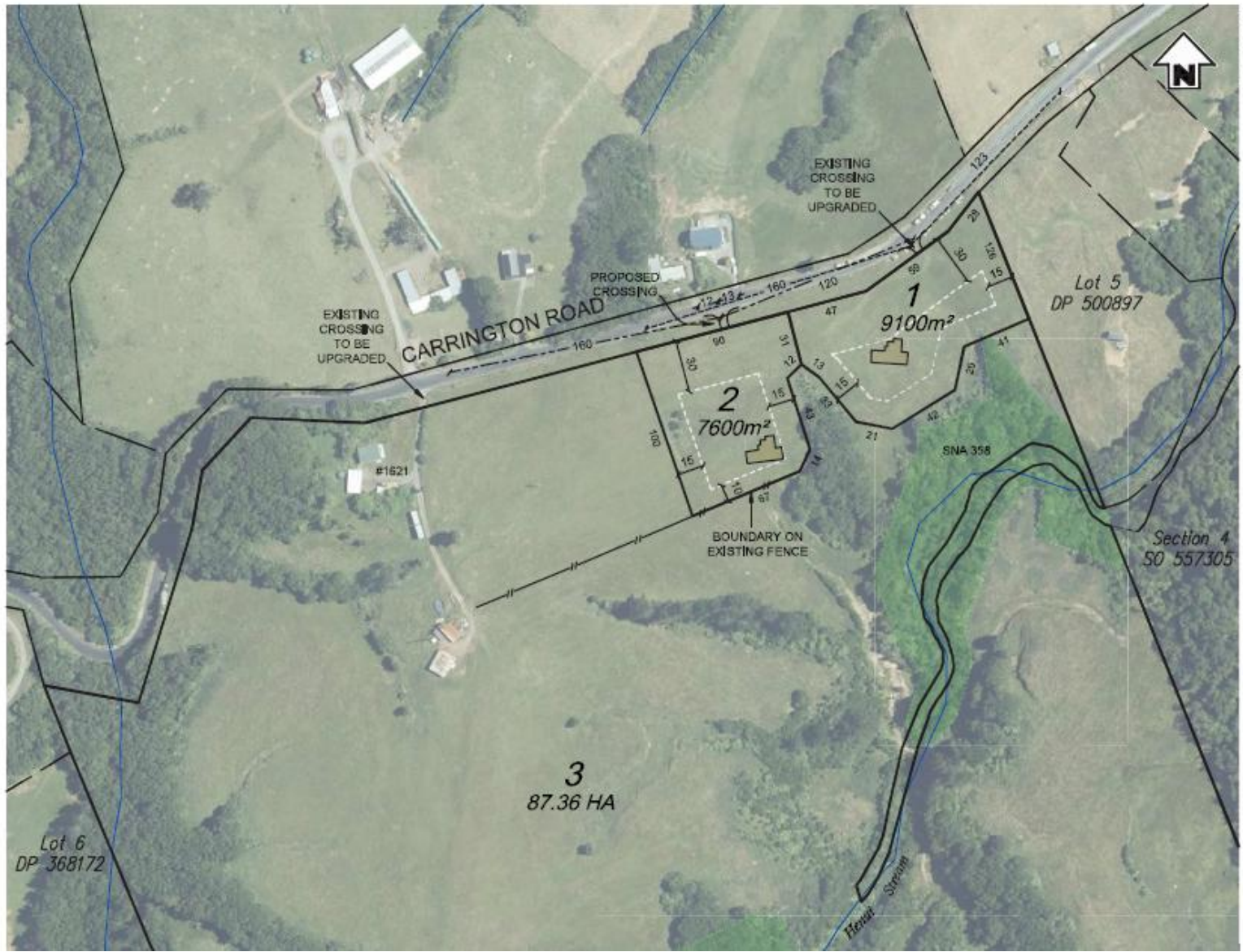
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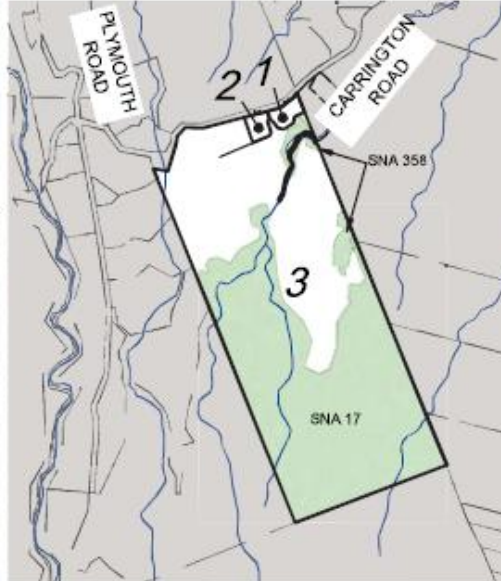
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NOTES
 1. The designer has agreed to produce a concept and cannot accept responsibility for the final production of these plans.
 2. All work is subject to compliance with current NZ standards.
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Kaupapa: **Relationships Committee – Terms of Reference**
 Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team
 Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a. Receive and approve the Terms of Reference for the Relationships Sub-Committee</p>
Context	<p>A meeting of the Relationships Sub-Committee was held on 13 April 2026, where a final draft of the Terms of Reference ('TOR') was presented to the Committee for consideration. The draft TOR was discussed and the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend approval of the TOR. The matter is now being presented to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for a final decision.</p> <p>The purpose of the Committee is to:</p> <p>a. To oversee, develop, negotiate, maintain, and monitor the suite of relationship agreements required of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī under Te Kāhui Tupua Act and Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo.</p>

