



TO CHBDC PDP HEARING PANEL, CHBDC PDP STAFF

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DATE 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

SUBJECT CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN HEARING FOUR - TANGATA WHENUA WĀNANGA REPORT.

Introduction

1. The hearing of Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua provisions of the Proposed District Plan (PDP) was held on Wednesday 10 August, which related to the following topics:
 - Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua, Ngā Tangata Whenua O Tamatea;
 - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori; and
 - Papakāinga and Kaumātua housing and associated marae-based development.
2. The hearing of the historic heritage provisions of the PDP was held on Thursday 11 August 2022.
3. Several matters raised by Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua are broader than a single section of the PDP, and that their concerns are interrelated making the hearing of all Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua matters across the PDP complex. Furthermore, many of the issues and the relief sought were outside the scope of the District Plan to address.
4. Minute 11 outlined an agreed bespoke three-step process to discuss these matters:
 - An initial public hearing (10-11 August 2022) where overarching issues and key concerns will be discussed and a clarification of matters to be addressed through a Wānanga of the parties
 - An independently facilitated wānanga (5-6 September 2022) among the submitters to discuss and work through those issues identified during the preliminary hearing, and
 - A second public hearing (in November 2022), where the outcomes of the Wānanga will be presented and any unresolved issues relating to the PDP will be addressed through a S42A report, evidence and presentations to the Panel.
5. This report from the independent facilitator, Dave Milner, Kāhu Environmental Kaupapa Taiao Specialist, supports the Records of Statements of Agreement document¹ from the

¹ Appendix 1 Wananga Sept 5-6 Record of Statements of Agreement (FINAL)



wānanga that have relevance to the PDP. This report will inform, and be appended to, the section 42A officer's report that will be prepared for the final hearing on Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua provisions, scheduled for 16-18 November 2022.

Wānanga

6. The wānanga approach CHBDC has taken is believed to be a first in Aotearoa New Zealand. The purpose of the wānanga was to provide an informal setting to discuss the topics and issues identified in submissions and to develop solutions to provide for a more inclusive PDP.
7. The definition of wānanga was discussed. From a tikanga perspective a wānanga is held on a marae or similar venue with an open timeframe to allow a full discussion on the issues until a solution is agreed upon. Therefore, this challenge was highlighted at the beginning of the wānanga. At the end of day 1 it was acknowledged that the wānanga kōrero flowed very well and there were good discussions similar to a wānanga setting therefore there was good support for this type of approach.

Attendance

8. CHBDC representatives; Mayor Alex Walker, Acting Group Manager Customer & Community Partnerships – Dylan Mugggeridge, Pou Whātuaia – Pam Kupa, and District Plan Officer – Tiffany Gray attended the wānanga in leadership and supporting roles respectively. The S42A reporting officer – Stella Morgan from Sage Planning provided technical support and guided the development of the agreed statements with submitters.
9. These PDP chapters received submissions from a broad spectrum of people and organisations ranging from Federated Farmers of New Zealand to Kainga Ora, and individual tangata whenua / mana whenua to Heretaunga Settlement Trust. See appendix 2² for a full list of submitters.
10. All submitters listed were invited to attend the wānanga to participate in this new approach. There was good attendance from tangata whenua / mana whenua submitters for the wānanga across the two days either kano ki te kano or via Teams video conferencing therefore, tangata whenua / mana whenua attendance was high. Other organisations that attended were Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga. See appendix 2 for an accurate attendance list.

Record of Statements of Agreement

11. The key topics and issues were discussed. Some at length and others at a high level. Submitters led the discussions and facilitation and technical advice helped to formulate agreed statements.

² Appendix 2 CHBDC Wānanga Invitation List



12. The record of statements addresses key topics and issues that are within the scope of the PDP. This document also provides recommended actions to achieve agreed actions.
13. The records of statement document also highlight some of the issues that need to be addressed outside of the PDP process. These issues and details will be provided to council in another report.

Summary

14. The innovative approach that CHBDC has taken is:
 - holding an informal hearing setting for the specific chapters identified in point 1,
 - adding a two-day wānanga to the process,
 - formal hearing in November,

This is a significant expression of collaboration with tangata whenua / mana whenua. It goes a long way towards building a meaningful relationship with tangata whenua / mana whenua in the current PDP process and the issues identified in submissions and during the wānanga out of scope of this process can be discussed further between CHBDC and tangata whenua through other mechanisms and processes to be determined in another forum.

15. The acknowledgement from rangatira at the hearing and wānanga recognising the sentiment behind the inclusion of a Mauri Kete (weaved basket of taonga) was a very significant gesture expressing the willingness from CHBDC leadership to work in partnership with tangata whenua / mana whenua.
16. The record of statements of agreement outlines the outcomes from the wānanga and is a record of the benefits of taking this innovative approach. The high attendance of submitters indicates this is of importance to tangata whenua / mana whenua alongside all of the other priority issues they are facing.
17. Bringing both CHBDC and tangata whenua / mana whenua together for a solutions-based approach has proven to allow a forum of good constructive discussion and therefore outcomes that address some but not all issues and provides an opportunity to continue dialogue for issues outside of the PDP scope.

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