

# *Iwi/Hapu Report*

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*Iwi/Hapu Input to Whangarei District Council  
Growth Strategy:  
Sustainable Futures 30/50*

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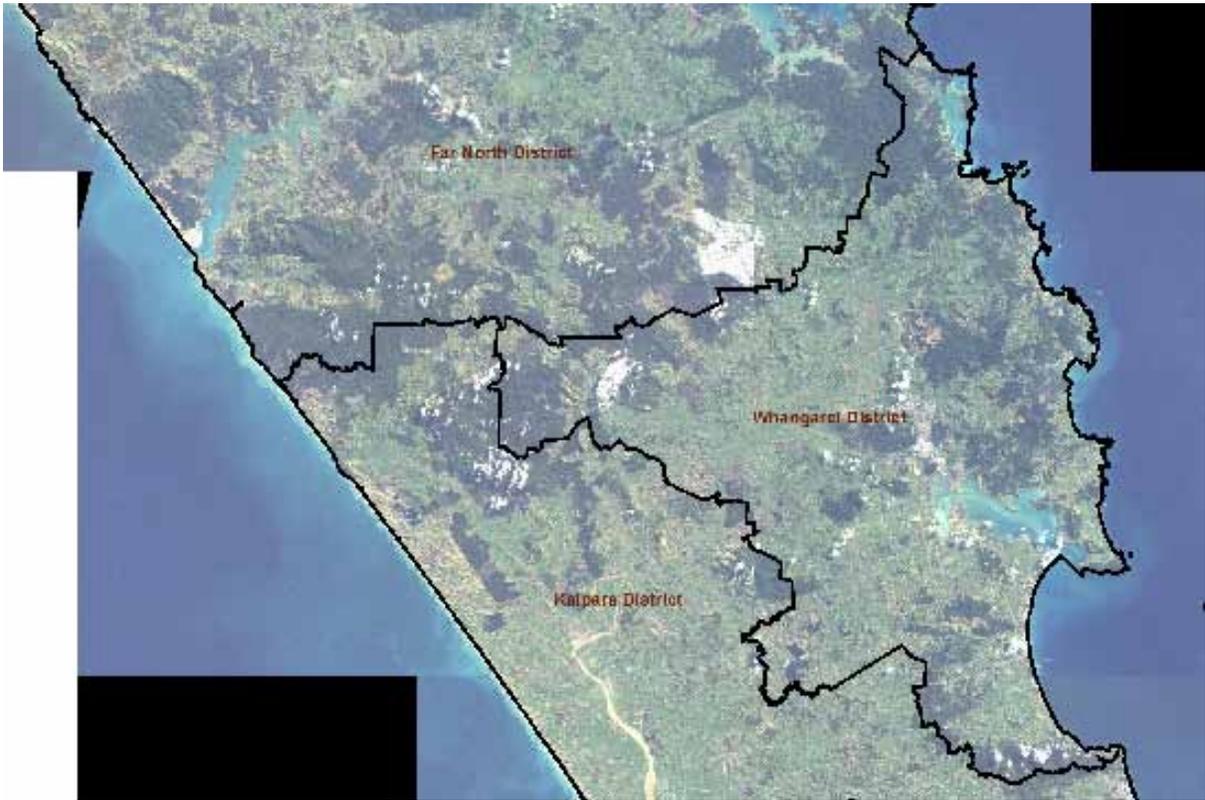
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Ka huri nga mihi ki te hunga ora, kia koutou e tautoko nei i tenei Kaupapa o te Sub-Regional Growth Strategy mo Whangarei Terenga Paraoa, Terenga Waka, Terenga Tangata tena koutou, tena koutou, tena kotou katoa.

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# 1.0 Overview

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## 1.1 Introduction

Whangarei is an area of cultural, social, environmental, and economic importance to many people. The growth of the area must enable these 'wellbeing's' to provide for our future needs in a manner which appreciates the limitations of our resources, while setting a vision on what Whangarei will look like in years to come. The Whangarei District Council Growth Strategy: Sustainable Futures 30/50 provides a valuable tool for directing the expansion of the district towards achieving this vision.