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Relationships Committee

To oversee and inform the development of relationship agreements between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and other individuals and entities

Introduction

1. These Terms of Reference (**TOR**) apply to the members of the Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Relationships Committee (**Committee**).
2. The Board of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is responsible for the approval of these TOR and the appointment of Committee members.
3. The **Relationships Committee** has been established by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to provide focused oversight and coordination of relationship management and engagement activities with iwi, hapū, whānau, communities, individuals, and relevant organisations and entities.
4. The Committee supports the development and maintenance of effective, consistent, and enduring relationships on behalf of Te Kāhui Tupua. This includes overseeing engagement approaches, supporting the establishment of new relationships, strengthening existing connections, and ensuring that engagement is conducted in a manner consistent with the values, tikanga, and responsibilities of Te Kāhui Tupua.
5. The Committee also plays a key role in identifying relationship priorities, supporting engagement planning, and ensuring that appropriate communication channels and processes are in place to enable meaningful and effective dialogue with relevant parties.

Background & Context

6. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī acts as the collective face and voice of Te Kāhui Tupua, upholding the integrity, mauri, and interconnectedness of all the elements that comprise Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and its wider landscape within the region of Taranaki.
7. Under section 29 of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 (**Te Kāhui Tupua Act**), Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has specific functions related to forming and managing relationships. These will require negotiation and administration of formal agreements. These functions include:
 - a. Entering into He Takapou Tupua. He Takapou Tupua is specifically defined in the Act and Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo as a relationship agreement with the Crown via the Minister of Conservation and the Director-General of Conservation.
 - b. Engaging and forming relationships with the trustees of Te Tōpuni Ngārahu (the collective iwi governance entity), including by written agreements.

- c. Forming relationships with the iwi and hapū of Ngā Iwi o Taranaki who have interests in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.
 - d. Forming relationships with Crown agencies and other bodies whose functions affect Te Kāhui Tupua — including Boards such as the Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board and the New Zealand Conservation Authority.
8. These statutory functions create both mandatory (e.g., He Takapou Tupua) and discretionary relationship activities where structured agreements will be central to delivering the governance and stewardship expectations embedded in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo and Te Kāhui Tupua Act.
 9. There are other agreements identified in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo (such as Te Ahi Ngārahu between the Trustees and Minister of Conservation and the Director-General of Conservation), as well as other arrangements (such as Joint Management Agreements).

Purpose

10. To oversee, develop, negotiate, maintain, and monitor the suite of relationship agreements required of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī under Te Kāhui Tupua Act and Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo.

Scope

11. The Committee's scope includes:
 - a. Engaging with third parties wanting a relationship with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.
 - b. Assisting to develop, review, and recommend the content and arrangements in relationship agreements.
 - c. Making recommendations to the full Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Board regarding the content of any relationship agreement and arrangements.
12. The Committee does not have delegated authority to make binding decisions on behalf of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, unless explicitly authorised to do so.

Composition

13. The Committee shall comprise of between a minimum three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members and:
 - a. At least one (1) member with strong local networks and relationships; and
 - b. At least one (1) member with demonstrated cultural and tikanga knowledge relevant to Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua; and
 - c. At least one (1) member with demonstrated conservation/restoration knowledge relevant to Te Kāhui Tupua.
14. The Committee may appoint its own Chair and must review this appointment at least every three years.
15. The Chair of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will sit ex-officio and must not be appointed as the Chair of any Committee.

