

10 February 2025

Tēnā koutou,

Below are the main points that the Māori Trustee intends to present to the Hearing Panel for Hearing Stream E – Cultural Values on the Proposed Timaru District Plan (**Proposed Plan**).

Introduction:

Ngahuia Huirama and Vanesa Griffiths appear on behalf of the Māori Trustee, Dr Charlotte Severne. The Māori Trustee thanks the Hearing Panel for the opportunity to speak to her submission on the Proposed Plan.

An outline on the role of the Māori Trustee and the lands she administers was provided in the Māori Trustee's original submission.

Before turning to our position on the s42A Officer's recommendations and changes, the Māori Trustee first wishes to acknowledge Ngāi Tahu as the tangata whenua of this rohe.

Secondly, since the s42A Officer's report was released, the Māori Trustee and Ngāi Tahu have provided the hearing panel with a joint statement dated 18 December 2024 outlining our agreed recommendations. For this hearing topic, agreement was reached on:

- A definition for papakāika;
- Changes to the introduction of the Māori Purpose Zone (**MPZ**) Chapter;
- Objectives 1 and 2 and policy 6 of the MPZ; and
- Submission points that the Māori Trustee has formally withdrawn from.

On reflection, the intention of our original submission could have been expressed clearer. The intention was to ensure that Māori who whakapapa to and own Māori freehold land in this rohe - who will almost certainly affiliate to Ngāi Tahu - should be afforded the same consenting pathway to develop their whenua regardless of whether they are actively involved with Kāti Huirapa.

The joint statement of the Māori Trustee and Ngāi Tahu seeks to clarify and achieve this agreed position, ensuring Māori landowners are not disadvantaged in the use and development of Māori land while appropriately recognising Ngāi Tahu as the tangata whenua of this rohe.

Māori Purpose Zone:

The Māori Trustee agrees with Ngāi Tahu's position on the recommended changes to the Energy, Infrastructure and Transport (**EIT**) chapter, that the MPZ should be read in conjunction with EIT provisions where relevant. She supports the provisions remaining as notified, so that both the EIT and MPZ provisions are considered when infrastructure activities within the MPZ are assessed.



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While the Māori Trustee did not submit on the Infrastructure Chapter, subsequent changes recommended in the s42A report would enable more infrastructure activities that have the potential to limit the use and development of Māori freehold land (the subject of the Māori Trustee's submission) within the MPZ.

The EIT chapters state that provisions within the EIT chapter take precedence over the objectives and policies in any Zone Chapter of Part 3 – Area Specific Matters<sup>1</sup>. The MPZ Chapter is a Zone Chapter of Part 3 – Area Specific Matters. Therefore, the recommended changes have the effect that the provisions within the EIT chapters will now take precedence over MPZ objectives and policies.

This is notwithstanding that, under the National Planning Standards 2019<sup>2</sup>, the MPZ is classified as a 'Special Purpose Zone'. The National Planning Standards require that Special Purpose Zone chapters include cross-references to EIT chapters and vice versa<sup>3</sup>. Given the unique nature of the special purpose zone, the Māori Trustee supports Ngāi Tahu's position that a specific assessment should be undertaken to determine if the proposed EIT provisions are suitable for the intended purpose of the zone.

The Māori Purpose Zone contains existing infrastructure which restricts use and development of Māori land. It is unlikely that infrastructure will be relocated, however, upgrades and maintenance could create further restrictions on the use and development of Māori land. Therefore, the relationship between EIT rules and the MPZ is important, and the Māori Trustee respectfully requests that the Panel undertakes the assessment of compatibility between these chapters as recommended by Ngāi Tahu.

We hope you find this information helpful and would be happy to clarify any questions or queries you may have on the day of the hearing or prior. Please feel free to contact us by email at [resource.management@tetumupaeroa.co.nz](mailto:resource.management@tetumupaeroa.co.nz).

Ngā manaakitanga,

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<sup>1</sup> S42A Report: EI, SW, TRAN Chapters, [Appendix 1 – Recommended Amendments](#), pg. 2.

<sup>2</sup> [national-planning-standards-november-2019-updated-2022.pdf](#).

<sup>3</sup> Clauses 7.5 – 7.7, District-wide Matters Standards, pg. 32.

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