Developing a strategic vision for growth requires the input from a wide range of groups, including Tangata Whenua. It is an opportunity to dream, to visualise, to aspire - and to find a pathway to lead our communities there. With Maori comprising a large proportion of the population of Whangarei and with population estimates at 36% in 2016, the District Council has recognised the need to ensure the future vision is developed in conjunction with the vision of Tangata Whenua.

In providing input into the Growth Strategy process, Tangata Whenua also recognise the overlapping relationship between the four well beings; cultural, social, environmental and economic (Diagram 1). The growth of Whangarei is not limited to physical elements, economic drivers, land use patterns or infrastructural requirements, but also encompasses cultural and spiritual growth components as well. It is understood that we are the caretakers of today, for the benefit of future generations.

## 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to highlight the vision that Tangata Whenua have for the growth of the Whangarei District over the next 50 years. The vision has been developed from the valuable input provided by Tangata Whenua through a series of hui held in the Whangarei area. It is expected that the information within this report will be used in conjunction with other background reports in forming the Whangarei District Council's Growth Strategy: Sustainable Futures 30/50.

This report does not replace personal, hapu or iwi participation from Tangata Whenua; there is an expectation there will be further opportunities to comment on, and provide input into, the Growth Strategy on an ongoing basis.

Tangata Whenua may use the information contained within this report in developing their individual policies and strategies.