16. The Committee may, with the approval of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, co-opt advisors or subject matter experts where additional expertise is required.

Quorum & Decision-making

17. A quorum for Committee meetings will be a minimum of three members.
18. If a quorum is not present, the meeting may proceed for discussion purposes only, however no formal decisions or recommendations may be confirmed.
19. The Committee will aim to make decisions by consensus wherever possible, recognising the importance of collaborative discussion and collective agreement.
20. Where consensus cannot be reached after reasonable discussion, decisions may be determined by a vote of Committee members present at the meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the Committee will have a casting vote.

Roles & Responsibilities

21. The Committee shall:
 - a. Identify all statutory and non-statutory relationship agreements required, and prioritise those agreements; and
 - b. Lead development of He Takapou Tupua and recommend terms to full Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.; and
 - c. Ensure agreements reflect Ngā Pou Whakatupua values and obligations in Te Kāhui Tupua Act and Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo; and
 - d. Develop performance frameworks for each agreement, and monitor compliance, reporting requirements and review triggers; and
 - e. Provide periodic updates to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on negotiations, implementation status, and risks.

Process

22. **Appointment** – Members are appointed by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for the duration of the specific matter or work programme under consideration.
23. **Reporting**– The Committee may provide a formal written report, and recommendations to the next scheduled meeting of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī as and where necessary.

Confidentiality & Integrity

24. Members must treat all information with appropriate confidentiality, act with integrity, and declare any potential conflicts of interest.

Review

25. These Terms of Reference will be reviewed by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī at the conclusion of the Committee’s work, or at least annually, to ensure it remains consistent with evolving understandings of Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

Approval

26. These Terms of Reference was adopted by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on [Date].

Signed:

Liana Poutu

Chairperson, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Date: _____

Kaupapa: **Relationships Sub-Committee – Appointment of Chair**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a. Endorses the appointment of Nicola Ngarewa for Chair of the Relationships Sub-Committee</p>
Context	<p>A meeting of the Relationships Sub-Committee was held on 29 April 2026, during which Nicola Ngarewa was nominated to serve as Chair of that Sub-Committee. This nomination was seconded and agreed to by consensus. The matter is now being presented to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for a final endorsement.</p> <p>The Chair will remain in that position until their term on Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī ends, they resign from the Chair position, or the committee undergoes a reconstitution (Sch 2 s (19)).</p>

Kaupapa: **He Takapou Tupua Update**

Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes, and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Receives the update on the development of He Takapou Tupua
Context	Since the March Board meeting, the Relationship Committee has convened on two occasions to advance the development of He Takapou Tupua. This paper provides Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī with an update on progress to date and outlines the next steps required to finalise the relationship agreement.

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. The purpose of this paper is to update Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on progress made in the development of He Takapou Tupua
2. The Relationships Committee has met twice since the March 2026 Board Meeting to develop He Takapou Tupua.

Purpose – He aronga matua

3. The purpose of this paper is to update Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on progress made to develop He Takapou Tupua.
4. The paper also outlines the next steps required to finalise the agreement.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

5. Clause 12.36 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo requires that no later than 12 months after the effective date (1 April 2026) He Takapou Tupua (the relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, the Minister of Conservation and the Director-General of Conservation – collectively **‘the Parties’**)) be entered into.
6. Clause 12.36 goes further to specify the matters He Takapou Tupua must cover.
7. The Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning team has been working closely with Department of Conservation staff to develop a draft agreement. The development of the agreement has followed closely to the development of Te Ahi Ngārahu (the relationship agreement

between Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, the Minister of Conservation and the Director-General of Conservation – to ensure necessary alignment in clauses which would apply to a process required under the Deed.

8. Drafting to date has focused on the specified matters in the Deed. No additional matters have been proposed at this stage. However, it is recommended that specific clauses regarding Conservation Law reform are considered for the agreement given the current proposed changes.
9. A draft He Takapou Tupua is expected to be finalised in May 2026. Following this it is proposed to be subject to legal review, with a final draft made available at the June meeting of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for adoption.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

10. He Takapou Tupua is the critical agreement in confirming processes, resourcing and expectations regarding the health of the relationship between the Parties.
11. Any further delay in developing He Takapou Tupua may frustrate the implementation of redress arrangements.

