

## Māori Purpose Zone

### Issues

The purpose of the zone is to specifically provide for Māori needs and activities, including residential, social, cultural, environmental and economic use and development, through a kāika nohoaka approach which achieves a thriving, sustainable and self-sufficient Māori community. It has been developed to reflect the outcomes identified by Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited on behalf of Kāti Huirapa in a research report which identifies the aspirations for settlement to meet the needs of Kāti Huirapa whanau including:

- Flexibility to configure development to suit a communal lifestyle.
- An approach that enables community and business activities.
- Consistent rules irrespective of land tenure.
- Futureproofing for water supply and wastewater services.
- Recognition of rangatiratanga over ancestral land.

### Operative District Plan Approach

There is no Māori Purpose zone that comprehensively addresses and provides for the establishment of papakāinga housing or Māori communities on Māori or ancestral land in the Operative District Plan. Notwithstanding, the Operative District Plan does permit papakāinga on specific land parcels.

### Proposed Plan Approach

The approach to the Māori Purpose zone is to recognise the two key areas of Māori reserve land and to tailor the zone provisions for this land to enable future settlement growth by Kāti Huirapa. The rules for this zone are similar to the Rural Settlement zone with a tailored approach to provide for cultural uses and activities.

## Changes

### Key changes include:

Enable integration of whānaungatanga, mātauranga and tikanga in the use, design and layout of development within the zone

Enable appropriate and compatible activities within the zone that meet the needs of the Kāti Huirapa community and avoiding incompatible activities

Provide for consideration of other locations for the zone to meet Kāti Huirapa needs in the future.

### Summary of key rules

#### Permitted activities

- Papakāinga
- Household units
- Visitor accommodation Home business
- Rural produce retail
- Artificial crop protection structures
- Crop support structures
- Keeping of pigs and poultry for self-subsistence home use
- Primary production
- Manauhiri noho
- Marae complexes
- Whare taoka
- Pouwhenua
- Mahinga kai
- Community facilities
- Kōhanga reo and kura aupapa
- Whare Hauora
- Māori cultural activities, including art and wānanga
- Hākinakina
- Ahuwhenua
- Conservation activities
- Public amenities buildings
- Supported residential care activity

#### Restricted discretionary activities

- Commercial Services, Offices and Retail activities

#### Discretionary activities

- Industrial and Rural Industrial activities
- Seasonal workers accommodation
- Urupā

#### Prohibited

- Brothels or licenced premises and associated buildings and structures

## Reasons

To ensure that there is explicit provision within Timaru District to support Kāti Huirapa aspirations for a form of settlement that enables:

- Whanau to exercise rangatiratanga.
- A tikanga-based community on ancestral land.
- Cultural, economic and social activities that are needed to sustain the community.
- Flexibility to configure development to suit a communal lifestyle.
- Consistent rules irrespective of land tenure.

## What it Means in Practice

Descendants of those granted the land for settlement purposes will be able to work towards the enhancement of whanau based settlement. Private landowners within the land identified as Māori Purpose zone may require resource consent to undertake some activities that are currently permitted.