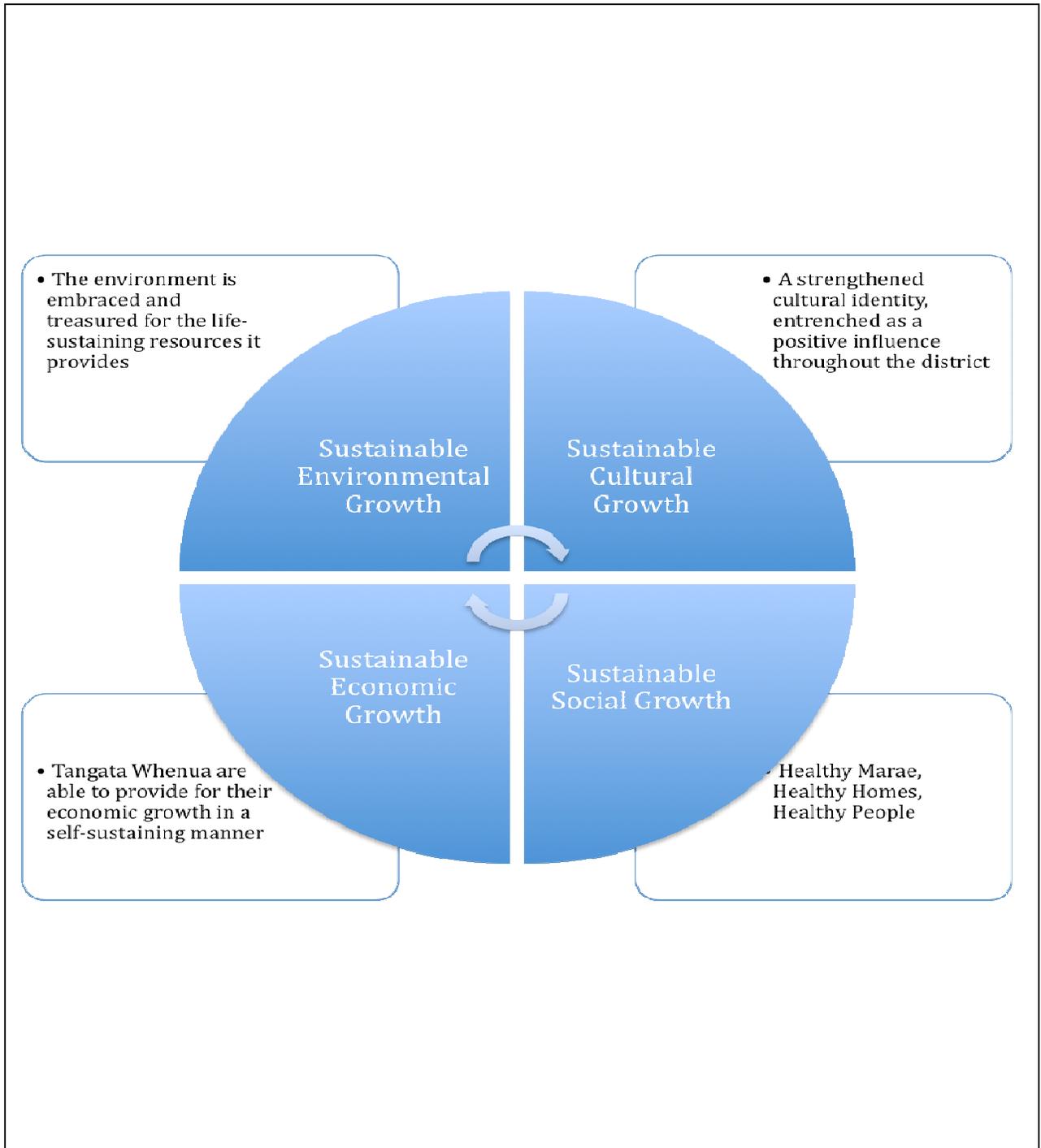


Figure 2: Overlaps between the four well beings

## 2.0 The Vision of Tangata Whenua

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### 2.1 Vision

*“Ko te paetawhiti o Whangarei he mea hanga i nga whakaute me nga wawata,  
kia nui ake te tikanga kia mau,  
kia tini nga mea angitu,  
kia whakanui nga ahurei,  
kia whakatinanatia nga momoea o nga tangata me nga iwi whanui.”*

*“The future of Whangarei is built upon mutual respect and shared aspirations,  
where its rich culture is embraced,  
where opportunities abound,  
where uniqueness is celebrated  
and where the dreams of our people and communities are realised.”*

### 2.2 Elements of the Vision

The Vision is comprised of the following elements:

- **Tikanga:** The correct way
- **Manaakitanga:** Trust and respect, actively contributing towards developing a positive relationship
- **Kaitiakitanga:** Guardianship
- **Kawanatanga:** Recognise the need for law
- **Rangatiratanga:** The right to self-govern
- **Kotahitanga:** Unity in purpose and vision in moving forward
- **Tauutuutu:** Reciprocal support in building a strong foundation for the future
- **Te Ao Maori:** The world around us (physical, spiritual and cultural) is intrinsically interlinked and must be considered in its entirety
- **Maramatanga:** Understanding and consideration
- **Whakapapa:** Learning from the past, in order to move into the future
- **Mana Whenua:** Authority of over land based resources
- **Mana Moana:** Authority over water based resources.

## 3.0 Consultation

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### 3.1 Process

This report represents a collaborative effort by iwi and hapu to present an agreed position as to iwi and hapu input to the WDC Growth Strategy. On confirmation of the project Repo Consultancy Ltd commissioned reports from Ngatiwai Trust Board and Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust on their perspectives of the WDC Growth Strategy: Sustainable Futures 30/50 including the 3 Futures Assessment. The first open hui to discuss the Strategy was held in collaboration with Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi ki te Takiwa o Whangarei. This hui was attended by Ngapuhi, Ngatwai, Te Waiariki, Ngati Korora, Taiharuru Marae, Ngati Hau, Ngati Hine and Taura Here living within the district. A second open hui was held in collaboration with Te Komiti Waahine o Tau Henare as an opportunity for the more inland hapu of the district to discuss the Strategy.

The first and second drafts of the report were sent across the email networks over a two week period. Feedback was received from hui participants and Te Parawhau. Although invitations, phone calls and draft reports were sent to Ngati Kahu ki Torongare, and Ngati Te Rino no feedback was received from these hapu.