Consultation – Toronga

12. No consultation has been undertaken on this matter.

Legislation – He aronga ture

13. Clause 12.36 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo sets out the requirements for He Takapou Tupua.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

14. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī receive and acknowledge this update report.

Decision comments

Kaupapa: **Conservation Law Reform Update**
 Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team
 Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a) Note and Receive the information paper on Conservation Legislation Reform</p>
Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Conservation Amendment Bill ('the Bill') has been introduced to the House. - The Bill amends several purpose-related provisions in the Conservation Act to enable more development on conservation land while protecting conservation values. - The Bill introduces a National Conservation Policy Statement ('NCPS'), area plans, and pre-approved concessions/activities. <p>The Bill introduces a new section 4A designed to provide certainty and scope for the existing section 4 of the Act – <i>to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi</i>.</p> <p>Peter Galvin, Director Treaty Negotiations and Land, will be an online attendee for this agenda item to provide an additional update from the Department on the Conservation Amendment Bill</p>

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. A Conversation Amendment Bill ('the **Bill**') has been introduced to the House. The Bill is not a technical conservation law 'tidy-up'. If passed it will change the operating environment that He Kawa Tupua is expected to function within.
2. Review of the Bill falls within the scope of the Statutory Planning Committee.
3. A timeline for submissions and the next steps on the passage of the Bill are not yet known.
4. The purpose of this paper is to update Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on proposals to amend the Conservation Act 1987.
5. The paper provides an initial assessment of the Bill and what this may mean for Te Kāhui Tupua, and the Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.

Purpose – He aronga matua

6. The purpose of this paper is to update Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on proposals to amend the Conservation Act 1987.
7. The paper provides an initial assessment of the Bill and what this may mean for Te Kāhui Tupua, and the Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

8. The Bill proposes to centralise and streamline conservation decision-making, while giving greater statutory weight to economic use, visitor/tourism development, concessions, land exchanges, land disposals, and national-level policy direction.
9. The Government has said the Bill will amend the system by:
 - Streamlining the planning framework to improve efficiency and better enable economic activity on conservation land.
 - Allowing for more efficient and effective processing of concession applications, and ongoing management of concessions.
 - Enabling greater flexibility to exchange and dispose of conservation land.
 - Increasing revenue to help maintain and enhance the visitor experience on conservation
10. A factsheet can be found at this link: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/getting-involved/consultations/2024/modernising-the-conservation-system/conservation-amendment-bill-factsheet.pdf>
11. The Bill includes a ‘savings’ clause for Te Tiriti Settlement Arrangements. For more complex settlement arrangements, such as those established in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo, the Bill proposes an approach where the Government will engage in good faith with PSGE to seek agreement as to how their redress will operate in the new system.
12. Similar to resource management reform proposals, the Bill does not include any provisions or directions for legal person landscapes, nor is there a clear role for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī explicit within the current drafting.
13. Table 1 below outlines some of the key changes proposed in the Bill, and the possible implications for Te Kāhui Tupua:

Proposed change	Potential implication	Risk
NCPS replaces general policies / conservation management strategies	<p>The national instrument may override or constrain local/place-based protections unless non-derogation is explicit or designed in.</p> <p>The first NCPS is able to be developed without following the process in proposed schedule 2.</p>	High

	<p>Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has no standing or explicitly recognised in the process set out in Schedule 2 and would have to rely on ‘general consultation’ to participate. This is at odds with the express role and standing of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī set out in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo for the development of the equivalent mechanism (a conservation management strategy). Ensuring the standing of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī in the development of this instrument is necessary for the proposed Bill to not derogate from the settlement arrangements.</p> <p>This is further exacerbated where the development of the first NCPS does not require the Minister to follow the consultation requirements set out in the Bill for subsequent iterations. This is effectively the same approach as the proposed National Direction included in resource management reform Bills.</p> <p>Overall, simplifying the statutory framework to two levels (NCPS & Area Plans) is considered a positive attribute of the proposed system.</p>	
<p>Area plans replace national park management plans</p>	<p>He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki could be absorbed, renamed, or subordinated.</p> <p>The geographic scope of Area plans is yet to be determined. This may result in Te Kāhui Tupua being divided across multiple area plans.</p> <p>The timing on the development of these first area plans may impact on the development of He Kawa Ora.</p> <p>The process to develop and approve an area plan does not accommodate the standing or the role of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, or the broader redress arrangements.</p>	<p>High</p>

