

**SUBMISSION BY MANIAPOTO MĀORI TRUST BOARD ON HEALTHY  
RIVERS/WAI ORA: VARIATION 1 TO PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN  
CHANGE 1**

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Maniapoto Māori Trust Board wishes to be heard in support of this submission at any hearing.

If other parties make similar submissions, Maniapoto Māori Trust Board may be prepared to present a joint case at any hearing.

Te Awa o Waipā is a taonga to Ngāti Maniapoto. Ngāti Maniapoto have a deep-felt obligation and desire to restore, maintain and protect all of the waters that flow and/or fall within the Ngāti Maniapoto rohe (Ngā Wai o Maniapoto), whether the waters are above, on or underground. Te Mana o Te Wai (The quality and integrity of the waters) is paramount.

The obligation includes the waters that flow into and form part of the Waipā River. The relationship between Ngāti Maniapoto and the Waipā River is historic, intellectual, physical and spiritual. Historically, Te Mana o Te Wai was such that it provided all manner of sustenance to Ngāti Maniapoto including physical and spiritual nourishment that has, over generations, maintained the quality and integrity of Ngāti Maniapoto marae, whānau, hapū and iwi.

To Ngāti Maniapoto the Waipā River has mana and in turn represents the mana of Ngāti Maniapoto. The Waipā River is a single indivisible entity that flows from Pekepeke to its confluence with the Waikato River and includes its waters, banks, bed (and all minerals under it) and its streams, waterways, tributaries, lakes, fisheries, vegetation, floodplains, wetlands, islands, springs, geothermal springs, water column, airspace and substratum as well as its metaphysical elements with its own mauri.

The Board have developed three key documents regarding the Waipā River:

1. *He Mahere Taiao – The Maniapoto Iwi Environmental Management Plan,*
2. *He Mahere Ika – Maniapoto Fish Plan for the Waipā River; and;*
3. *Maniapoto Priorities for the Restoration of the Waipā River Catchment Report*

## **SUBMISSION**

1. This submission is made by Maniapoto Māori Trust Board in relation to Variation 1 (**Variation 1**) to the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 (**Proposed Plan Change 1**). This submission is made on behalf of Maniapoto.
2. Maniapoto are co-governors of the Waipā River, as reflected in legislation relating to the co-management of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers.

## **JOINT SUBMISSION BY THE WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER IWI**

3. Maniapoto Māori Trust Board has made a joint submission, together with the other Waikato and Waipā River Iwi, on Variation 1 (the **Joint Submission**). Maniapoto Māori Trust Board endorses and supports the submissions made in the Joint Submission.
4. For the purposes of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **RMA**):
  - (a) Maniapoto Māori Trust Board repeats in this submission, the submissions made in the Joint Submission.
  - (b) Maniapoto Māori Trust Board refers in this submission to each of the provisions of Variation 1 that are referred to in the Joint Submission.

## **SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1**

5. Maniapoto Māori Trust Board has also submitted on Plan Change 1. Given that

Variation 1 is a variation to Plan Change 1, to the extent necessary Maniapoto repeats in this submission, the submissions made by Maniapoto on Plan Change 1.

## **RIGHT TO MAKE FURTHER SUBMISSION**

6. As a co-governor of the Waipā River, Maniapoto Māori Trust Board has an interest in Variation 1 that is greater than the interest that the general public has. Accordingly, Maniapoto Māori Trust Board must be provided with an opportunity to make a further submission on Proposed Plan Change 1 pursuant to clause 8 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

## **ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS**

### *Progressive achievement of the outcomes required by Te Ture Whaimana*

7. The Maniapoto view Proposed Plan Change 1 as an important first step on the journey toward achieving the long-term objectives required by Te Ture Whaimana.
8. Maniapoto are largely supportive of the general direction of travel that is articulated through Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1). In particular, the Waikato and Waipā River Iwi support the long-term objective to achieve the outcomes reflected in Te Ture Whaimana within 80 years, and the short-term objective to put in place the necessary mitigation actions to achieve at least 10% of the journey towards the outcomes required by Te Ture Whaimana within the next 10 years.
9. Maniapoto support the increased controls on land use to “hold the line” and prevent further land use intensification. At this time, the “hold the line” approach is the most practicable way to prevent further cumulative increases of diffuse contaminants that are discharged into the Waikato and Waipā River.

### *Relationship between the Maniapoto and the Council*

10. Maniapoto Iwi have a co-governance relationship with the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) to jointly co-manage the Waikato and Waipā Rivers (including catchments and tributaries). The importance of this relationship is partly recognised through the co-governance role of the Ngāti Maniapoto as members of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee (the HRWOC). The ongoing co-governance role in the wider Healthy Rivers Wai Ora project is important to The Waikato and Waipā River Iwi. Likewise, upholding the commitments made by each party in the respective Joint Management Agreements will also be pivotal to advancing this relationship into the future.

### *The unique position relating to Māori-owned land*

11. Proposed Plan Change 1 provides a limited pathway for developing multiply-owned Māori land and Treaty Settlement land. Designed by the Collaborative Stakeholder Group (CSG), it sets a very high threshold for any resource consent application in relation to developing this land. The Waikato and Waipā River Iwi note that Māori land has historically suffered impediments to development, and these challenges have not diminished through the notification of Proposed Plan Change 1.

12. Because Māori land is often undeveloped or under-developed, it has not contributed significantly to the discharge of contaminants into the Waikato and Waipā Rivers. The contribution of Māori land—in offsetting the discharge of contaminants from other developed land— should be recognised and accounted for at some stage in the future. Further, the investment made by landowners, particularly the owners of Māori land, to reduce contaminants discharged from land use should also be recognised and protected.

#### *Implementation*

13. Maniapoto understand that detailed implementation of Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1) by WRC is critical to the relative success of the Plan. Of particular importance is building the capacity and capability of WRC (including the necessary systems and human resources) to give effect to the methods set out in Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1).
14. Maniapoto also believe monitoring the effectiveness of Proposed Plan Change 1 (as varied by Variation 1) will be important to give confidence to the regional community that we are on target to achieving the short-term objectives and tracking positively towards achieving Te Ture Whaimana in 80-years.

#### *Future measures*

15. Maniapoto recognise that further Plan Changes will be required to put in place further measures towards achieving the requirements of Te Ture Whaimana within 80 years. As Co-Governors of the Waikato and Waipā Rivers, the Waikato and Waipā River Iwi will actively participate in co-designing any new regime to “allocate rights to discharge contaminants”. Ngāti Maniapoto are clear that any future framework for the allocation of rights to discharge contaminants will not be based on a pure grand-parenting approach.

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Kia ora Hera

Thank you for your prompt response. I will attach this email chain to your submission.

Kind regards

Keita

### Healthy Rivers

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Kia ora Keita

Sorry for that please see below answers.

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission? **No**

o Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- a. Adversely effects the environment, and
- b. Does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

**No**

On Wed, 23 May 2018, 16:28 Healthy Rivers, <[healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi Hera

We've received your submission, however we're missing a little bit of information. We require the answers to the following question in order for your submission to be processed in full

- Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?
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Could you please respond, as soon as possible, and I will ensure your answers are attached to your submission.

Kind regards

Keita

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Tena tatou

Please find attached the Submission by the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board on Healthy Rivers / Wai Ora: Variation 1 to Proposes Waikato Regional Plan Change 1.

Ngaa mihi, naa

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