

A Pan-tribal Iwi Planning Document for our Te Arawa Lakes



A discussion document for Te Arawa Iwi and hapū
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WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We are developing a pan-tribal Iwi Planning Document, commonly known as an Iwi management plan.

This Plan will:

- **outline issues, objectives and policies for our lakes and lake catchments.**
Only where generalities apply, and consistency is required (e.g. lakes structures, pest fish, water quality)
- **be a rohe-wide Plan but will not delve into lake specific matters.**
That is the role of individual iwi and hapū management plans as well as engagement with our hungatiaki (kaitiaki) for each lake.

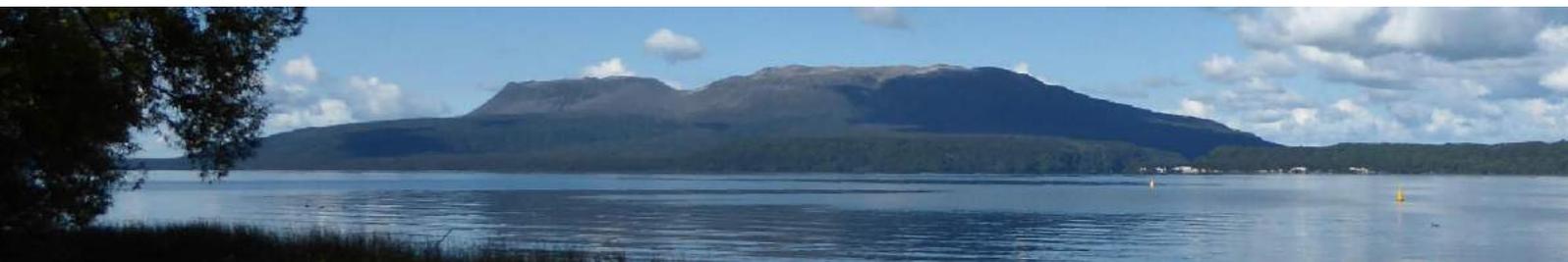
WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN?

We want to have greater impact and influence in the management and restoration of our Lakes.

Our values framework - Te Tūāpapa o nga wai o Te Arawa (Te Tūāpapa) - provides a solid foundation but to have greater impact, we need to articulate our views in a format and language familiar (e.g. policy) to those who make decisions and/or fund projects for our lakes.

We need a document that is more directive, particularly to Councils, stating what we want and don't want. For example, we have an internal lakes structure policy to guide how applications for lake structures should be handled. However, it has no 'teeth'. The Iwi Planning Document holds mana externally in a way our internal policies cannot.

Councils are continually reviewing their regional and district plans ('rulebooks') and planning their work programmes. Having an Iwi Planning Document means that we are proactive and prepared to front foot these processes.



WHO WILL USE THIS PLAN?

Local & Central Government

Many of the policies will be aimed at use in Council planning and resource consent processes and decisions. This Plan will also influence the Te Arawa Lakes Programme and other operational teams (e.g. utilities, land management).

While there are no specific obligations by central government agencies to take this Plan into account, it will be used to build and/or enhance our relationship moving forward.

WE EXPECT OTHERS TO USE THIS PLAN TO:

UNDERSTAND:

- our values, frustrations and aspirations for our Lakes.
- our views on particular activities or land uses.
- that our views are not limited to cultural matters. We are both hungatiaki and land managers and have responsibilities to also provide for the social and economic wellbeing of our people.

INFORM AND GUIDE:

- engagement processes so that discussions are focused and productive.
- decisions associated with consent and concession applications.
- policy and plan development.
- Council operations, programme development and funding within our rohe.
- development within our rohe.

TALT & Te Arawa Iwi and hapū

This Plan is also for us! It will support the work that we (TALT / Te Arawa Iwi and hapū) do and help us to be more influential within our own areas of interest.

GIVE EFFECT to Te Tūāpapa o nga wai o Te Arawa

ARTICULATE our issues of significance and long-term aspirations for our Lakes.

GUIDE AND INFLUENCE:

- council strategies, plans, programmes and decisions.
- influence consent processes for lake structures.
- guide our responses to consent applications, leasees applicants and plan changes.
- guide and/or support submissions to local and central government proposals and processes.