Pre-approved / exempt activities	<p>Through the NCPS the Minister classify activities as exempt or pre-approved. This is qualified where exemption or pre-approval of an activity must be consistent with the Act that the land is held or managed under; and the purposes for which the land is held or managed.</p> <p>This decision is solely the Ministers, with a list of matters that must be considered. None of these matters could accommodate Te Kāhui Tupua Status or Ngā Pou Whakatupua as currently drafted.</p> <p>Consideration of the bespoke arrangements for Te Kāhui Tupua is challenging under current concession settings, pre-approved or exempt activities may exacerbate this.</p>	High
Streamlined concessions	Faster decisions may reduce depth of assessment. The same risks apply as for pre-approved / exempt activities.	High
Land exchange/disposal	Generic land optimisation logic may conflict with ancestral/legal personality framework, and is at odds with the arrangements set out in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo.	High
International Visitor Levy	<p>Revenue opportunity with a focus on visitor infrastructure and conservation activities is considered a good addition to the system.</p> <p>Ensuring any IVL can be invested into the broader activities that make up the health and well-being of Te Kāhui Tupua will be required to make this part of the system supportive of the arrangements.</p>	Mid
Treaty settlement transitional clauses	As identified above, the Bill contains a saving clause which is essentially the same drafting as for the resource management reform Bills. As the arrangements for Te Kāhui Tupua are more complex than 'consultation timeframes' there will be a period of negotiation between the Crown and PSGE on how to implement the	High

	<p>arrangements as far as possible within the new system.</p> <p>Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has no legislated role in that process (as it is not a PSGE) despite having standing.</p>	
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Table 1: Conservation Amendment Bill proposed changes

14. Overall, the proposed changes to conservation legislation have the potential to undermine the arrangements set out in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī has heavy reliance on the savings clause, and the PSGE in the Taranaki Region to uphold the redress arrangements.
15. The timing of this Bill potentially has some implications for the development of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. These will be able to be understood more fully once the timeline to consider the Bill and subsequent implementation arrangements are known.
16. No additional risks are identified beyond those described above at this stage.
17. No consultation has been undertaken on this matter.
18. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī have not been consulted through the development of the Bill

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

19. No additional risks are identified beyond those described above at this stage.

Consultation – Toronga

20. No consultation has been undertaken on this matter.
21. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī have not been consulted through the development of the Bill
22. Clauses 18.13 to 18.15 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo anticipate conservation law reform and set in place requirements for any conservation law review and reform to follow.
23. Section 20(9) of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua Act 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act reads as follows: *Statements of general policy, including the general policy for national parks and any conservation management strategy, must not derogate from this Act or Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo*

Legislation – He aronga ture

24. Clauses 18.13 to 18.15 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo anticipate conservation law reform and set in place requirements for any conservation law review and reform to follow.
25. Section 20(9) of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua Act 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act reads as follows: *Statements of general policy, including the general policy for national parks and any conservation management strategy, must not derogate from this Act or Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo*

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

26. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi receive and acknowledge this update report.

Decision comments

Kaupapa: **Statutory Planning Committee – Terms of Reference**

Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a. Receive and approve the Terms of Reference for the Statutory Planning Sub-Committee</p>
Context	<p>A meeting of the Statutory Planning Sub-Committee was held on 2 April 2026, where a draft of the Terms of Reference ('TOR') was presented to the Committee for consideration. Minor amendments to the TOR were discussed and the Sub-Committee agreed to accept the TOR in draft subject to the minor amendments, and recommend approval of the TOR. The matter is now being presented to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for a final decision.</p> <p>The purpose of the Committee is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide oversight and guidance for the development of He Kawa Ora; b. Identify, consider, and manage process-related risks associated with the development of He Kawa Ora; c. Support and coordinate engagement with iwi, hapū, stakeholders, agencies, and other relevant parties; d. Ensure the proposed provisions and direction of He Kawa Ora are consistent with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the status of Te Kāhui Tupua • Ngā Pou Whakatupua, and • the principles and relevant provisions of the National Parks Act 1980; and e. Consider relevant legislation, policy, plans, or statutory instruments that may affect Te Kāhui Tupua, and provide recommendations to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī in relation to those matters.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Statutory Planning Committee

To oversee and inform the development of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and support in any other Statutory Planning Process that will impact Te Kāhui Tupua

Introduction

1. The Statutory Planning Committee has been established by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to support primarily the development of He Kawa Ora through collaborative discussion, technical input, strategic oversight, and engagement coordination. The Committee may also provide support and involvement in other Statutory Planning processes that will impact Te Kāhui Tupua.
2. The Committee will assist in progressing the development of the draft He Kawa Ora management plan, supporting engagement with iwi, hapū, stakeholders, and relevant agencies, and providing recommendations back to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for consideration and decision-making.
3. These Terms of Reference set out the purpose, scope, membership, responsibilities, and operating procedures of the Statutory Planning Committee.

