

Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan
Decision Report pursuant to Clause 10 of the First Schedule
of the Resource Management Act 1991

Subject: Chapter 8 - Tangata Whenua

In Reference to:

- ***Tangata Whenua Provisions 8.1 – 8.4***
 - ***Appendix 1.6***
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8.0 General

Submitter Number	Submitter Name	Further Submitter Name and Number	Further Submission Support/Oppose
497.11	New Zealand Historic Places Trust	-	-
514.1	Rangitaane o Wairarapa Inc	-	-
398.18	Wairarapa Inc/Go Wairarapa	-	-
264.9	D Riddiford	-	-

Discussion

Rangitaane o Wairarapa Inc (514.1) requests the Section be amended to protect recognised customary activities.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust (497.11) and **Wairarapa Inc/Go Wairarapa** (398.18) support Chapter 8 and seek that it be retained.

D Riddiford (264.9) does not state any relief sought.

Evidence Heard

No specific evidence was presented on this point.

Commissioners' Deliberations

Chapter 8 ensures the responsibilities and roles of District Councils under the Resource Management Act 1991 are provided for in the District Plan. The Chapter identifies the
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significant resource management issues of particular relevance to tangata whenua, and how the purpose and principles of the Act are to be achieved in the most appropriate way.

The Commissioners noted some submitters support for the Chapter and retaining the Plan provisions.

In relation to customary activities, the Commissioners concur with the Section 42A report assessment, that the existing Methods in the Plan include establishing protocols for actively engaging tangata whenua in situations where sites significant to Maori might be affected. These protocols may include recognition of customary activities. Adding a reference to the Introduction in relation to customary activities would highlight this particular issue.

In addition, the Commissioners note that some sites of significance for tangata whenua are identified in the Plan as the request of local iwi. Conversely, local iwi have requested some sites not be identified in the District Plan.

The Commissioners consider the existing provisions to be the most effective and efficient approach for recognising the relationship of Maori, their culture and traditions with ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

Decision

Submission Reference: 514.1	Accept in part
497.11	Accept
398.18	Accept
264.9	Reject

Decision Amendment: 8.1 Introduction

Amend the second paragraph in 8.1 Introduction as follows:

*“Section 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991 requires the relationship of Maori, their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga, be recognised and provided for as a matter of national importance. **The Act also requires the protection of recognised customary activities as a matter of national importance.** In addition, Section 7...”*

Reasons

This decision is made for the following reasons:

- The added sentence better describes the customary activities of tangata whenua.
- The existing provisions are the most effective and efficient approach for recognising the relationship of Maori, their culture and traditions with ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

8.3.1 Objective TW1 - Recognition of Values & Traditional Relationships

Submitter Number	Submitter Name	Further Submitter Name and Number	Further Submission Support/Oppose
514.2	Rangitane o	-	-

	Wairarapa Inc		
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Discussion

Rangitane o Wairarapa Inc (514.2) request the Objective be amended to refer to the physical environment.

Evidence Heard

No specific evidence was presented on this point.

Commissioners' Deliberations

The Commissioners concur with the submitter and the Section 42A report assessment and recommendation, that referring to the physical resources is more consistent with the terminology in the Act.

Decision: 8.3.1 Objective

Submission Reference: 514.2 Accept in part

Decision Amendment: 8.3.1 Objective

Amend Objective as follows:

*To recognise and provide for the cultural values and relationship of Tangata Whenua in managing the natural **and physical resources** environment and the effects of activities, while*

Reasons

This decision is made for the following reasons:

- The amended Objective better describes the purpose and principles of the Act.

8.3.4 Methods to Implement Tangata Whenua Policies: Method (j)

Submitter Number	Submitter Name	Further Submitter Name and Number	Further Submission Support/Oppose
492.19	Horticulture NZ	-	-
429.8	Papawai Community Trust Inc	-	-
429.10	Papawai Community Trust Inc	-	-
514.3	Rangitane o Wairarapa Inc	-	-

Discussion

Papawai Community Trust Inc (429.8) and (429.10) request amendments to the Methods to assist marae and hapu with compiling their own development plans, develop policies for street and area naming and signage, services for young people and to better coordinate existing Maori language and educational support services.

Rangitane o Wairarapa Inc (514.3) request amendments to some Methods to provide support and resources to implement the Methods.

Horticulture NZ (492.19) support Method 8.3.4(j) provided information is available for find out about the identified areas.

Evidence Heard

No specific evidence was presented on this point.

Commissioners' Deliberations

The Commissioners note the support from some submitters for the Methods for implementing the policies for tangata whenua.

A series of Methods are outlined in the Plan, including regulatory controls for sites of significance to tangata whenua where these have been requested by tangata whenua. It is anticipated there would be an on-going partnership into the future between Council and Tangata Whenua to encourage and facilitate further identification of sites of significance to Tangata Whenua,

The listed Methods provide the basis upon which the Councils would engage with tangata whenua. Submitters have raised the resourcing of these Methods. The funding and resourcing of these Methods would be determined by each District Council through their individual Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Therefore, the Commissioners consider the existing Methods are the most effective and efficient approaches for achieving the objective for tangata whenua, and recognising their relationship with ancestral land.

Decision: 8.3.4 Methods

Submission Reference: 492.19	Accept in part
429.8	Reject
429.10	Reject
514.3	Reject

Reasons

This decision is made for the following reasons:

- The existing Methods are the most effective and efficient for recognising the relationship of Maori, their culture and traditions with ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.