TE ARAWA – EMERGENCY HOUSING RESPONSE

REPORT BACK HUI

27 NOVEMBER 2022

HEI TIMATANGA KORERO BACKGROUND

- I. TV Sunday programme highlighted issues for Rotorua with Emergency Housing
- Te Tatau o Te Arawa (Te Taru White) facilitated a Te Arawa hui at Tamatekapua (22 September)
- 3. A Ngāti Whakaue working party had been appointed. It was agreed that those representatives meet with the Te Arawa representatives
- 4. Ngāti Whakaue facilitated a separate hui at Tamatekapua (25 September) and appointed representatives to work alongside Te Arawa.
- 5. Ngāti Whakaue reported back on 20 November

NGĀ HIAHIA: WEWANTED TO....

- Establish a position of strength for Te Arawa to lead the response & solutions for this community challenge.
- Take control of this situation, for our people and rohe, to lead and direct the Crown's accountability and responsibility as our Te Tiriti Partner
- Take the lead and show our Crown partners the way.
 - A coordinated and deliberate approach. Being strategic and tactical.
 - Longer-term focus and aspiration in mind.
- Te oranga o te iwi, te oranga o te rohe, te oranga o Te Arawa!

ORANGA TE ARAWA PARTNERSHIP



KUA AHATIA? WHAT HAS HAPPENED...

- I. Online hui held with Ministers Davis, Woods, Sepuloni, Whaitiri and their officials (II October)
- 2. Commitment from Minister Woods to put in place a partnership and support and work with Te Arawa to address the current housing crisis. (Minister Davis) Te Arawhiti officials were to work with Te Arawa to agree an overall relationship. Minister Sepuloni supported sharing of data
- 3. Officials met with Mayor, RLC and some Te Arawa (20 October) tentative agreement to have a Tripartite Accord between Te Arawa, Rotorua District Council and Government
- 4. Several Te Arawa / Ngāti Whakaue strategy/planning sessions have been held to clarify roles and relationships
- 5. Agreed Te Tatau would assist Te Arawa / Ngāti Whakaue in a coordination role

KO NGA A TE ARAWA: HUI WITH OURSELVES....

• There have been a number of hui of Te Arawa reps and Ngāti Whakaue reps which have been about:

• Priorities:

- Dealing with Emergency Housing pipeline
- House builds
- Coordination of support services
- Policy settings
- Workforce
- Representation at meetings with the Crown
- Relationship of Te Arawa with Ngāti Whakaue in this area
- It was agreed that the focus of any agreement with the Crown NOW focus on Housing

KO NGĀ HUI ME TE KAUNIHERA ME TE KARAUNA: HUI WITH OTHER PARTIES

There have been a number of hui with Ministry Housing and Urban Development and Rotorua Lakes Council both together and separate

At a hui on the 21st November, in principle four workstreams have been agreed to :

- i. Housing Accord (working towards signing on 9 December Minister/Mayor/Iwi)
- ii. Objective areas: Actively managing the EH system (including to the social service pipeline), and Build Programme to meet housing shortfall and future demand,
- iii. Priorities/Actions across the Objective areas (to be co-designed)
- iv. Mahitahi ongoing communication agreement on how we are going to work together, including communication channels being clear and messaging transparent

HE WHAKATAUNGA: AN ACCORD....

- The suggestion is that there will be an ACCORD between Te Arawa, Rotorua Lakes Council and the Crown/ Minister of Housing.
- There will be reference to the mana whenua status of Ngāti Whakaue
- The Minister would like it signed on the 9th Dec 2022
- We are currently refining the wording with reps from Ngāti Whakaue
- We need agreement from you to go to next steps



KO NGĀ WHAKATAU O TĒNEI HUI: RESOLUTIONS

That this hui agrees to the following resolutions:

I. That Te Arawa be a party to a Housing Accord alongside of the Crown and Rotorua Lakes Council.

2. That Parties agree to work together in a collaborative manner for the purpose of solving Rotorua's emergency housing crisis and to improve the well being of whanau in the Emergency Housing.

3. That Parties collaboratively devise, agree and oversee the implementation of solutions that ensure the safety, well being and quality of living standards is maintained at a high level for all those in emergency housing in Rotorua.

4. That Parties will optimise systems, settings and incentives to increase the supply of housing in Rotorua in a way that is sustainable.

5. That Parties agree that a clear values statement be determined by Te Arawa and adopted in the Housing Accord.

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- 6. That a Governance Group be established that will make decisions and set policies to guide and direct the actions of parties to the Accord .The Governance Group will consist of:
- Ministers of Housing and Social Development
- Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Rotorua
- Four Te Arawa representatives, with two of the four from Ngāti Whakaue.

7. That a Steering Group be established that will oversee, review, monitor and hold all parties to account. The Steering Group will consist of:

- Chief Executive of Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
- Chief Executive of Rotorua Lakes Council
- A senior official, DCE level or above, from MSD, MHUD and RLC
- Six Te Arawa representatives, with three of the six from Ngāti Whakaue

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8. That working groups be established to develop and implement the various work streams as determined by the Steering Group. Each Working Group will consist of;

- Officials from appropriate Ministries and Rotorua Lakes Council
- Two Te Arawa Representatives in each Working group with one of the two from Ngāti Whakaue.

9. That the selection of Te Arawa representatives on the various Accord groups be coordinated by a Te Arawa leadership roopu consisting of Kirikowhai Mikaere, Haehaetu Barrett, Leith Comer and Te Ururoa Flavell.

10. That the Te Arawa representatives on the Governance, Steering and Working Groups will report back to a Te Arawa hui at least three times a year.

II. That Te Tatau o Te Arawa will provide back-office support and coordinate the Accord activities of Te Arawa representatives.

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KO TE TIRITI, HAERE AKE NEI... CROWN/ TE ARAWA RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE

- Seek mandate for a group to engage in an interim (two year) relationship agreement with Ministers focused on Social and Economic Wellbeing.
- This relationship between Te Arawa and the Crown would sit over the Housing/Emergency Housing accord and other mahi so that there is an option to raise any issues for our teams working in that space (out of the official's space). The current proposal for the housing accord is for it to be with MHUD, Council, Te Arawa. The higher-level relationship agreement would allow for us to be able to call in other Ministers/Ministries we identify are needed for the wellbeing of our people and place.
- Why an interim 2 year relationship agreement?

- to be able to bring together our people under our own Te Arawa Kawenata (based on our Te Arawa matauranga/hitori/korero/maramatanga) that would then set some kawa, tikanga, uaratanga and whakaritenga for when we come together (to elevate our collective voice) and when we stand in our own spaces.

- Take in to account the outstanding Ngati Whakaue Claim and every other existing settlement across Te Arawa iwi.