Background & Context

4. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is the collective face and voice of Te Kāhui Tupua and is responsible for representing and upholding the integrity, mauri, and interconnectedness of Te Papa-kura-o-Taranaki and its wider landscape across the Taranaki region.
5. As part of this role, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is responsible for overseeing the development of He Kawa Ora.
6. He Kawa Ora must be prepared in accordance with section 94 and Schedule 3 of *Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025* (“Te Kāhui Tupua Act”).
7. The current indicative timeline for the development of He Kawa Ora is:
 - **November 2025 – March 2026:** Preparatory work
 - **March – July 2026:** Structured pre-engagement
 - **20 July 2026:** Public notice inviting comments
 - **September 2026 – April 2028:** Drafting, submissions, hearings, and approvals

Purpose

8. The purpose of the Committee is to:
 - a. Provide oversight and guidance for the development of He Kawa Ora;
 - b. Identify, consider, and manage process-related risks associated with the development of He Kawa Ora;

- c. Support and coordinate engagement with iwi, hapū, stakeholders, agencies, and other relevant parties;
- d. Ensure the proposed provisions and direction of He Kawa Ora are consistent with:
 - the status of Te Kāhui Tupua
 - Ngā Pou Whakatupua, and
 - the principles and relevant provisions of the National Parks Act 1980; and
- e. Consider relevant legislation, policy, plans, or statutory instruments that may affect Te Kāhui Tupua, and provide recommendations to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī in relation to those matters.

Scope

- 9. The Committee's scope includes:
 - a. Providing direction to the Planning Team on the overall He Kawa Ora development programme.
 - b. Developing the understanding of Ngā Pou Whakatupua and Te Kāhui Tupua Status as they apply in the context of, He Kawa Ora.
 - c. Assisting to develop and confirm key opportunities and issues, concepts, planning approaches, and implementation expectations.
 - d. Assisting with public engagement and consultation necessary to develop He Kawa Ora.
 - e. Making recommendations to the full Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī board regarding key attributes of He Kawa Ora, and risk management.
 - f. Consider any relevant legislation, policy or plan instrument that may affect Te Kāhui Tupua and recommend a position to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on that instrument.

Composition

- 10. The Committee shall comprise of between a minimum three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members and:
 - a. At least one (1) member with specialist expertise in planning or environmental management; and
 - b. At least one (1) member with demonstrated cultural and tikanga knowledge relevant to Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua; and
 - c. At least one (1) member with demonstrated conservation/restoration knowledge relevant to Te Kāhui Tupua.
- 11. The Committee does not have delegated authority to make binding decisions on behalf of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, unless explicitly authorised to do so.
- 12. The Committee may appoint its own Chair and must review this appointment at least every three years.

13. The Chair of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will sit ex-officio and must not be appointed as the Chair of any Committee.
14. The Committee may, with the approval of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, co-opt advisors or subject matter experts where additional expertise is required.

Quorum & Decision-making

15. A quorum for Committee meetings will be a minimum of three members.
16. If a quorum is not present, the meeting may proceed for discussion purposes only, however no formal decisions or recommendations may be confirmed.
17. The Committee will aim to make decisions by consensus wherever possible, recognising the importance of collaborative discussion and collective agreement.
18. Where consensus cannot be reached after reasonable discussion, decisions may be determined by a vote of Committee members present at the meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the Committee will have a casting vote.

Roles & Responsibilities

19. The Committee shall:
 - a. Provide strategic, cultural, and governance oversight to the planning team throughout the development of He Kawa Ora;
 - b. Oversee the plan development process, including the scope, methodology, work programme, and key milestones;
 - c. Guide and support appropriate engagement with the parties identified in Schedule 3(3)(2) of *Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025*;
 - d. Ensure the development process aligns with the requirements of the Te Kāhui Tupua Act, and that the content and approach of He Kawa Ora maintain accuracy, coherence, and cultural integrity;
 - e. Identify, consider, and manage risks relating to cultural, reputational, compliance, operational, or governance matters associated with the development of He Kawa Ora; and
 - f. Report regularly to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on progress, emerging issues, risks, and recommendations, including escalating any significant matters, disagreements, or departures from the agreed work programme where required.

