

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi

Agenda & Meeting Papers

Meeting No. 6

25 September 2026

NGĀMOTU HOUSE

LEVEL 4/139 DEVON STREET WEST

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Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Meeting

25 September 2026, 8:00am – 11:30am

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

I = Information A = Advice required D = Decision required

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Kaupapa: **Apologies / Attendees**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Notes the apologies and attendees list for this meeting
Context	<u>Attendee list for the 25 September 2026 meeting:</u> • Lesa Bevin – Secretary, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī • Sean Zieltjes – Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī • Tinaka Mearns – Regional Director, Te Papa Atawhai • Tui MacDonald – Comms Advisor, Frank Communications <u>Apologies</u> • Nicola Ngarewa – Board Member • Laura Buttimore – Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī <u>Public forum registrations</u> • Justus Martin – University of Edinburgh • Kiriwaitangi Rei-Russell – Ngā Rere Ora Ltd

Kaupapa: **Previous Hui Minutes**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> 2.1 Note and approve the Minutes of Board meeting – 9 July 2026 2.2 Receive the Minutes of the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Sub-Committee – 6 August 2026 2.3 Receive the Minutes of the Relationships Sub-Committee – 17 August 2026 2.4 Receive the Minutes of the Statutory Planning Sub-Committee – 18 June & 7 August 2026
Context	The draft minutes of the Board meeting held on 9 July 2026 were circulated to members following the meeting. Any corrections received have been incorporated into the revised minutes. The Board is asked to confirm that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Approved minutes from the sub-committees have also been included to be received by the Board.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Minutes of Meeting held 9 July 2026, 9am

Ngāmotu House, 139 Devon Street West, New Plymouth.

Members in Attendance: *Liana Poutu (LP) – Chair, *Acushla Sciascia (AS), Rex Hendry (RH), *Te Aroha Hohaia (TH), and *Bruce Clarkson (BC)

Other Attendees: Lesa Bevin (LB) - Secretariat, Sean Zieltjes (SZ) - Planner, Laura Buttimore (LBu) - Planner, Tokatūmoana Walden (TW) - DOC, *Esme Stark (ES), and *Leeanne McAviney (LM) – Te Mana Arotake / The Audit Office

Public Forum Attendees: Danielle Gibas – Wild for Taranaki, and Thom Adams – Te Puna Umanga / Venture Taranaki

Apologies: Stephen Daysh (SD), Hemi Sundgren (HS), Nicola Ngarewa (NN)

***Denotes online attendance**

Karakia

Hui opened with mihi and karakia from the Chair at 9.00am.

1. Apologies

The Board noted and accepted HS, SD, and NN as apologies for this meeting.

It was noted Evaan Aramakutu, Ethan McKenzie, and Lisa Berndt were not in attendance at this Board meeting. It was noted that Leeanne McAviney, Assistant Auditor-General, was an additional attendee at this Board meeting.

The Board approves the recommendation for item #1:

- a) **That** the apologies for this meeting be received and accepted.

2. Previous Hui Minutes

2.1. Confirm Board Minutes – 29 May 2026

The Board noted the following minor amendment to the Actions Register:

- Action #TTK-020 – Amend status from ‘Completed’ to ‘Not Started’

The Chair discussed changes to the formatting of the Board minutes. The Chair and Secretariat will continue to work on the structure and formatting of the minutes to ensure they are fit for purpose.

A query was raised around minutes from workshops and if they are included in Board meetings. The Chair confirmed particular workshop minutes may be included from time to time as an official record, but the usual process is they will remain outside of Board meeting minutes.

The Board approves the recommendation for item #2.1:

- a) **Note** and **approve** the Minutes of Board meeting – 29 May 2026

3. Actions Register

The Chair proposed a process for the closure of actions that have been completed or are no longer required since the last Board meeting. The completed and / or no longer required actions will be tabled and discussed at each subsequent Board meeting, with a recommendation to close.

The following actions are recommended for closure in the Actions Register:

Action #	Status	Recommendation
TTK-020	Not started	Close as no longer required
TTK-021	Not started	Close as no longer required
TTK-031	Not started	Close as no longer required
TTK-032	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-037	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-040	In progress	Close as completed

An updated Actions Register is attached as an appendix to these minutes

The Board approves the recommendations for item #3:

- a) **Receive** and **note** the items in the Actions Register
- b) **Close** completed and / or redundant items in the Actions Register as in Table 2

4. Interests Register

It was noted there were three amendments on the Interest Register for Te Aroha Hohaia:

- New entry of a member to 'Taranaki Alpine Club'
- New entry of a member to 'New Zealand Alpine Club'
- Removal of 'Institute of Directors'

There were no particular interests in any agenda items to note for the Board members.

The Board approves the recommendations for item #4:

- a) **Receive** the Register of Interests
- b) **Notes** any particular interest in any agenda item

5. Correspondence Register

The Board discussed the correspondence item from Mainland Dairy. The Secretariat provided context regarding the enquiry, noting that Mainland Dairy had contacted the Secretariat in relation to product packaging artwork depicting Taranaki Maunga. The Chair provided further clarification on the process undertaken to respond to the enquiry. The Board discussed the need to establish a clear process or procedure for responding to similar enquiries in future.

Action – Board to establish process regarding for use of imagery, names, references for Taranaki Maunga / Te Kāhui Tupua

The Board approves the recommendations for item #5:

- a) **Receive** the inwards correspondence
- b) **Notes** the outwards correspondence

6. Public Forum

It was noted the Board were running ahead of schedule at 9:20am and resolved to move to Agenda Item 7 and 8, returning to Agenda Item 6 at 10am.

The Chair acknowledged the presenters of the public forum and made introductions.

Danielle Gibas – Wild for Taranaki

The purpose for attendance at the Public Forum is to formally introduce Wild For Taranaki ('WFT') to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and start an ongoing relationship. WFT's role is to support members, advocate, build relationships, and provide resourcing.

WFT's last event held 200+ people in attendance, with over 25 events in the past year. They have a good reach in the biodiversity sector. WFT want to embrace Ngā Pou Whakatupua and align their mahi with these values. The upcoming Biodiversity forum in October could provide an opportunity for the Board to engage with WFT members and other workstreams. Danielle noted WFT are keen to open the conversation and develop relationships.

The Chair noted the upcoming Biodiversity forum and agreed it would be a good opportunity to workshop or present to WFT members to curate understanding around Taranaki Maunga Settlement arrangements. Danielle noted a presentation was given to WFT recently that provided a re-familiarisation of Ngā Pou Whakatupua. One of the main focuses for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is relationships, how they intersect, and how they contribute to the health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua.

A query was raised on how biodiversity credits can be linked into the tourism industry and extension of funding. It was suggested that WFT get in touch with Maungatautari to better understand the risks and value of biodiversity credits. Thom later confirmed engagement with Maungatautari had occurred.

A query was raised on how WFT are funded. They are funded through the Taranaki Regional Council ('TRC') over 10 years, funds core ops and workstreams have different funding sources. It was noted Local Government reform may have impacts on this.

The Chair noted the Board are open to engaging with WFT and have a desire to stay in touch.

Thom Adams – Venture Taranaki

Thom Adams introduced himself to the Board and provided background to his role and the project, noting its connection with Wild for Taranaki. Thom provided an overview of the emerging biodiversity credits kaupapa, including opportunities to derive revenue and investment while ensuring the approach adds value rather than simply providing an offset. He noted that the project remains in its early stages, with further work required to define biodiversity credits, address greenwashing risks, and establish appropriate criteria.

The Board discussed whether the approach could be delivered at scale and as a premium product, and noted the importance of ensuring any development is informed by the relationship with Taranaki Maunga and is grounded in appropriate storytelling. Thom also outlined good opportunities in conservation technology, eco-tourism, education, and transferable skills, including collaboration with WITT.

The Chair noted the Board's interest in maintaining a relationship with Venture Taranaki. The Board discussed the importance of ensuring product development is not extractive and that eco-tourism should be based on visitors leaving the area in the same or better condition than when they entered. It was noted that a biodiversity corridor workshop was scheduled for 23 July.

The Board further discussed conservation technology, legal personhood, potential funding opportunities for key projects, and the need for appropriate comfort and care in the use of language when considering how Taranaki may be presented in a product context. The Chair noted that other parties associated with the Maunga may also have an interest in this kaupapa.

The Chair closed the Public Forum with a mihi to both presenters.

The Board approves the recommendation for item #6:

- a) **Note** and **receive** any presentations to the Public Forum; and
- b) **Determine** any appropriate response.

7. Conservation Amendment Bill Submission

The Planners gave the Board an overview of the Conservation Amendment Bill (the '**Bill**') submission, noting that a letter had previously been sent to the Department of Conservation ('**DOC** / the **Department**') regarding the Bill and National Conservation Policy Statement ('**NCPS**'), and that the submission closely reflected the matters raised in that correspondence. The Planners advised that the submission focused on concerns that the process for developing the Bill had not adequately recognised and given effect to *Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo* and *Te Ture*

Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025 ('Te Kāhui Tupua Act').

The Board discussed the submission, including the proposed relief sought, the extent to which the submission should remain high-level, and whether stronger language was required to clearly identify concerns regarding consistency with the deed and legislation. The Board supported amending the summary to clearly state its view that the Bill gives rise to concerns regarding compliance with the deed and legislation, and to emphasise the importance of the Board being heard on these matters.

The Board noted that the Bill and proposed reforms were consistent with themes raised in previous submissions made by the Board, particularly regarding the limited consideration given to the standing of legal personhood. The Planners advised that there remains a lack of clarity as to whether He Kawa Ora ('HKO') is to be treated as an Area Plan and, if so, how that Area Plan would collectively reflect the relevant settlement arrangements. The Board noted that the submission also addresses matters relating to attributes and reform, and seeks general relief.

Action – Sean to update the Conservation Amendment Bill submission letter with amendments

The Board approves the recommendation for item #7:

- a) **Note** and **receive** the report
- b) **Receive** the recommended submission on the Conservation Amendment Bill
- c) **Authorise** the Chair to approve any minor editorial amendments prior to the lodgement
- d) **Confirm** that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī wishes to appear before the Select Committee to speak to the submission

8. He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki

The Planners noted the public notice period for He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki is intended to be given on 20 July 2026 and that comments will be invited over a three-month period. Feedback is expected to be received through online comments, a survey, and public information sessions. The Planners advised that a week of targeted workshops is proposed for August to support engagement with different parts of the community. The process undertaken to date has been designed to satisfy the relevant provisions of the Act, and that invitations have been sent to the relevant parties to engage. It was further noted that these discussions have supported understanding of the arrangements, rather than the substantive content of He Kawa Ora, with an expectation that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will return to those parties to build on earlier conversations.