SUPPORT:

- a more collective and coordinated approach for the betterment of our Lakes.
- on-the-ground initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of our Lakes.
- funding applications for projects that align with, or are specified within, this Plan.
- our Mahire Whakahaere (Fisheries Plans)

WHERE DOES THIS PLAN APPLY?

Like Te Tūāpapa, this Plan will apply to:

- the 14 lakes subject to the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006 (see below)
- the rivers, streams, tributaries, puna (springs) and other freshwater sources (including waterways) in the Te Arawa rohe as proclaimed under the Waitangi Treaty claim Wai 1875.

KORERO MAI:

Are we on the right track?

Before we start drafting our new Plan, we are keen to seek your feedback to make sure we're on the right track.

He pātai: TALT have land interests outside of the district (e.g. Maketū). Should this be included within the Plan or handled separately?



WHAT WILL BE IN THE PLAN?

The draft structure of the Plan is as follows:

Part 1 Introduction

- Purpose, scope, intended use and audience, linkages with the Lakes Programme

Part Two About Us

- Who we are, where we are, treaty settlement information and mandate

Part Three Policy

- Strategic Objectives - linked with Te Whakapapa o Te Wai
- Topic Specific Chapters

Part Four Implementation

- Expectations for consultation
- Priority Projects

WHAT POLICY TOPICS WILL WE FOCUS ON?

The Policy Chapter will outline issues, objectives and policies for **all** lakes (e.g. only where generalities apply, and consistency is required). The topics are:

Lake Structures - jetties, boat ramps, moorings

Water Quality

Pest plants and animals

Wetlands

Surface water activities - commercial / tourism operations

Lake research and monitoring

Cultural heritage and landscapes

Our people - capacity building, cultural identity, knowledge transfer

These topics have been guided by feedback provided to TALT over the last couple of years. This includes raw feedback from hui and surveys when we developed Te Tūāpapa, feedback from our Hungatiaki Wānanga and our wide ranging conversations with our marae, hapū and iwi over the last 12 months,

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He pātai: Have we identified the right mix of topics for the policy chapter? Is there anything else missing that relates to all lake catchments?

Suggested projects to give effect to some of these policy topics are included overleaf.

Projects Ideas (things we want to do over the next 10 years):

Wetland restoration – Identify sites for iwi/hapu-led wetland restoration over the next 10 years.

Monitoring: Develop a more comprehensive monitoring programme for our taiao. This includes finding ways to measure and monitor the health of our taiao using our mohiotanga and tohu / indicators that are meaningful to us. And being resourced to carry out monitoring of the taiao.

Project raised by Rangatahi: Improved and safe access for swimming (i.e. areas where rock rip-rap makes it hard to access water). More amenities needed around swimming spots such as jumping spots, slides, swings, landscaping, toilets nearby.

Cultural connection: Support ways for whanau learn about the lakes, the korero about histories. Educate council and the wider community about what the lakes mean to us. Establish relationships with local schools.

Fisheries: Link with the Mahire Whakahaere (Te Arawa Fisheries Plan) to establish/restore habitat for our fisheries. Establish lake-specific fisheries projects.

Lake events: Hold special days like whānau fun days lakeside with storytelling about the iwi and lakes; invite the wider community to participate and learn; put on performances sharing the stories of Te Arawa! Maybe a symposium where ideas can be shared from both council and iwi with multiple speakers in key interest topics. Possibly a lake version of the Tira Hoe that is done in Whanganui - where we get to paddle around the lakes and learn the history, whakapapa, waiata as we go.

Cultural mapping: Build contemporary resources and sharing mechanisms about the history of the Lakes. Pull together the known history of the lakes and relevant hapu/marae/whanau within Te Arawa for each lake/lake area. Look into an online portal of history/information for those of Te Arawa who are outside the rohe, or overseas.

Rangatiratanga: Sharing knowledge and enable greater involvement of hapu level involvement in lake management – how to influence lakes programme and be a part of projects, getting funding, and leading projects.

TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact the team at the Te Arawa Lakes Trust on koreromai@tearawa.iwi.nz or [message us on our Te Arawa Lakes Trust Facebook page](#).

[We are also happy to meet with marae, hapū and iwi to receive your feedback.](#)