Process

20. **Appointment** – Members are appointed by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for the duration of the specific matter or work programme under consideration.
21. **Reporting for He Kawa Ora** – The Committee may provide a formal written report, including progress updates and recommendations, to the next scheduled meeting of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.
22. **Reporting for Other Statutory Processes** – The Committee shall provide formal reports and recommendations to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī as required. Where

statutory deadlines do not align with scheduled meetings, the Committee will work with the Chair to convene an out-of-cycle meeting to consider and agree a submission or position.

Confidentiality & Integrity

23. Committee Members must treat all information with appropriate confidentiality, act with integrity, and declare any potential conflicts of interest.

Review

24. These Terms of Reference will be reviewed by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī at the conclusion of the Committee's work, or at least annually, to ensure it remains consistent with evolving understandings of Te Kāhui Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

Approval

25. These Terms of Reference were adopted by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on [Date].

Signed:

Liana Poutu

Chairperson, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Date: _____

Kaupapa: **Statutory Planning Sub-Committee – Appointment of Chair**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <p>a. Endorse the appointment of Stephen Daysh for Chair of the Statutory Planning Sub-Committee</p>
Context	<p>A meeting of the Statutory Planning sub-committee was held on 2 April 2026, during which Stephen Daysh was nominated to serve as Chair of that sub-committee. This nomination was agreed to by consensus. The matter is now being presented to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for a final endorsement.</p> <p>The Chair will remain in that position until their term on Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī ends, they resign from the Chair position, or the committee undergoes a reconstitution (Sch 2 s (19)).</p>

Kaupapa: **He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki ('He Kawa Ora') Update**

Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes, and Laura Buttimore, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planning Team

Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<p><u>It is recommended the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receives and Notes the direction and the update on the progress of He Kawa Ora to date
Context	<p>Since the March Board meeting, the Statutory Planning Committee has met twice to progress engagement and drafting of He Kawa Ora. This paper provides Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī with an update on progress to date and outlines the next steps required to advance the plan-making process.</p> <p><u>The following update to the Board includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement activities undertaken to date; - Development of the proposed He Kawa Ora plan structure; and - Engagement of specialist inputs to support the plan-making process.

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. The purpose of this paper is to update Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on progress made in the development of He Kawa Ora since the March Board meeting and to confirm the next steps required to progress the plan-making process.
2. Engagement has commenced with several key stakeholders and the recruitment of relevant speciality expertise obtained to support the drafting of the Plan. Work to date has focused on developing a high-level structure of He Kawa Ora, progressing stakeholder engagement, and identifying the key matters required to support the next stage of development.
3. This paper outlines progress to date, summarises recent Committee discussions, and seeks direction and endorsement on the proposed next steps to maintain momentum and alignment with the agreed programme and statutory requirements.

Purpose – He aronga matua

4. The purpose of this paper is to update Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī on progress made in the development of He Kawa Ora, including:
 - Engagement activities undertaken to date;
 - Development of the proposed He Kawa Ora plan structure; and
 - Engagement of specialist inputs to support the plan-making process.
5. The paper also outlines the next steps required to continue progressing He Kawa Ora.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

6. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī are responsible for the development of a new management plan for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, titled He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki (**‘He Kawa Ora’**).
7. Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025 (the **‘Act’**) specifies the process to be followed for the development of He Kawa Ora at schedule 3 of the Act. This includes a list of parties that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī must *begin discussions with, and seek the views of, the following parties in relation to what is to be included in He Kawa Ora*:
 - a) the trustees; and
 - b) the iwi and hapū of Ngā Iwi o Taranaki with interests in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki; and
 - c) the New Zealand Conservation Authority; and
 - d) the Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board; and
 - e) local authorities within whose boundaries Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki is located; and
 - f) any other person or organisation that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī considers appropriate.

Engagement

8. A letter has been sent to all the above Schedule 3 parties outlining He Kawa Ora engagement is being undertaken and to seek informal comment and discussion. To date, a number of engagement hui have occurred, and these will continue to progress over the next few months.
9. The hui have all been positive and important contextual discussions on where He Kawa Ora is heading as a plan and some aspirational visions for the plan. Within these hui, discussions have separately been had about Relationship Agreements and how this best might address dealing with specific entities and discrete aspects and or issues with those entities and Te Kāhui Tupua.
10. We will continue to progress this engagement between now and formal comment in July 2026.