The Board noted the importance of maintaining focus on relationship agreement tools as the public notification period commences. A query was raised whether section 47 of the National Parks Act 1980 had been considered in regard to public notice methodology. The Planners advised that legal advice had been sought regarding methods for advertising the public notice and that electronic notice had been confirmed as appropriate. Written confirmation of the public notice method will be sought. It was noted that a Communications Lead will assist with building public understanding of the planned development of He Kawa Ora.

The Board discussed the revised public survey, noting that it has since been amended from the version included in the 9 July Board pack to remove duplication and improve usability. A few minor amendments will be made to the survey following discussion at today's meeting. Board members were asked to provide any further feedback on the survey questions by Wednesday 15 July 2026. The Planners provided an overview of how the survey and He Kawa Ora webpage will appear on the website, noting that the page is not intended to go live until 20 July 2026.

The Planners addressed the initiatives raised during the Public Forum, noting that any nature-based tourism and biodiversity restoration financing initiatives need to be developed in step with He Kawa Ora and in a manner that adds to Te Kāhui Tupua arrangements, rather than establishing a separate direction. The Board discussed biodiversity credits, including the importance of the quality of information and data supporting any credit, data ownership, and how Te Kāhui Tupua can have assurance that the data reflects Ngā Pou Whakatupua.

The Chair noted the importance of understanding how a credit system could work in favour of Te Kāhui Tupua and how Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī should be positioned to maximise benefit for Te Kāhui Tupua. There is an opportunity to establish a new baseline for the health of Te Kāhui Tupua and to consider who holds the relevant data as a point of leverage. The Board further discussed how different kaupapa may be separated into workstreams.

The Chair shared the draft public notice proposed for publication on 20 July 2026. The Board discussed the availability of hard copy survey options, noting that hard copy comment forms will be provided to DOC offices and councils, with the option for responses to be mailed in. It was also noted that devices may be made available at drop-in sessions to enable people to submit responses online, and that the locations for those sessions will be provided on the website. The Board supported the public notice and the resolutions relating to the survey and notice. It was noted that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will write to the Minister of Conservation and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu to advise that public notice is being given for the development of He Kawa Ora. The Board also noted the upcoming engagement programme.

Action – Planners to seek confirmation in writing regarding public notice methodology for He Kawa Ora

Action – Planners to amend the revised He Kawa Ora survey

Action – Board to provide feedback on survey questions to the Planners by 15 July 2026

Action – Chair to write to Minister of Conservation and TTN to advise the public notification of He Kawa Ora development

The Board approves the recommendation for item #8:

- a) **Receive** this update on the progress of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.
- b) **Receive** the update on the process before the preparation of He Kawa Ora begins, specifically the discussions with parties identified in clause 3(2) of Schedule 3.
- c) **Resolve** to give public notice stating that the draft He Kawa Ora is to be prepared, and inviting written comments on 20 July 2026.
- d) **Approve** the draft public comment survey (Attachment A) for release as part of the formal consultation period commencing on 20 July 2026.
- e) **Note** the upcoming August 2026 engagement programme.
- f) **Delegate** final decision on He Kawa Ora survey and public notice content to the Chair and / or Deputy Chair

9. DOC Operational Reporting Template

The Acting Director discussed the proposed timeframes for providing the DOC operational reporting template to the Board, noting a preference for reporting on a biannual basis at the end of the calendar year and the end of the financial year to support more accurate reporting.

The Board discussed the content of the reporting template and supported the proposed biannual reporting approach. It was noted that the template should remain a live document and may be amended over time by mutual agreement.

In relation to section 5, the Board noted that it would be useful to include a current state summary of concessions, including significant renewals and upcoming concessions for review, to enable early notification and consideration by the Board where appropriate. It was further noted that the concessions section requires further work to ensure it is clear and fit for purpose. The Director advised that more regular internal hui are occurring and that decision-making processes are expected to sit locally rather than nationally.

The Board approves the recommendation for item #9:

- a) **Receive, note, and discuss** the Operational Reporting Template
- b) **Endorse** that the Operational Reporting Template be provided twice annually, at mid-year and year-end

10. Public Excluded Session

The Board resolved to move into publicly excluded time, agreed to by consensus.

The Board approves the recommendation for item #10:

- a) **Resolve** to move into a publicly excluded session

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TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI ACTIONS REGISTER					
Date opened	Action #	Action	Lead	Status	Date closed
20/02/2026	TTK-020	Send Resource Management Reform letter to the 8 PSGEs, giving commentary on the course of action	L.B	Closed	29/05/2026
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	Closed	29/05/2026
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	In progress	
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-031	Draft a follow-up letter to the Minister of Conservation to reinforce Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's role and concerns	L.B	Closed	29/05/2026
29/05/2026	TTK-032	Amend the listed entries for Te Aroha Hohaia on the Interest Register	L.B	Completed	29/05/2026
29/05/2026	TTK-033	DOC to report against the Statement of Priorities for future updates	T.M	In progress	
29/05/2026	TTK-034	The Board to determine and clarify to DOC its reporting requirements for future updates	L.P	In progress	
29/05/2026	TTK-035	Provide a letter of support for the proposed research project for Justus Martin	L.B	In progress	
29/05/2026	TTK-036	Hold engagement with Te Rōpū o Hīkoi o Ngāmotu for He Kawa Ora development	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started	
29/05/2026	TTK-037	The Board to send a recommendation letter to DOC regarding the three applications	L.B	Completed	29/05/2026

29/05/2026	TTK-038	The Board to request a copy of Te Ahi Ngārahu after legal review	L.P	Not started	
29/05/2026	TTK-039	The Board to circulate the draft of He Takapou Tupua to Te Tōpuni Ngārahu after legal review	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started	
29/05/2026	TTK-040	Organise a separate workshop with Peter Galvin regarding the NCPS	L.B	Completed	29/05/2026
09/07/2026	TTK-041	Board to establish process regarding for use of imagery, names, references for Taranaki Maunga / Te Kāhui Tupua	L.P	Not started	
09/07/2026	TTK-042	Sean to update the Conservation Amendment Bill submission letter with amendments	S.Z	In progress	
09/07/2026	TTK-043	Laura to seek advice regarding public notice method for He Kawa Ora	L.BU	In progress	
09/07/2026	TTK-044	Planners to amend the revised He Kawa Ora survey	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress	
09/07/2026	TTK-045	The Board to provide feedback to the Board on survey content by 15 July	All	In progress	
09/07/2026	TTK-046	The Board to notify the Minister of Conservation and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu to advise of the public notification date of 20 July	L.B	In progress	
09/07/2026	TTK-047	Secretariat to work with AOG to arrange logistics for the performance audit	L.B	In progress	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 6 August 2026, 9am

Members in Attendance: Liana Poutu – Chair, Rex Hendry – Committee Chair, Stephen Daysh, Acushla Sciascia, Hemi Sundgren

Other Attendees: Lesa Bevin – Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat, Sean Zieltjes & Laura Buttimore – Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planners, Kerena Wano – Statutory Advisor, Fern Brand – Principal Ranger, David Craig – Ranger/Project Lead Community, & Luke Stenner – Senior Regulatory Policy Advisor (DOC)

Apologies: N/A

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes Process
2. Actions Register
3. Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Concessions list - Review and Prioritise
4. Current Applications
 - a. 117657 - Taranaki Regional Council
 - b. 119491 - TEL Powerco Limited
 - c. 11981 - TEL Chorus New Zealand
 - d. Kordia and Tait
5. TTK Triage System
6. Joint concession decision making process discussion
7. General Business

Minutes

The hui opened with karakia at 9am, and introductions were made around the room.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The amended minutes from 1 April and 13 May have been received and approved by the Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee. It was noted there are no further minutes to approve.

2. Actions Register

The Committee noted all actions in the register have been completed.

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 agenda item for the next Board meeting.	L.B	Completed	
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.Bu	Completed	
CCA-004	13/05/26	Return to DOC to ask who the primary concession holder of each concession	R.H	Completed	
CCA-005	13/05/26	Return to TRC and obtain clarification regarding information about the water tanks	R.H	Completed	
CCA-006	13/05/26	Return to applicant to advise Te Kāhui Tupua is affected party and provide recommendations	S.Z/L.Bu	Completed	
CCA-007	13/05/26	Set up regular monthly meetings for the committee	L.B	Completed	

3. Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Concession list – Review and Prioritise

The Committee briefly reviewed the concessions list and considered if an email-based triage exercise should be undertaken to prioritise the current concessions, noting several concessions are due to expire during 2026 and 2027. It was noted the application for Nga Rere expires in April 2027 and they have expressed a desire to submit a new concession. They will seek engagement with the committee in the coming months.

The Committee discussed the iwi position that long-term renewals should not be supported until an appropriate process is established. He Kawa Ora development is still in the early stages, and an interim approach may be required. This could include recommending shorter concession terms, where existing concessions were due to expire, while the process is being developed.

The Committee considered if a stocktake should be undertaken to identify upcoming concession renewals and applications. It was further noted that short-term concessions are commonly used where existing concessions are due to expire. While He Kawa Ora is being developed, a temporary holding approach may therefore be appropriate, including the use of short-term concessions where necessary. Any concessions not currently captured in the GIS-based list should also be added.

The Committee also considered its broader function within the concessions process, including whether an iwi assessment should form part of its consideration. Members agreed that the Committee's role should remain at an appropriate governance level and should avoid extending into detailed operational assessment.

The Committee was advised that DOC would not accept applications where there was no evidence of engagement with iwi. The Committee confirmed that its role is to receive and make recommendations, rather than undertake detailed assessments. It was further noted that long-term concessions could not be supported while He Kawa Ora remained under development. They must also be in alignment with He Takapou Tupua.

A short list of current and imminent concessions will be drawn up for a discussion and for the committee to trial the triage matrix process.

4. Current Applications

The DOC team noted that all three applicants had been engaged with and have been asked to provide further information. Applications have yet to be considered, as the information provided was insufficient. The Committee was advised that applicants have 20 working days to provide the requested information or request for additional time. It was anticipated that extensions may be sought, and the Committee expressed a preference for applicants to be contacted before the expiry of the 20-working-day period.

The DOC team noted that applicants who had submitted applications before the legislation came into force had been provided with support. As applicants and relevant parties had become more familiar with the requirements, the process was becoming increasingly streamlined.

The Committee sought clarification on the revenue implications of the applications. Easement charges are generally related to the area occupied, while telecommunications charges relate to structures. Discounts may be available; however, the specific Taranaki context would need to be understood. The Committee considered that a paper outlining the concession fee structure would be useful, including information on whether and how fees are reinvested in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.

The Committee sought further information on how space-related concessions are structured, including the treatment of subleasing arrangements, and also understanding of the criteria and process used to assess the applications.

