

TIMARU DISTRICT 2045 DRAFT GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To: Timaru District Council

Submission on: Draft Timaru District 2045 Growth Management Strategy

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STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION BY AROWHENUA

Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited on behalf of Te Runanga o Arowhenua, make the following submission on the Draft Timaru District 2045 Growth Management Strategy prepared by Timaru District Council.

Our submission is structured as follows:

- The specific provisions of our submission relate to are set out below using the same system of identifying numbers as that contained in the strategy.
- The wording of relief sought shows next text as underlined and original text to be deleted as ~~strikethrough~~.

The specific provisions of the strategy that our submission relates to are:

1. B:1 – Ngai Tahu and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua (page 18)
2. D:1 – What is the broader context? – Strategic Direction for Takata Whenua (page 34)
3. E:2.2 – Landscapes, Biodiversity and Amenity - Strategic Direction [2] Actions & Responsibilities (page 46)

B:1 Ngai Tahu and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua

Section B:1 of the Growth Management Strategy sets out that the Timaru District is a significant area for the takata whenua, Ngāi Tahu, and the local Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, with Arowhenua being the principal Māori settlement of South Canterbury. The introductory section identifies Arowhenua as being located between the junction of the Temuka and Opihi Rivers just 2.0 km south of Temuka.

Section B:1 identifies the Ngai Tahu Iwi Management Plan (2013) '*Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan*' as being an expression of kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga in Canterbury, despite not extending as far south as the Timaru District. The Growth Management Strategy does not reference the "*Iwi Management Plan of Kati Huirapa for the Area Rakaia to Waitaki (1992)*" prepared by Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, which is specifically relevant to the Timaru District.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the Iwi Management Plan is dated, both the Iwi Management Plan and the Growth Management Strategy are living documents that will influence the future direction of the Timaru District; therefore, Section B:1 would be improved by including the "*Iwi Management Plan of Kati Huirapa for the Area Rakaia to Waitaki (1992)*".

Relief Sought:

Amend paragraph four to read:

The Iwi Management Plan of Kati Huirapa for the Area Rakaia to Waitaki (1992) and the Ngai Tahu Iwi Management Plan (2013) 'Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan' ~~is an~~ are expressions of kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga. The Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan does not extend as far south as Timaru District. However, there are a number of principles of relevance with the Management Plan that the Timaru District Council should consider under both the Local Government Act (2002) and the Resource Management Act (1991) in terms of both this Growth Management Strategy and also in terms of District Plan review processes.

D:1 Strategic Direction

Section D:1 acknowledges that broad regulatory changes introduced into Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) in 2005 are relevant to the Timaru District Council's Growth Management Strategy. The relevant legislative requirements are outlined in the tables on Page 34.

One of the legislative requirements identified in the Growth Management Strategy is for Council to work closely with Takata Whenua. The strategic directive for *Takata Whenua* would be strengthened by including Te Rūnanga o Arowhenu in the third bullet point, as it is this local rūnanga who hold manawhenua in this takiwā (district).

Relief Sought

Amend the Takata Whenua component of the RMA Legislative Requirements to read:

- *Actively engage with Ngāi Tahu as takata whenua.*
- *Provision of papakāinga housing on ancestral land.*
- *Work with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the appropriate papatipu rūnanga, that being Te Rūnanga o Arowhenu who holds manawhenua in this takiwā, to determine areas where wāhi tapu, wāhi taonga, and cultural landscapes may be affected by activities.*

E:2.2 Strategic Direction [2] Actions & Responsibilities

Section E2 identifies 12 strategic directives that Timaru District Council propose to introduce into the Growth Management Strategy. The purpose of the strategic directives is to provide direction for the management of growth within the wider Timaru District.

Strategic Directive (2) relates to landscapes, biodiversity and amenity. The purpose of this directive is to formally identify and protect outstanding landscapes and areas of outstanding and high natural character, heritage landscapes, or significant amenity landscapes.

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenu commend Council's approach and willingness to protect the biodiversity of the district, particularly the coastal areas, river margins and lowland bush fragments, which are great significance to local rūnanga.

The actions and responsibilities component of Strategic Directive (2) would be strengthened by including Te Rūnanga o Arowhenu within the *Support Agency* column of Actions A2.1 and A2.4.

Relief Sought:

Amend the Support Agency column in Action A2.1 to read:

Department of Conservation, Canterbury Regional Council, Forest and Bird, Fish and Game, and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.

Amend the Support Agency column in Action A2.4 to read:

Department of Conservation, Canterbury Regional Council, Forest and Bird, Fish and Game, and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.

I do wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Dated at Christchurch this 4th day of August 2017



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