He Kawa Ora plan structure

11. The early thinking for the plan structure for He Kawa Ora is to establish a series of precincts, or rohe-based areas, across the Maunga. These rohe identify distinct geographic areas and their primary relationship and connections to that place. For example, the North Taranaki

rohe includes the visitor centre, short day walks, and is a key access and connection point for visitors.

12. From this foundation, each rohe will help define the priorities, vision, and desired outcomes for that area. The rohe boundaries will, where appropriate, look to follow awa and natural landscape features to help reflect cultural and environmental connections across the Maunga. Each rohe will align with the Ngā Pou Whakatupua values, with some rohe placing greater emphasis on particular values or outcomes than others. For example, there is consideration for Kaitake to adopt a “mainland island” vision, where biodiversity protection and restoration efforts can be more strongly focused.
13. The focus of the rohe-based approach is to help prioritise particular activities, experiences, and management outcomes within different parts of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, while still contributing to and supporting a collective vision for the park as a whole. This approach is not intended to detract from considering the Maunga as a connected and integrated landscape, and will continue to provide an overarching vision, along with clear outcomes and expectations, for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki as a whole. In doing so, it provides a framework for shaping visitor experiences, infrastructure, ecological restoration, and stewardship outcomes in ways that reflect the distinct character and values of each area, while reinforcing the collective identity and aspirations for the Maunga.
14. Separate to the development of the plan structure, specialist expertise is also being engaged to support the wider development of He Kawa Ora. This includes GIS services, web development, graphic design, marketing and communications, legal advice, and heritage and recreation inputs. These expert contributions are being coordinated alongside specific Te Papa Atawhai staff and will help inform both the drafting and presentation of He Kawa Ora.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

15. The development of He Kawa Ora involves a number of strategic, operational, and stakeholder-related risks that will require ongoing management as the plan progresses. A key risk is ensuring that the rohe-based approach is clearly understood as supporting, rather than fragmenting, the collective vision for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. This will require clear communication that individual rohe priorities and outcomes contribute to an integrated Maunga-wide framework.
16. There is a risk that engagement processes may not reach all relevant parties, interest groups, or affected entities, which could result in gaps in feedback, reduced stakeholder confidence, or perceptions that perspectives have not been adequately considered. Given the significance of the Maunga and the range of interests involved, maintaining broad, transparent, and well-documented engagement processes will be critical throughout the development of He Kawa Ora. An engagement and risks register is being kept to detail and set out each engagement meeting to help reduce this risk. Further follow up emails, phone calls and discussion will occur with those Schedule 3 parties that we have had no response with.
17. Operationally, the development of the plan relies on timely input from a range of specialist expertise, including GIS, legal, heritage, recreation, communications, and design services. Delays or gaps in these inputs could impact drafting timelines, and the quality of supporting material. Coordination with these specialists and Te Papa Atawhai staff is critical to ensuring an integrated and well-informed final plan. Work is progressing to ensure all relevant technical inputs are engaged and aware of the time frame constraints for the

project. The appointment of Kerena Wano at Te Papa Atawhai as a Statutory Adviser and the conduit between us and other Te Papa Atawhai staff has been very beneficial in getting these engagements off the ground and in progress.

Consultation – Toronga

18. Consultation to date has been initiated through the circulation of the He Kawa Ora engagement letter to relevant parties. This has been followed by a series of hui with selected stakeholders and partners to discuss the emerging approach, and timeline for delivering He Kawa Ora. These discussions have provided an initial opportunity to test concepts, gather feedback, and identify areas requiring further consideration.
19. Follow-up engagement with those parties we have yet to meet and ongoing discussions will continue with relevant parties over the coming months to refine the approach and address outstanding matters. This pre-engagement phase will inform and support the development of the plan ahead of the formal public consultation period, which is scheduled to commence in July 2026.

Legislation – He aronga ture

20. Schedule 3 of Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025 sets out the plan making process for He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.
21. This update paper is in accordance with Schedule 3, of the Act.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

20. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī receive this update and acknowledge it.

Decision comments

Kaupapa: **General Business**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 29 May 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Formally addresses general business matters and,b) Where appropriate, revisit previous agenda items to ensure all relevant issues are thoroughly considered and documented
Context	This approach will help maintain transparency and facilitate informed decision-making on outstanding or ongoing matters. The Board may establish a standing procedure whereby general business and earlier items are reviewed at each meeting, allowing members to raise concerns or seek updates as necessary.