Action – Committee Chair to ask DOC to provide more information on fee structure before the next committee meeting

a. 117657 – Taranaki Regional Council

The DOC team have met with the Taranaki Regional Council, confirming the applicant will be providing further information within the month. It was noted the applicant have requested an extension, and they have support from Ngā Mahanga and Ngāti Tairi.

b. 119491 – TEL Powerco Limited

No response received.

c. 11981 – TEL Chorus New Zealand

No response received.

d. Kordia and Tait

The Committee was advised that Tait had approached DOC on behalf of Kordia and that a meeting with the applicant was proposed for August. The Committee agreed that its members should maintain a governance-level role in relation to concession matters and should not become involved in operational discussions. Attendance at meetings with applicants remains the responsibility of DOC.

5. TTK Triage System

The Committee briefly discussed the Board's triaging system.

Action – Committee Chair to circulate triage document to DOC team

6. Joint concession decision-making process discussion

The Committee agreed that the current applications could be used to test and refine the joint decision-making process, while ensuring that the respective functions and responsibilities are clearly understood.

The Committee considered that a flowchart would assist in documenting the process. It was also noted that DOC decision-makers are closely involved in the process.

7. General Business

There was no general business to discuss at this time.

The hui closed at 10am with karakia.

Concessions, Consents, & Approvals Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
CCA-008	06/08/26	Committee Chair to ask DOC to provide more information on fee structure before the next committee meeting	R.H	Not started	

CCA-009	06/08/26	Committee Chair to circulate triage system to DOC team	R.H	In progress	Proposed completed
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Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Relationships Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 17 August 2026, 9am

Members in Attendance: Liana Poutu – Chair, Rex Hendry, Nicola Ngarewa – Committee Chair, and Acushla Sciascia

Other Attendees: Lesa Bevin – Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat, Sean Zieltjes – Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planner

Apologies: Bruce Clarkson

Agenda

1. Actions Register
2. Relationship Agreement - Ngāruahine
3. He Takapou Tupua
4. General Business

Minutes

The hui opened at 9:08am with karakia.

1. Actions Register

The Committee noted there was one open action on the register (REL-001). This was proposed to be closed as it has been completed. All members in support.

2. Relationship Agreement - Ngāruahine

Acushla shared slides on Te Tāwharau o Rūaumoko Project. The six hapū of Ngāruahine came to together last weekend at a wānanga to discuss need to develop resilience plans related to marae with a volcanic risk focus. The project is funded by Natural Hazards Commission / Toka Tū Ake. Hapū came to an agreement on how they want to progress with resilience planning and want to begin a formal relationship with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. This kaupapa will focus on Ngāruahine hapū whenua and marae.

Noting Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī have limited operational capacity, the committee discussed what a relationship agreement may look like in this context. A better understanding of what hapū want may be required so the committee can better plan entering into a relationship agreement. The committee are committed to encouraging conversations where they need to be had. They also expressed an interest to progress the relationship agreement template in future hui.

Acushla will advise hapū that the committee has been briefed on the content of the wānanga and will keep the committee updated on further progress with hapū. The Secretariat will share the slides with the committee.

3. He Takapou Tupua

The Planner noted the relationship agreement will be discussed at the upcoming Board Workshop later in the week and asked if there were any further suggested changes. Any comments provided thus far have been incorporated into the document. The Committee discussed different elements such as rangahau / research and how concessions could be incorporated into this.

A query was raised around disagreement escalation and what would be the most effective way to raise issues between the Board and the Department. The arrangements reflect that escalation to the Appointers (MOC and Trustees of Te Tōpuni Ngārahu) is the most appropriate.

Next steps will include the Committee reviewing the agreement over the next few days, and the Planners sending the final approved draft to the Department for internal review.

4. General Business

There was no general business to discuss at this time.

The hui closed at 9.45am 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	Complete	Closed on 17/08/26
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	
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	Complete	

<i>REL-008</i>	<i>11/05/26</i>	Establish an engagement hui table and circulate	<i>L.B</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
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Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Statutory Planning Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 18 June 2026, 8:30am

Members in Attendance: Stephen Daysh - Committee Chair, Liana Poutu – TTK Chair, Hemi Sundgren, Bruce Clarkson, Te Aroha Hohaia,

Other Attendees: Lesa Bevin - Secretariat, Sean Zieltjes - Planner, Laura Buttimore - Planner

Apologies: N/A

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Actions Register
3. Conservation Reform Letter to DOC
4. Actions from HKO workshop
5. HKO Survey
6. Tohu / Branding
7. HKO Engagement Hui Update
8. MBIE Critical Minerals Update
9. General Business

Minutes

The hui opened with karakia at 8:30am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that there were no previous minutes requiring confirmation at this meeting, as the prior minutes had been confirmed before the previous Board meeting and the Committee had not met in the interim. Going forward, minutes will be circulated in advance of each Statutory Planning Committee meeting for consideration and confirmation by the Committee at that meeting.

2. Actions Register

The committee noted there are no active actions on the register – the completed actions will now be archived.

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
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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	Completed	

3. Conservation Reform Letter to DOC

The committee noted the Department of Conservation's ('**DOC**') minutes circulated from the 9 June workshop Conservation Reforms conservation with Peter Galvin. A letter has been drafted to Peter containing the committees understanding of this conversation held at the workshop - this will also be sent to the Operations Director. The letter will be signed off by the Chair of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī rather the Chair of the Committee.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will make a submission on the Conservation Amendment Bill (the '**Bill**') and the National Conservation Policy Statement ('**NCPS**'). It was noted the submissions for the Bill close on 2 July, and the submissions for the NCPS close on 10 August. The committee are unclear if the Bill, being primary legislation, has carved out Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, the submission focus will be around the primary legislation more so than the secondary legislation.

The Board will approach with a three-staged process – confirm the position of the Board on the Bill and NCPS, make a submission on the Bill, and make a submission on the NCPS.

Action – Planning team to circulate the draft submission letter to committee

Action – Planning team to review the DOC minutes from 9 June HKO workshop and amend with any changes by the end of the week

Action – Committee members to review, and Board Chair to sign off the Conservation Reform conversation letter to Peter by end of week

4. HKO Workshop – Actions

Stephen gave an overview of the workshop and reiterated the importance of keeping momentum with direction and actions.

Action – Committee to review minutes from the 9 June HKO Workshop ready for confirmation at the next Board meeting set for 9 July

5. HKO Survey

The Planning team received a recommendation from DOC to introduce an online survey regarding HKO content. They are looking to refine and simplify the survey, a key element for the

Board is comfort that parties indicated in Schedule 3 section (3) of Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 have been engaged with.

There is a desire to have both English and Te Reo Māori translation for the survey form – it was suggested to have translation underneath to keep concise – length of the survey is a consideration.

It may be hosted on the DOC website, with links on Te Kāhui Tupua website, conversations are still ongoing. There was a query about ownership of information and data sovereignty, with the committee strongly in favour the data needs to be owned by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi.

Action – Planning team to submit a paper to the committee regarding an update of the HKO survey.

Action – Secretary to convene a Statutory Planning Committee meeting to consider key advice prior to the next Board meeting on 9 July

Action – Planning team to engage with external regarding survey development

6. Tohu / Branding

The Planning team have held initial conversations regarding the HKO tohu with Hemi. The committee discussed options of concept and theming to be done internally and may use an external resource to digitise.

Action – Hemi to respond to request for quote email to initiate tohu / branding designs

7. HKO Engagement Hui Update

The Planning team provided updates on HKO engagement hui to date – the focus has been introductions on arrangements, entities, structure, and how HKO fits into instruments. Iwi and hapū have requested recognising places around Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki (**TPKoT**) and want to be seen as relating to and having an influence of particular parts of TPKoT.

Proposing over comment period to get into spaces and deliberately working across section of community. Nicola is working with Principals Association to engage rangatahi. There are three workshops planned post 20 July:

- Monitoring and research workshop – what is the monitoring methods to embed in HKO, what is the research and how will it align with intentions set in HKO
- Translocation workshop – what is the process of translocating species to and from TPKoT, noting it is currently concessions driven
- Recreation workshop – understanding how this works as a system, reconnection of people to place

The committee discussed the importance of broader engagement, including wider whakapapa connections, and expressed support for extending engagement as widely as practicable. It was noted that a communications plan should be developed to support the workshops, including use of the website and circulation through iwi networks, and that external communications

support may be considered if required. Members also supported the inclusion of open drop-in sessions where appropriate, while noting the need to provide adequate notice.

8. Critical Minerals Update

Stephen gave an update on the hui regarding the MBIE Minerals Strategy and critical minerals, noting that they issued a presentation to attendees of the hui. A suggestion was made for them to present at an upcoming Board meeting.

Action – Stephen to circulate the MBIE presentation and minutes to the committee

Action – Secretary to invite MBIE representatives to present the Minerals Strategy at a suitable Board meeting

9. General Business

A query was raised regarding how Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's responsibilities extend across to local marine areas When HKO shouldn't be bound by park boundaries – discussed on 9 June.

The hui closed with karakia at 9:25am

Statutory Planning Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
STP-004	18/06/26	Planning team to circulate the draft submission letter to committee	S.Z	Completed	
STP-005	18/06/26	Planning team to review the DOC minutes from 9 June HKO workshop and amend with any changes by the end of the week	S.Z / L.Bu	Completed	
STP-006	18/06/26	Committee members to review, and Liana to sign off the Conservation Reform conversation letter to Peter by end of week	All / L.P	Completed	
STP-007	18/06/26	Committee to review minutes from the 9 June HKO Workshop ready for confirmation at the next Board Meeting set for 9 July	All	In progress	
STP-008	18/06/26	Planning team to submit a paper to the committee regarding an	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started	

		update of the HKO survey.			
STP-009	18/06/26	Secretary to convene a Statutory Planning Committee meeting to consider key advice prior to the next Board meeting on 9 July	L.B	Not started	
STP-010	18/06/26	Planning team to engage with external regarding survey development	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress	
STP-011	18/06/26	Hemi to respond to request for quote email to initiate tohu / branding designs	H.S	Not started	
STP-012	18/06/26	Stephen to circulate the MBIE presentation and minutes to the committee	S.D	Not started	
STP-013	18/06/26	Secretary to invite MBIE representatives to present the Minerals Strategy at a suitable Board meeting	L.B	Not started	

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Statutory Planning Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 7 August 2026, 10am

Members in Attendance: Stephen Daysh - Committee Chair, Liana Poutu – TTK Chair, Bruce Clarkson, Te Aroha Hohaia,

Other Attendees: Lesa Bevin - Secretariat, Sean Zieltjes - Planner, Laura Buttimore - Planner, Kerena Wano – Statutory Advisor

Apologies: Hemi Sundgren

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 18 June
2. Actions Register
3. Select Committee Update - Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill
4. Draft Submission - National Conservation Policy Statement
5. Taranaki Process Agreement Update - Regional Spatial Planning.
6. Minerals Act Review Update
7. NPDC submission round for Community Board plans
8. He Kawa Ora Plan Structure & Drafting Approach

Minutes

The hui opened with karakia at 10am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 18 June

The Committee received the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2026. The minutes were approved following a moved and seconded motion.

2. Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
STP-004	18/06/26	Planning team to circulate the draft submission letter to committee	S.Z / L.Bu	Completed	
STP-005	18/06/26	Planning team to review the DOC minutes from 9 June	S.Z / L.Bu	Completed	

		HKO workshop and amend with any changes by the end of the week			
STP-006	18/06/26	Committee members to review, and Chair to sign off the Conservation Reform conversation letter to Peter by end of week	All / L.P	Completed	
STP-007	18/06/26	Committee to review minutes from the 9 June HKO Workshop ready for confirmation at the next Board Meeting set for 9 July	All	In progress	
STP-008	18/06/26	Planning team to submit a paper to the committee regarding an update of the HKO survey.	S.Z	Not started	
STP-009	18/06/26	Secretary to convene a Statutory Planning Committee meeting to consider key advice prior to the next Board meeting on 9 July	L.B	Not started	
STP-010	18/06/26	Planning team to engage with external regarding survey development	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress	
STP-011	18/06/26	Hemi to respond to request for quote email to initiate tohu / branding designs	H.S	Not started	
STP-012	18/06/26	Stephen to circulate the MBIE presentation and minutes to the committee	S.D	Not started	
STP-013	18/06/26	Secretary to invite MBIE representatives to present the Minerals Strategy at a suitable Board meeting	L.B	Not started	

3. Select Committee Update – Planning Bill & Natural Environment Bill

The Planning Team presented the draft report to the Committee on the Planning Bill (**‘PB’**) and Natural Environment Bill (**‘NEB’**) (together, **‘the Bills’**). The Committee noted that the Bills had received their second readings earlier in the week and that the third readings were expected shortly.

It was noted that none of the specific requests made by TTK have been adopted. The Taranaki Councils are beginning to consider how the proposed legislation would be implemented through the Regional Spatial Planning Committee (**‘RSPC’**) structure. Members discussed the role of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī (**‘TTK’**) in supporting Te Tōpuni Ngārahu (**‘TTN’**) and ngā Iwi o Taranaki to achieve equivalency, and how TTK should seek to influence spatial planning and associated processes.

Action – Planning team to prepare a paper on the PB and NEB for the next Board meeting

4. Draft Submission – National Conservation Policy Statement

The Committee considered the draft TTK submission on the National Conservation Policy Statement and noted that it built upon the submission previously lodged in relation to the Conservation Amendment Bill. The Committee were comfortable with the content but requested that the relevant impact statement be repositioned at the commencement of the submission.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will continue to engage with officials from the Minister's office on this matter.

5. Taranaki Process Agreement Update - Regional Spatial Planning

The Taranaki councils have developed a steering group in anticipation of forthcoming legislative changes. Regional policy managers are meeting regularly to support the transition to resource management reform. Papers concerning spatial planning were being prepared for consideration, including provision for Te Kāhui Tupua to nominate a representative. The Committee also considered how these arrangements might develop over the next three years.

The Committee noted that iwi held three representative positions on the regional committee responsible for planning and policy development. The Chair expressed support for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī representation on the Taranaki Regional Council working group. Members agreed that Te Kāhui Tupua's interest should be advanced at an early stage, and participation during the establishment period via the steering group was considered critical.

The requirement under clause 10 for councils to provide equivalency was noted, and that this obligation extended to all persons exercising functions under the proposed legislation. It was further noted that section 53 conferred standing on Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu.

It was noted that the content ultimately incorporated into the spatial plan would be critical. Members noted that Te Kāhui Tupua is a legal person and should therefore be directly involved in the relevant discussions. This status was considered to provide a strong basis for participation alongside iwi representatives.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board adopt a proactive advocacy position. Subject to Board endorsement, this position would be communicated to the councils, Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, and the three iwi representatives. The Committee also supported formalising Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī participation in policy-level meetings to inform the plan-making process, with progress to be reported to the Board through the Committee as the process developed. Members identified two levels of representation via both direct representation on the RSPC and via the Planners. The Committee also noted that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu each have standing, and agreed that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī would advance its own position.

Action: Planning Team will prepare draft correspondence reflecting the Committee's agreed position for consideration.

6. Minerals Act Review Update

The minutes from the Minerals Act Review hui were circulated to the Committee, noting MBIE is continuing to draft proposed changes to the Minerals Act. The Committee agreed that an MBIE representative should attend a future meeting, and the Secretariat will invite representatives to an upcoming Board meeting.

7. NPDC Submission – Community Board Plans

The Committee noted that the New Plymouth District Council ('**NPDC**') had commenced an initial consultation seeking proposals for consideration. Three potential items were identified as projects the Board may want to provide input on. The Committee noted that the consultation would inform the development of Community Board plans and serve as a precursor to the Long-Term Plan. Members discussed the matters on which Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī should provide input.

Action – Planning team to coordinate a response to the NPDC survey

8. He Kawa Ora Plan Structure & Drafting Approach

The Planners confirmed the proposed framework for He Kawa Ora. The framework comprises operative chapters addressing restoration, activities to reconnect, infrastructure, biodiversity zones, and an overlay map identifying areas for reconnection. The framework is underpinned by a tūpuna layer, which provides the foundation for the plan as a whole and shifts the basis of the plan from property to tūpuna connection. The Committee also considered the activities that could support people to reconnect with place.

The hui closed with karakia at 11:00am.

Statutory Planning Committee Actions Register

Action #	Date	Action	Owner	Status	Comments/Progress
STP-007	18/06/26	Committee to review minutes from the 9 June HKO Workshop ready for confirmation at the next Board Meeting set for 9 July	All	Completed	
STP-008	18/06/26	Planning team to submit a paper to the committee regarding an update of the HKO survey.	S.Z/ L.Bu	Completed	
STP-009	18/06/26	Secretary to convene a Statutory Planning Committee meeting to consider key advice prior to the next Board meeting on 9 July	L.B	Completed	

STP-010	18/06/26	Planning team to engage with external regarding survey development	S.Z / L.Bu	<i>Completed</i>	
STP-011	18/06/26	Hemi to respond to request for quote email to initiate tohu / branding designs	H.S	<i>Completed</i>	
STP-012	18/06/26	Stephen to circulate the MBIE presentation and minutes to the committee	S.D	<i>Completed</i>	
STP-013	18/06/26	Secretary to invite MBIE representatives to present the Minerals Strategy at a suitable Board meeting	L.B	Not started	
STP-014	07/08/26	Planning team to prepare a paper on the NB and NEB for the next Board meeting	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started	
STP-015	07/08/26	Planning team to prepare draft correspondence reflecting the Committee's agreed position for consideration	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started	
STP-016	07/08/26	Planning team to coordinate a response to the NPDC survey	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started	

Kaupapa: **Actions Register**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Receives and notes the items in the Actions Register b) Close completed and / or redundant items in the Actions Register as in Table 2
Context	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. A list of the current and completed actions are provided in the table below. Recommended updates to actions are found in table 2 below.

TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI ACTIONS REGISTER				
Date	Action #	Action	Lead	Status
20/02/2026	TTK-020	Send Resource Management Reform letter to the 8 PSGEs, giving commentary on the course of action	L.B	Closed
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	Closed
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	In progress
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-031	Draft a follow-up letter to the Minister of Conservation to reinforce Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's role and concerns regarding the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill	L.B	Closed

29/05/2026	TTK-032	Amend the listed entries for Te Aroha Hohaia on the Interest Register	L.B	Completed
29/05/2026	TTK-033	DOC to report against the Statement of Priorities for future updates	T.M	In progress
29/05/2026	TTK-034	The Board to determine and clarify to DOC its reporting requirements for future updates	L.P	In progress
29/05/2026	TTK-035	Provide a letter of support for the proposed research project for Justus Martin	L.B	In progress
29/05/2026	TTK-036	Hold engagement with Te Rōpū o Hīkoi o Ngāmotu for He Kawa Ora development	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress
29/05/2026	TTK-037	The Board to send a recommendation letter to DOC regarding the three applications	L.B	Completed
29/05/2026	TTK-038	The Board to request a copy of Te Ahi Ngārahu after legal review	L.P	Not started
29/05/2026	TTK-039	The Board to circulate the draft of He Takapou Tupua to Te Tōpuni Ngārahu after legal review	S.Z / L.Bu	Not started
29/05/2026	TTK-040	Organise a separate workshop with Peter Galvin regarding the NCPS	L.B	Completed
9/07/2026	TTK-041	Board to establish process regarding for use of imagery, names, references for Taranaki Maunga / Te Kāhui Tupua	L.P	Not started
9/07/2026	TTK-042	Planners to update the Conservation Amendment Bill submission letter with amendments	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress
9/07/2026	TTK-043	Planners to seek advice regarding public notice method for He Kawa Ora	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress
9/07/2026	TTK-044	Planners to amend the revised He Kawa Ora survey	S.Z / L.Bu	In progress
9/07/2026	TTK-045	The Board to provide feedback to the Board on survey content by 15 July	All	In progress
9/07/2026	TTK-046	The Board to notify the Minister of Conservation and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu to advise of the public notification date of 20 July	All	In progress
9/07/2026	TTK-047	Secretariat to work with AOG to arrange logistics for the performance audit	L.B	In progress

Table 1: Actions Register

Action #	Status	Recommendation
TTK-033	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-034	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-035	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-036	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-042	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-043	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-044	In progress	Close as completed

TTK-045	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-046	In progress	Close as completed
TTK-047	In progress	Close as completed

Table 2: Recommended updates to Actions Register

Kaupapa: **Register of Interests**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 25 September 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
	Louise Rauhuia Manuera Hohaia Whānau Trust	Responsible trustee	31 October 2025
	New Zealand Alpine Club	Member	9 July 2026
	Ngā Rere Ora Limited	Consultant	31 October 2025
	Taranaki Alpine Club	Member	9 July 2026
	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
	Te Whare Rikoriko o Te Kāhui Maunga Trust	Trustee	29 May 2026
	Toi o Taranaki Maunga Trust	Trustee	29 May 2026
	Trinity Home and Hospital Limited	Director	31 October 2025
	Waiōkura Marae & Reserves Trust	Responsible trustee	31 October 2025
Nicola Ngarewa	Ako Mātātupu	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Ngāti Ruanui Tahua	Director	20 February 2026
	NZ Asia Foundation	Honorary Advisor	20 February 2026

	Spotswood College	Principal	31 October 2025
	Te Pāti Māori	Sister is co-leader	31 October 2025
	Te Rārama Trust	Trustee	20 February 2026
	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Toi Foundation	Trustee	31 October 2025
	Te Honoa Ltd	Shareholder / Director	20 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	20 March 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
	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: 25 September 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

9 July – 25 September 2026

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Kaupapa	Status
07/07/2026	Heritage New Zealand	Updates to Taranaki Maunga entries on the NZ Heritage List	Received
23/07/2026	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	Consultation for proposed regulations for collecting and publishing gas market information	Reply sent
08/07/2026	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	Invitation to attend Cross-Agency Petroleum Decommissioning Hui	Reply sent
27/07/2026	Department of Conservation	Response to Conservation Amendment Bill & National Conservation Policy Statement letter	Reply sent
05/08/2026	New Plymouth Rotary Club	Request for attendance at Club meeting	Reply sent
07/08/2026	Taupua	Notification of Application for Determination – Ngā Rere Lodge	Received
11/08/2026	Environment Committee	Update of Select Committee Process – Conservation Amendment Bill	Reply sent
13/08/2026	Te Tāwharau o Rūaumoko	Invitation to Ngāruahine Hapū-led research project	Received
24/08/2026	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	BRM Treaty Commitments Contact Details	Reply sent
26/08/2026	Wild For Taranaki	Invitation to Biodiversity Forum	Reply sent
28/08/2026	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui	Stratford Mountain Lodge Wastewater System	Reply sent
28/08/2026	Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust	Request for involvement in volunteer conservation groups within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki	Reply sent
09/09/2026	Alban Lahaye	Request for meeting – PhD Research	Reply sent

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE			
Date	From	Kaupapa	Status
13/07/2026	Environment Committee	Submission on Conservation Amendment Bill and National Conservation Policy Statement	Reply received
17/07/2026	Minister of Conservation	He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Public Notification	Sent
17/07/2026	Te Tōpuni Ngārahu	He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Public Notification	Sent
17/07/2026	New Zealand Conservation Authority	He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Public Notification	Reply received
17/07/2026	Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board	He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Public Notification	Sent
20/07/2026	Various iwi, hapū, councils, community groups, and entities	He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki Public Notification	Replies received
20/07/2026	Justus Martin	Letter of Support – University of Edinburgh	Reply received
10/08/2026	Department of Conservation	Submission on National Conservation Policy Statement	Reply received
24/08/2026	Environment Committee	Legal standing to be heard regarding Conservation Amendment Bill	Reply received
17/09/2026	Various community groups and entities	Reminder – He Kawa Ora Public Feedback	Sent

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

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

Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Receive this update on the progress of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. b) Note the upcoming October 2026 engagement programme.
Context	The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board with an update on progress with the development of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, including engagement undertaken during August and September, current participation through the online engagement portal, and the programme of engagement and technical work continuing through to October.

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. The development of He Kawa Ora is progressing well, with significant progress made through August and September across both engagement and technical workstreams.
2. August saw a strong programme of workshops, including particularly valuable sessions with rangatahi and technical experts on road end management and a future monitoring framework. These workshops have provided diverse and informed perspectives to help shape the developing framework for He Kawa Ora, test emerging thinking, and identify key opportunities and considerations for the future management of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.
3. The online engagement portal is also receiving good participation, with 62 participants having provided feedback to date¹. This provides an important additional mechanism for people across Taranaki and beyond to engage with the process and contribute their views.
4. The focus now moves towards the final phase of the current engagement period. Further opportunities for participation will be provided through a series of open days at library centres around the Maunga during October, alongside continued access to the online portal. The current comment period closes on 20 October 2026.

¹ This number is taken from date this paper was drafted on 14/09/2026.

5. In parallel with public engagement, the planning team is continuing to work closely with DOC internal technical experts to develop the supporting technical work required for He Kawa Ora. This includes progressing the online e-plan, biodiversity reporting and recreational inputs, alongside other technical components that will support the development and implementation of He Kawa Ora.
6. The project is therefore entering an important consolidation phase, with the immediate priorities being to maximise participation before the close of the comment period, incorporate the feedback received, and continue to strengthen the technical foundations of He Kawa Ora ahead of the next stage of drafting.

Purpose – He aronga matua

7. The purpose of this paper is to:
 - (a) provide an update on progress made in developing He Kawa Ora;
 - (b) report on early discussions in accordance with clause 3(2) of Schedule 3; and
 - (c) note the planned engagement programme during October 2026.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

8. Work on He Kawa Ora has continued to progress well, with August and September providing a particularly valuable period of engagement and technical input. The following workshops were undertaken over this period as shown below in Table 1.
9. A series of workshops were held throughout August and into September, bringing together a range of perspectives to inform the development of He Kawa Ora. These have provided valuable insight into the aspirations, opportunities and practical considerations that need to be reflected within He Kawa Ora.
10. The engagement to date has been positive and informative, with the workshops providing an opportunity to test emerging thinking, identify key issues and gather more detailed input across a range of topics.

Table 1: He Kawa Ora engagements in August and September

He Kawa Ora August and September Workshops / Presentations		
Date	Engagement topic	Location
August 11 th 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Alpine Clubs workshop	Beach St Hall
August 17 th 9.30am – 12.30pm	Rangatahi South workshop	Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, Hāwera Library,
August 17 th (2pm)	Road end workshop	Online
August 19 th 9am – 12pm	Rangatahi North workshop	Toi Foundation, New Plymouth
August 20 th 3pm – 4pm	Ngā Pou Whakatupua values workshop	DOC Office
August 20 th (9.30am – 2pm)	Research, monitoring workshop	Ngāmotu House
September 1 st (10.30am)	Taranaki Regional Council: Policy & Planning Committee presentation	TRC office
September 11 th (1pm)	Taranaki Whanganui Conservation Board hui	Online
September 10 th (12pm)	Rotary Club Presentation	NP Club
September 15 th (6pm – 7.30pm)	Ngāruahine He Kawa Ora comment evening	Te Korowai o Ngāruahine
September 25 th	Kurataiao Presentation	

Online Engagement

11. The online engagement portal continues to provide an important avenue for wider participation and has achieved good reach to date.
12. There are currently 62 participants who have provided feedback through the online portal. This provides a useful indication of the level of interest in the development of He Kawa Ora and enables people who may not be able to attend workshops or other engagement opportunities to contribute. This has been designed to line up with a series of editorials from Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Board members in the Taranaki Daily News to increase the information availability and encourage where possible further feedback through the online portal.
13. The online portal will remain available throughout the current comment period, which closes on 20 October 2026.

Further Engagement – October

14. Engagement will continue through October, with a series of open days at library centres around the Maunga planned to provide further opportunities for people to understand the He Kawa Ora process, discuss any questions or concerns they might have and provide feedback.
15. These open days are intended to make engagement accessible within the wider Taranaki community and provide an opportunity to reach people who may not have participated through the workshops or online portal. These open days are set out below in Table 2.

Table 2: He Kawa Ora Open Days in October

He Kawa Ora Drop-in Centres		
Date	Times	Location
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	9am – 3pm	New Plymouth Library
Thursday 15 th October 2026	9am – 2pm 2.30pm – 4.30pm	Stratford Library, Stratford Inglewood Library, Inglewood
Friday 16 th October 2026	9 am – 1pm 2 – 4pm	Ōpunake Library Ōākura Library
Monday 19 th October 2026	9am – 3pm	Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, Hāwera Library, Hāwera
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	9am – 11am 12pm – 3pm	Urenui Library Waitara Library

Technical Workstreams

16. Alongside the public engagement programme, the planning team is continuing to work with DOC internal technical experts to further develop and test the technical components of He Kawa Ora.

This includes work on:

- the development of the online e-plan and its functionality;
 - biodiversity-related technical inputs and reporting;
 - recreational planning and management inputs; and
 - summer survey work to update survey statistics over the Summer 26/27 period.
17. This parallel technical work is important to ensure that the final He Kawa Ora is both grounded in the aspirations and values expressed through engagement and supported by robust technical information to ensure a high quality final plan.

18. In addition to the technical workstreams being supported by DOC, two areas of specialist input are emerging as important to the development and implementation of He Kawa Ora.
19. Firstly, it is becoming apparent that specialist cultural and tikanga expertise may be required to support the development of a clear set of tikanga and cultural protocols for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. Consideration is being given to whether this would sit within He Kawa Ora itself or as a complementary document that sits alongside the management plan. The intent would be to provide clear guidance around appropriate behaviours, practices and protocols when visiting and undertaking activities within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, ensuring that the management framework is supported by a strong and consistent tikanga foundation.
20. Secondly, landscape architectural expertise is proposed to support the master planning of the three key road ends. This work would assist in developing a consistent approach to the future use, function, landscape character and visitor experience of these locations, and could include the preparation of a master plan and/or precinct plans for individual road ends. This work will provide a practical spatial tool to support the policy direction within He Kawa Ora.
21. The planning team is going out to seek fee proposals from a number of suitably experienced landscape architects to undertake this work, with the scope and level of specialist input to be confirmed following further discussion and consideration of the available budget.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

22. Successful delivery of the formal engagement programme relies on effective communication and broad participation from iwi, hapū, stakeholders, and the wider community. We are confident we have provided sufficient opportunity through this public comment period for people to participate and provide feedback.
23. The combination of online engagement, targeted stakeholder meetings and public drop-in sessions is intended to maximise participation and ensure all interested parties have a reasonable opportunity to provide feedback. This alongside the online consultation survey tool should enable a broad range of feedback to be obtained a wide range of inputs.
24. Any feedback received during the consultation period will be analysed and reported back to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī before preparation of the drafting of He Kawa Ora.
25. The preparation of technical reports and information helps to ensure the drafting of He Kawa Ora is well founded and supported by expert opinion and analysis.

Consultation – Toronga

26. Formal consultation commenced on the 20 July 2026 and remains open for a three-month period. The scheduled engagement listed above in Table 1 and 2 is to sit alongside this open period and enables multiple forms of engagement opportunities for those online and around Taranaki.

27. Feedback received through the online survey, workshops, drop-in centres and engagement events will all be considered during preparation of the drafting of He Kawa Ora.

Legislation – He aronga ture

28. Schedule 3 of Te Ture Whakatupua 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.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

29. It is recommended the Board:

- a) Receive this report.
- b) Note the proposed upcoming 2026 engagement programme.

Decision comments

Kaupapa: **Direction for 2026/27 Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Advocacy and Promotion Plan**

Prepared By: Tui MacDonald – Comms Advisor, FRANK Communications Ltd

Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Note that a core function of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī (‘TTK’) under clause 6.3.2 of the Relationship Agreement is to advocate for and promote Te Kāhui Tupua, Ngā Pou Whakatupua, official names, and He Kawa Tupua. Not to deliver general public communications. b) Agree that the 2026/27 advocacy and promotion activities be focused on the Crown, and iwi and hapū of Taranaki as the primary stakeholders, rather than the general public. c) Approve, in principle, the allocation of the ~\$60,000 one-year (2026/27) funding across three workstreams: advocacy work, video content, and a website upgrade. With a small contingency budget. d) Approve the Comms Advisor to develop a costed Advocacy and Promotion Plan under clause 6.3.3, reflecting this direction, for agreement and sign-off by the TTK Board. e) Note that this funding is non-recurring, and that priority should be given to durable assets and advocacy outcomes that do not depend on further annual funding.
Context	In collaboration with the Department of Conservation (‘DOC’), an annual budget has been set for the financial year for the operating of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, and other Taranaki Maunga redress arrangements. This paper is to confirm expenditure within that agreed budget. An Advocacy and Promotion Plan is to be implemented using a prescribed portion of these funds. This plan has yet to be agreed under clause 6.3.3 of He Takapou Tupua, the Relationship Agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, the Director-General, and Minister of Conservation. Noting that He Takapou Tupua is in the final stages of development and is yet to be approved by Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. This paper asks the Board to agree the direction on the scope, audience, and allocation of funding to action the plan. These decisions will then be translated into a full plan and delivery schedule.

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. This paper recommends implementing a focused TTK 2026/27 Advocacy and Promotion Plan. The statutory role of TTK under clause 6.3.2 of He Takapou Tupua is to advocate for and promote the health, wellbeing, status, and recognition of Te Kāhui Tupua. Its function does not include general public communications or public education.
2. On that basis, the paper recommends TTK direct its 2026/27 advocacy and promotion primarily to its key relationships, the Crown, Te Tōpuni Ngārahu (**‘TTN’**), and iwi and hapū of Taranaki. While peripherally making communications available to the general public. This paper recommends a portion of funding allocated by DOC (approximately \$60,000) be allocated across three workstreams: ongoing direct advocacy and promotion with the Crown, TTN, and iwi and hapū of Taranaki; targeted video content to provide foundational information on Te Kāhui Tupua and the role of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī; and a website upgrade which acts as a repository for information, video content, news articles, reports and any other key sources of knowledge.
3. The allocated budget for future operational years is not confirmed or guaranteed. Therefore, front-loading key advocacy and promotion outputs is important during 2026/27.

Purpose – He aronga matua

The purpose of this paper is to seek the Board's agreement on:

4. The audience and TTK focus of 2026/27 advocacy and promotion activities;
5. A portioned allocation of the one-year (2026/27) advocacy and promotion funding (~\$60,000); and
6. The process for finalising an Advocacy and Promotion Plan under clause 6.3.3 of He Takapou Tupua

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

The role of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

7. Clause 6.3.2 of the Relationship Agreement records that a core function of TTK is to advocate for and promote:
 - the health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua;
 - the status of Te Kāhui Tupua;
 - Ngā Pou Whakatupua;
 - the use of official names (including Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki); and
 - the recognition and practical effect given to Te Kāhui Tupua, Ngā Pou Whakatupua, and He Kawa Tupua in the exercise of public powers and functions.

8. Clause 6.3.3 further requires the parties to develop and agree an Advocacy and Promotion Plan setting out the overall approach for the term of TTK, proactive opportunities to promote Te Kāhui Tupua (including official names), and communication and engagement priorities.
9. Read together, these clauses point to an advocacy function directed at the parties and institutions who exercise 'public powers and functions' in relation to Te Kāhui Tupua, principally the Crown, TTN, and iwi and hapū of Taranaki. This, rather than as a broad public-facing communications function.

Funding

10. An annual budget has been set for the 2026/27 financial year. A proportion of this funding (\$60,000) is requested to action the Advocacy and Promotion Plan. This enables a one-off opportunity to build durable communications assets and complete priority advocacy work, rather than to fund an ongoing general communications programme which, without external funding, cannot be sustained to the same level in future years.

Proposed focus for 2026/27

11. It is recommended that TTK's advocacy and promotion efforts be organised around its key relationships:
 - a) **The Crown:** the party through which recognition and practical effect is given to Te Kāhui Tupua in the exercise of public powers and functions;
 - b) **Te Tōpuni Ngārahu:** a collective governance entity for the eight post-settlement governance entity (PSGE) iwi of Taranaki; and
 - c) **Iwi and hapū of Taranaki:** TTK's constituency for the status and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua.
12. While broader communications and engagement were required to gather feedback to help steer the drafting of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, wider and ongoing public communications are not recommended as a 2026/27 priority. General public communications sit outside TTK's advocacy mandate under clause 6.3.2, would dilute the limited one-year funding, and are better carried out by agencies (e.g. DOC, local authorities) whose own communications channels reach the general public.

Table 1 – Proposed use of the ~\$60,000

Workstream	Indicative allocation	Purpose
Advocacy work	Indicative <i>15% of budget</i>	Direct advocacy activity with the Crown, TTN, and iwi and hapū of Taranaki to progress recognition and practical effect for Te Kāhui Tupua, Ngā Pou Whakatupua, and He Kawa Tupua. I.e briefing documents, site visits, engagements, targeted events.

Video content	Indicative <i>45% of budget</i>	Short, targeted video content for use with the Crown and TTN (e.g. explaining Te Kāhui Tupua's status, Ngā Pou Whakatupua, and official names). This will be a durable asset that outlasts the one-year fund. Co-funding arrangements could be sought here.
Website upgrade	Indicative <i>30% of budget</i>	Upgrade tekahuitupua.nz as the authoritative reference point for the Crown, TTN, iwi, hapū, and broader communities, groups and agencies. A source of accurate information, which will also help to reduce reliance on one-off communications.
Contingency budget	Indicative <i>5% of budget</i>	This budget line provides flexibility to respond to unplanned situations that may arise over the course of the project. It covers four related areas: Issues and reputation management, specialist advocacy advice, media management, project and funding design work.

13. The Board's guidance on the specific split in table 1 between these three workstreams is sought; staff can bring a fully costed breakdown back with the Advocacy and Promotion Plan.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

Table 2 – Risk Assessment

Risk	Likelihood / Impact	Mitigation
Scope creep toward general public communications	Medium likelihood / Medium impact	Board to confirm Crown, TTN and iwi and hapū of Taranaki as the primary audiences for 2026/27; any broader public materials to be assessed separately against clause 6.3.2.
One-year funding spent on assets with no lasting value	Medium likelihood / Medium impact	Prioritise durable assets (website, reusable video content) over one-off activity; sequence advocacy work to use existing relationships and reduce ongoing cost.
No Advocacy and Promotion Plan agreed as required by clause 6.3.3	Medium likelihood / High impact	Direct contractor to bring a draft Advocacy and Promotion Plan to the Board in the next meeting, building on the direction in this paper.

Funding underspent or spent without clear prioritisation	Low likelihood / Medium impact	Board approval of an indicative allocation across the three workstreams now, with a costed plan and delivery timeline to follow.
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Consultation – Toronga

14. Clause 6.3.3 requires the Advocacy and Promotion Plan to be developed and agreed by the parties. It is recommended that:

- a) the direction in this paper be shared with the Crown and TTN representatives ahead of finalising the Advocacy and Promotion Plan; and
- b) any website or video content concerning Te Kāhui Tupua, Ngā Pou Whakatupua, official names, or He Kawa Tupua be checked with Taranaki Maunga negotiators and signed off by delegated representatives from Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī prior to publication.

Legislation – He aronga ture

15. This paper is made with reference to:

16. Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 (the legislation establishing Te Kāhui Tupua and its legal personality, and providing for TTK as its statutory voice); and

17. Clauses 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 of He Takapou Tupua between the parties, which set out the advocacy and promotion function of TTK and the requirement for an agreed Advocacy and Promotion Plan.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

18. It is recommended that the Board:

- a) **Note** that core function of TTK under clause 6.3.2 of the Relationship Agreement is to advocate for and promote Te Kāhui Tupua, Ngā Pou Whakatupua, official names, and He Kawa Tupua. Not to deliver general public communications.
- b) **Agree** that the 2026/27 advocacy and promotion activities be focused on the Crown, and iwi and hapū of Taranaki as the primary stakeholders, rather than the general public.
- c) **Approve**, in principle, the allocation of the ~\$60,000 one-year (2026/27) funding across three workstreams: advocacy work, video content, and a website upgrade. With a small contingency budget.
- d) **Approve** the Comms Advisor to develop a costed Advocacy and Promotion Plan under clause 6.3.3, reflecting this direction, for agreement and sign-off by the TTK Board.

- e) **Note** that this funding is non-recurring, and that priority should be given to durable assets and advocacy outcomes that do not depend on further annual funding.

Decision comments

Kaupapa: **Public Forum**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat

Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Note and receive any presentations to the Public Forum; and b) Determine any appropriate response.
Context	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. 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.

The following representatives have registered their attendance and/or presentation to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī at this 25 September hui:

Attendee	Role	Organisation
Justus Martin	PhD Student	University of Edinburgh
Kiriwaitangi Rei-Russell	Chair	Ngā Rere Ora Ltd

Kaupapa: **Update on Relationship Agreements**
Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes – Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī
Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Note and receive the update on development of He Takapou Tupua; b) Note that He Takapou Tupua is presently under legal review and is being progressed alongside Te Ahi Ngārahu; c) Endorse the proposed process outlined in this paper for completing He Takapou Tupua; d) Agree in principle to the development of a direct relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu; e) Agree that officers develop a proposed scope and drafting framework for that agreement for subsequent consideration by both entities; and f) Note that the final He Takapou Tupua will return to the Board for approval before execution.
Context	He Takapou Tupua is the foundational relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, the Director General of Conservation (‘D-G’), and the Minister of Conservation (‘MOC’). A draft agreement has been developed, and is current under legal review. This is working to have a final relationship agreement to sign ahead of the general election. Te Ahi Ngārahu (the agreement between Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, the D-G, and MOC) is progressing on the same timeline. Consideration should now be given to developing an agreement between Te Tōpuni Ngārahu and Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. Consideration should also now be given to the development of relationship agreements with those parties that have requested this through the process to develop He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki to date.

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. He Takapou Tupua is the foundational relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, the D-G, and MOC. Its purpose is to establish and maintain the relationship necessary to give practical effect to He Kawa Tupua and to enable Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to perform its role as the face and voice of Te Kāhui Tupua. The current draft is under legal review and is being progressed alongside Te Ahi Ngārahu, the corresponding relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, the D-G, and MOC.
2. Development of the two agreements has clarified that they are intended to operate as complementary parts of the He Kawa Tupua framework. He Takapou Tupua is principally concerned with Te Mana o Ngā Maunga and the role and functions of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, while Te Ahi Ngārahu provides the principal relationship arrangements supporting Te Mana o Te Kāhui and the role of Te Tōpuni Ngārahu and Ngā Iwi o Taranaki.
3. The current He Takapou Tupua draft has developed beyond a general relationship statement and now contains practical processes addressing administrative and operational support, advocacy, statutory planning, He Kawa Ora, operational planning, revenue, land addition and removal, approval processes, relationship development, data governance, Board continuity, and joint decision-making.
4. As those arrangements mature, there is a need to consider the relationship between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu directly. A separate agreement would provide a mechanism to clarify how Te Mana o Ngā Maunga and Te Mana o Te Kāhui operate together, how matters move between the two entities, and how each body respects the distinct mandate and functions of the other.
5. The He Kawa Ora process has also generated requests from iwi, hapū and other entities for direct or ongoing relationships with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. Developing a consistent framework for those relationships would enable Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to discharge its relationship-building and advocacy functions while protecting the distinct roles of iwi, hapū and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu.

Purpose – He aronga matua

6. The purpose of this paper is to seek the Board's agreement on:
 - a) update the Board on progress to develop and complete He Takapou Tupua;
 - b) seek endorsement of the proposed process for finalising He Takapou Tupua;
 - c) seek agreement in principle to commence development of a relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu; and
 - d) seek direction on developing a framework for relationship agreements between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and iwi, hapū and other parties where those relationships support the functions and purposes of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

He Takapou Tupua

7. Clause 12.36 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo requires Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, the Minister of Conservation and the Director-General to enter into He Takapou Tupua. The current draft describes the agreement as establishing a strong and enduring relationship that operationalises the functions of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and supports implementation of He Kawa Tupua.
8. The agreement is intended to move beyond a conventional relationship protocol. The draft establishes practical processes through which Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī can exercise its statutory functions, including:
 - a) administrative and operational support;
 - b) advocacy and promotion of Te Kāhui Tupua;
 - c) participation in legislative reform and statutory planning;
 - d) development, review and implementation of He Kawa Ora;
 - e) annual Statements of Priorities and operational planning;
 - f) allocation and reporting of revenue generated within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki;
 - g) addition and removal of land;
 - h) concessions and other approvals;
 - i) joint decisions concerning interests in Te Whenua Taurikura;
 - j) relationship development;
 - k) data sovereignty and management; and
 - l) support for continuity of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.
9. The draft expressly links operational planning, revenue and He Kawa Ora implementation to the broader He Kawa Tupua framework.
10. The draft is presently undergoing legal review. Following that review, further work will be required to reconcile legal comments, confirm remaining policy matters with the Department, ensure consistency with Te Ahi Ngārahu, and prepare a final agreement for consideration by the parties.

Relationship with Te Ahi Ngārahu

11. Te Ahi Ngārahu is being developed in parallel. It addresses the relationship between Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, the Minister and the Director-General and includes processes concerning operational management, He Kawa Ora, concessions, contracting, land matters, cultural materials, research and species restoration.
12. The two agreements are complementary rather than interchangeable. The He Takapou Tupua draft expressly recognises that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī's role in upholding Te Mana o Ngā Maunga must operate alongside the arrangements in Te Ahi Ngārahu supporting Te Mana o Te Kāhui.

13. A final cross-review of both agreements is proposed to occur before execution to ensure:
- a) roles are clear and do not unintentionally overlap;
 - b) processes that require both entities connect properly;
 - c) one agreement does not confer functions on the other entity that are inconsistent with the deed or legislation;
 - d) information, reporting and annual planning processes align; and
 - e) the combined agreements operate as a coherent implementation framework for He Kawa Tupua.

Relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu

14. The development of He Takapou Tupua and Te Ahi Ngārahu has highlighted the value of a direct relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu.
15. Such an agreement would not duplicate either Crown relationship agreement. Its purpose would instead be to describe how the two entities themselves will work together to give coherent effect to Te Mana o Ngā Maunga and Te Mana o Te Kāhui.
16. Matters that could be addressed include:
- a) recognition of the separate mandate, functions and authority of each entity;
 - b) how matters will be referred or coordinated between them;
 - c) shared planning and annual work programme interfaces;
 - d) processes for matters affecting both Te Kāhui Tupua and the interests of Ngā Iwi o Taranaki;
 - e) information sharing and confidentiality;
 - f) advocacy and external representation;
 - g) investment, partnership and relationship opportunities;
 - h) approaches to resolving overlapping or different views; and
 - i) regular governance-level engagement.
17. A direct agreement would also reduce the risk that the Crown or third parties become the intermediary through which the two entities communicate on matters that should properly be addressed directly between them.

Proposed process and next steps

18. The proposed process for completing the current relationship agreement work is:
- a) complete legal review of He Takapou Tupua and Te Ahi Ngārahu;
 - b) reconcile legal comments and outstanding drafting matters;
 - c) undertake a cross-agreement consistency review;

- d) confirm outstanding policy and operational commitments with the Department;
- e) provide a substantially final He Takapou Tupua to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī for approval;
- f) complete Ministerial and Director-General approval processes;
- g) execute He Takapou Tupua;
- h) commence development of the Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī–Te Tōpuni Ngārahu relationship agreement; and
- i) prepare a framework and prioritisation process for other relationship agreements.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

Risk	Likelihood / Impact	Mitigation
Agreement is not completed within the anticipated timeframe	Medium/Medium	Maintain agreed drafting programme; identify unresolved issues early; regular legal and governance review.
He Takapou Tupua and Te Ahi Ngārahu contain overlapping or inconsistent provisions	Medium/High	Final cross-agreement consistency review before execution
Agreement becomes overly detailed or difficult to administer	Medium/Medium	Distinguish enduring principles; allow schedules/protocols to be updated.
Roles of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu are unclear	Medium/High	Direct relationship agreement; clear articulation of Te Mana o Ngā Maunga / Te Mana o Te Kāhui interfaces.
Signing timetable overtakes substantive review	Medium/High	Board approval of final text before execution; retain ability to defer execution if issues remain.

Consultation – Toronga

19. Development of He Takapou Tupua has involved ongoing discussion with the Department of Conservation and legal review. Te Ahi Ngārahu is being developed in parallel with Te Tōpuni Ngārahu and the Department.

Legislation – He aronga ture

20. This paper is made with reference to:

- a) Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025; and
- b) Section 12.36 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo which sets out the requirements for He Takapou Tupua; and

- c) Relevant conservation legislation where He Takapou Tupua establishes processes supporting the exercise of statutory functions.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

21. It is recommended that the Board:

- a) **Note** and **receive** the update on development of He Takapou Tupua;
- b) **Note** that He Takapou Tupua is presently under legal review and is being progressed alongside Te Ahi Ngārahu;
- c) **Endorse** the proposed process outlined in this paper for completing He Takapou Tupua;
- d) **Agree** in principle to the development of a direct relationship agreement between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu;
- e) **Agree** that officers develop a proposed scope and drafting framework for that agreement for subsequent consideration by both entities; and
- f) **Note** that the final He Takapou Tupua will return to the Board for approval before execution.

Decision comments

Kaupapa: **Statement of Operational Priorities for the 2027/28 Operational Management Year**

Prepared By: Sean Zieltjes – Planner, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Adopt the Statement of Priorities for the 2027/28 Operational Management Year. b) Authorise the Chair to approve minor non-substantive amendments and issue the Statement to the Director-General of Conservation.
Context	Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī must determine and provide an annual Statement of Priorities (the ‘Statement’) before the Department of Conservation (‘DOC’) begins its operational management planning for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. The proposed Statement builds on the 2026/27 Statement and moves from establishing the new arrangements to directing measurable operational action. It is informed by Ngā Pou Whakatupua, the development of He Kawa Ora, and the emerging He Takapou Tupua relationship arrangements. Adoption will allow the Statement to be issued early enough to influence DOC's 2027/28 planning, investment, delivery and reporting.

Executive summary – Whakarāpopototanga matua

1. This paper recommends that Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī adopt the Statement of Priorities for the 2027/28 Operational Management Year and authorise its issue to the Director-General (‘**D-G**’) of Conservation. The Statement is the Board's statutory annual direction for the operational management of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.
2. The proposed Statement builds on the 2026/27 Statement. It moves from establishing relationships and applying Ngā Pou Whakatupua in principle to building the conditions necessary to restore the health and well-being of Te Kāhui Tupua.

Purpose – He aronga matua

3. The purpose of this paper is to seek the Board's agreement to:
 - a) Adopt the Statement of Priorities for the 2027/28 Operational Management Year; and
 - b) Authorise its finalisation and issue to the Director-General of Conservation.

Background and context – He kupu whakamarama

4. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, on behalf of Te Kāhui Tupua, has a statutory role in the operational management of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. Before the annual operational management planning process begins, the Board is to meet with the D-G, consider and determine priorities for implementing He Kawa Ora for the coming year, and provide a Statement of those priorities.
5. After the year, the D-G must report on how He Kawa Ora and the Statement were implemented, the concession revenue and other rents, fees, and royalties received and applied, and any priorities not reflected in operational activities. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī may then make recommendations that inform future operational management.
6. The Statement is therefore both a direction-setting instrument and part of an annual adaptive-management cycle. It enables the Board to identify what matters for the coming year, observe action and consequence, and refine future priorities through Ngā Pou Whakatupua.
7. The first Statement for 2026/27 focused on forming relationships, establishing alignment with Ngā Pou Whakatupua, recognising Te Kāhui Tupua as a living and indivisible whole, moving from aspiration to action, and requiring reciprocity and benefit.
8. The 2027/28 Statement retains that foundation but provides greater specificity. It has been informed by the development of He Kawa Ora, the emerging He Takapou Tupua relationship arrangements, the priorities and implementation pathways in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo.
9. The proposed Statement and the detailed priorities table are attached to this paper as Appendix 1. The proposed Statement asks what conditions must be created and sustained for the ongoing health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua. It identifies the outcomes and areas of focus to be advanced during 2027/28, while allowing the detailed work programme, sequencing, responsibilities and resourcing to be developed with the Department of Conservation through the annual operational planning process.

Risk assessment – He aronga tūraru

10. Risk assessment

Risk	Likelihood / Impact	Mitigation
Priorities are adopted too late to influence DOC planning	Medium/High	Adopt and issue the Statement before DOC finalises its 2027/28 operational plan; seek an early implementation meeting and written response.
The priorities exceed confirmed operational capacity or available funding	High/High	Seek a written response from the Director-General identifying how each priority will be reflected in the 2027/28 operational programme, including proposed activities, sequencing, responsibilities, dependencies and available funding.
Roles of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu become blurred	Low/High	Maintain the role of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī in determining the Statement of Priorities on behalf of Te Kāhui Tupua, while using the Te Tōpuni Ngārahu process to understand and provide for Ngā Iwi o Taranaki aspirations.
The new He Kawa Ora is not yet approved	Medium/Medium	Frame the Statement as annual statutory direction that gives practical effect to He Kawa Tupua, and acknowledging any emerging He Kawa Ora directions without pre-determining the final plan.

Consultation – Toronga

11. The Statement has been informed by the 2026/27 Statement, the development of He Kawa Ora, engagement concerning He Takapou Tupua, and the priorities and implementation pathways recorded in Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo. Further engagement with the Department of Conservation will be required to translate the adopted priorities into the 2027/28 operational programme.

Legislation – He aronga ture

12. This paper is made with reference to:

- a) Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025, including sections 20 and 100–101;
- b) Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo, particularly clauses 12.36 and 13.5–13.18;
- c) Te Kāhui Tupua status and Ngā Pou Whakatupua; and

- d) the developing He Takapou Tupua relationship arrangements and He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.

Recommendation – He kupu whakatau

13. It is recommended that the Board:

- a) **Adopt** the Statement of Priorities for the 2027/28 Operational Management Year.
- b) **Authorise** the Chair to approve minor non-substantive amendments and issue the Statement to the Director-General Conservation.

Decision comments

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25 September 2026

Director-General, Department of Conservation
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Via email

Tēnā koe Peter,

RE: TE TŌPUNI KŌKŌRANGI STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE 2027/28 OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT YEAR (1 JULY 2027 TO 30 JUNE 2028)

Purpose and context

The purpose of this letter is to formally set out the Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Statement of Priorities for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki for Operational Management Year from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028. This Statement is prepared in accordance with sections 20, 100, and 101 of Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 (**‘Te Kāhui Tupua Act’**).

This Statement is intended to guide the Department of Conservation’s (**‘DOC’**) planning, investment, delivery, and reporting for the 2027/28 Operational Management Year. It provides annual direction for giving practical effect to He Kawa Tupua and Ngā Pou Whakaturua through the operational management of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki. It also supports the development and progressive implementation of He Kawa Ora mō Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and the positive and enduring relationship to be maintained through He Takapou Tupua.

At the time of this Statement being drafted, He Kawa Ora remains in development. This Statement does not pre-determine its final content. It provides direction for the 2027/28 annual cycle and identifies work that should build the relationships, knowledge, capability and operational readiness required to implement He Kawa Ora progressively once approved.

Overarching expectations

For the 2027/28 Operational Management Year, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī expects operational planning and delivery to be directed by the following question: **What conditions must be created and sustained for the ongoing health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua?**

Responding to this question requires DOC to plan beyond the continuation of existing programmes and levels of service. Operational management must identify the ecological,

cultural, relational, institutional, and financial conditions necessary for Te Kāhui Tupua to flourish across generations, and then progressively orient activities, resources, and relationships towards creating those conditions.

The priorities identified below are interconnected and are to be applied together. They should inform the selection, design, funding, delivery and evaluation of operational activities throughout the year.

For the 2027/28 Operational Management Year Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī continues to emphasise the following overarching priorities:

1. Creating the conditions for the ongoing health and well-being of Te Kāhui Tupua

Operational management must be directed not only towards maintaining the present condition of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, but towards restoring the health, resilience and vitality of Te Kāhui Tupua.

During 2027/28, DOC should work with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to identify:

- the present and emerging pressures affecting the health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua;
- the conditions necessary for ecological, cultural and relational regeneration;
- where existing operational settings or investment are insufficient to create those conditions; and
- the actions, partnerships and additional resources required to close those gaps.

This work must recognise both immediate operational needs and longer-term threats, including biosecurity risks, climate-related change, visitor pressures, loss of biodiversity and ecological connectivity, and limitations in monitoring, surveillance and response capability.

2. Forming and deepening relationships

Forming and deepening relationships remains a principal priority for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. The relationship between Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī and DOC must increasingly be expressed through shared work, early engagement, transparent information and clear participation in operational decision-making.

The quality of the relationship is expected to be evident in how operational decisions are made, not only in the frequency of meetings or engagement.

3. Alignment with Ngā Pou Whakatupua

All operational activities planned, funded, or delivered within Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki must demonstrably align with Ngā Pou Whakatupua. Alignment should be considered at the outset of operational planning and should influence what work is undertaken, how it is undertaken, who is involved and how success is understood.

DOC should be able to explain, for each material programme or activity:

- which elements of Ngā Pou Whakaturua are being advanced;
- how the activity protects, restores or enhances the health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua;
- how the activity recognises and provides for the relationship of Ngā Iwi o Taranaki with Te Kāhui Tupua;
- what consequences, intended or unintended, may arise for Te Kāhui Tupua; and
- how those consequences will be observed, learned from and responded to.

Activities that cannot demonstrate consistency with Ngā Pou Whakaturua must not proceed in their proposed form.

4. Te Kāhui Tupua as a living and indivisible whole

Operational management must recognise Te Kāhui Tupua as a living and indivisible whole comprising Taranaki Maunga and the other tūpuna maunga, including Pouākai and Kaitake, from their peaks to and including the surrounding lands, together with all their physical and metaphysical elements.

Accordingly, operational planning should not treat individual sites, assets, species, visitor activities, or work programmes in isolation. DOC should consider the relationships between them and their cumulative opportunities and implications for the wider health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua.

This includes recognising connections between Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and the surrounding lands, waters, ecosystems and communities of Taranaki, while remaining clear about the statutory area within which DOC exercises its operational management responsibilities.

Priority areas for 2027/28

Within the overarching expectations above, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī expects DOC's 2027/28 operational programme to give particular attention to the following areas. These priorities provide direction for the programme; they are not intended to prescribe a fixed list of projects or to pre-empt the detailed work programme to be developed through engagement with DOC and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu:

Restore ecological health and resilience. Maintain and strengthen integrated pest management and biosecurity; ensure that operational access and supporting infrastructure enable effective management; advance species recovery and translocation readiness; and identify opportunities to restore habitat and ecological connections between Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and the surrounding lands.

Build the knowledge needed for good decisions. Advance a coherent monitoring, research and spatial information framework; improve baseline information; and identify

practical indicators through which changes in the health and well-being of Te Kāhui Tupua, and the consequences of operational action, can be observed, understood and responded to.

Grow Ngā Iwi o Taranaki participation and capability. Through the processes contemplated by Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo, create practical pathways for iwi and hapū participation in planning, delivery, monitoring, and research, including capability development, employment, procurement, and contracting opportunities.

Strengthen reciprocity in relationships and use. Ensure that visitor activity, concessions, research, partnerships, and community participation are managed consistently with Ngā Pou Whakatupua, and can demonstrate an appropriate contribution or benefit to the health and well-being of Te Kāhui Tupua.

Ngā Iwi o Taranaki aspirations

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī recognises that Te Mana o Ngā Maunga and Te Mana o Te Kāhui are mutually reinforcing. The health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua cannot be separated from the mana, identity, responsibilities, and wellbeing of Ngā Iwi o Taranaki.

Consistent with clauses 13.12 to 13.18 of Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo and section 99 of Te Kāhui Tupua Act, DOC is expected to engage early with Te Tōpuni Ngārahu during the annual operational management planning process to understand the priorities of Ngā Iwi o Taranaki; identify mutual projects and partnerships; identify opportunities for participation, capability development and contracting; explore opportunities for increased cultural and conservation outcomes; and agree how identified aspirations will be incorporated into the operational programme.

DOC may use this Statement as a part of its engagement with Te Tōpuni Ngārahu and advise Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī of the priorities and opportunities identified through that engagement, how they will be reflected in the 2027/28 operational programme, and any matters that should be carried forward into subsequent Statements of Priorities.

Implementation and resourcing

As early as practicable in the annual planning cycle, and informed by DOC's engagement with Te Tōpuni Ngārahu, DOC must meet with Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to discuss how this Statement will be reflected in DOC's 2027/28 work programme and to agree the associated implementation and reporting arrangements.

This programme will distinguish the work that can be delivered from existing baseline resources from work requiring additional investment or partnership. Where a priority cannot be fully provided for, DOC should identify the constraint, the consequence for Te Kāhui Tupua, the options considered and how the matter will be carried forward. The detailed work programme and any associated funding commitments are to be confirmed separately and are not fixed by this Statement.

Reporting

Reporting against this Statement must support shared learning and continuous improvement, rather than operate only as an end-of-year compliance exercise.

DOC should provide Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī with quarterly progress information identifying:

- progress against each priority and agreed operational activity;
- expenditure and resources committed;
- emerging issues, risks and opportunities;
- any proposed changes to scope, timing or delivery; and
- any priority at risk of not being achieved, together with proposed corrective action.

Following the end of the Operational Management Year, the Director-General's report under section 101 of Te Kāhui Tupua Act should clearly describe:

- how each part of this Statement has been reflected in operational management;
- the outcomes and consequences observed for the health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua;
- how Ngā Pou Whakatupua influenced operational decisions, investment and delivery;
- the involvement of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, Te Tōpuni Ngārahu and Ngā Iwi o Taranaki;
- the total concession revenue and other rents, fees and royalties received, and how an equivalent amount has been applied for the benefit of Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki;
- any additional investment or resources secured for Te Kāhui Tupua; and
- any priorities not delivered, including the reasons, constraints and proposed response.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī expects the report to contain sufficient financial and operational information to enable it to assess the effectiveness of implementation, make recommendations to the Director-General, and inform the Statement of Priorities for the following Operational Management Year.

Noho ora mai,

Liana Poutu

For Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, on behalf of Te Kāhui Tupua

Kaupapa: **In Committee Session**

Prepared By: Lesa Bevin – Secretary, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> a) Resolve to move into a publicly excluded session
Resolution to exclude the public	In accordance with section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (‘LGOIMA’), and section 9 (1) of the Official Information Act 1982 (‘OIA’), it is moved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely: Agenda Item 11. It is also moved that the following persons be permitted to remain at the meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of these topics and/or their role in supporting Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī: - Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Board Secretary; - Sean Zieltjes, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Planner; and These stated persons have had input into, advised on or been advised of the matters sought to be excluded.
Context	The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of LGOIMA for the passing of this resolution are set out below. Papers for publicly excluded matters will be circulated to members separately.

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Grounds under section 48(1) of the OIA for the passing of this resolution</i>
Agenda Item 11 Maintaining legal professional privilege of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī	To maintain confidentiality and to enable Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any relevant proceeding.	s.9(2)(h)

Kaupapa: **General Business**
Prepared By: Lesa Bevin, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Secretariat
Meeting Date: 25 September 2026

Recommendation	<u>It is recommended the Board:</u> 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.