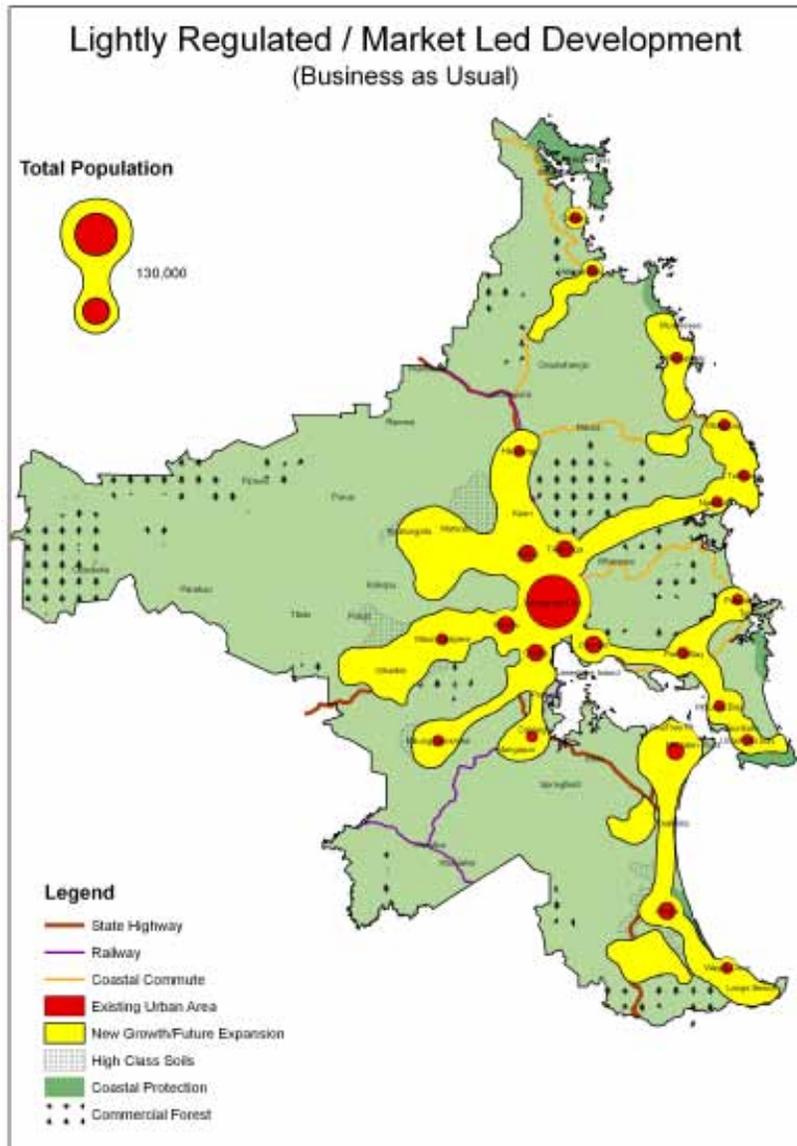
### 3.2 Use of feedback

The feedback from the reports and hui has been used as the basis for forming the content of this report. Comments were collated into similar groupings as per the format of the hui which divided topics into the categories of the four wellbeing's; cultural, environmental, social and economic which are each assessed later in this report. Discussion around the governance of the district and consultation processes commonly arose across all four wellbeing's. To avoid repetition a separate section dedicated to these issues also forms a component of the report.

## 4.0 Alternative Futures Assessment

The Alternative Futures as outlined by the Whangarei District Council have been considered against their responsiveness to issues raised by Tangata Whenua and whether the Futures options provide an enhanced process for moving forward. Given the lack of detail around the Alternative Futures options, a more detailed assessment is not feasible at this stage. However, a high level assessment has been undertaken of the Futures options in comparison to the Vision Statement for each wellbeing (refer to Table 1).

### 4.1 Future One: Lightly Regulated, Market Led Development

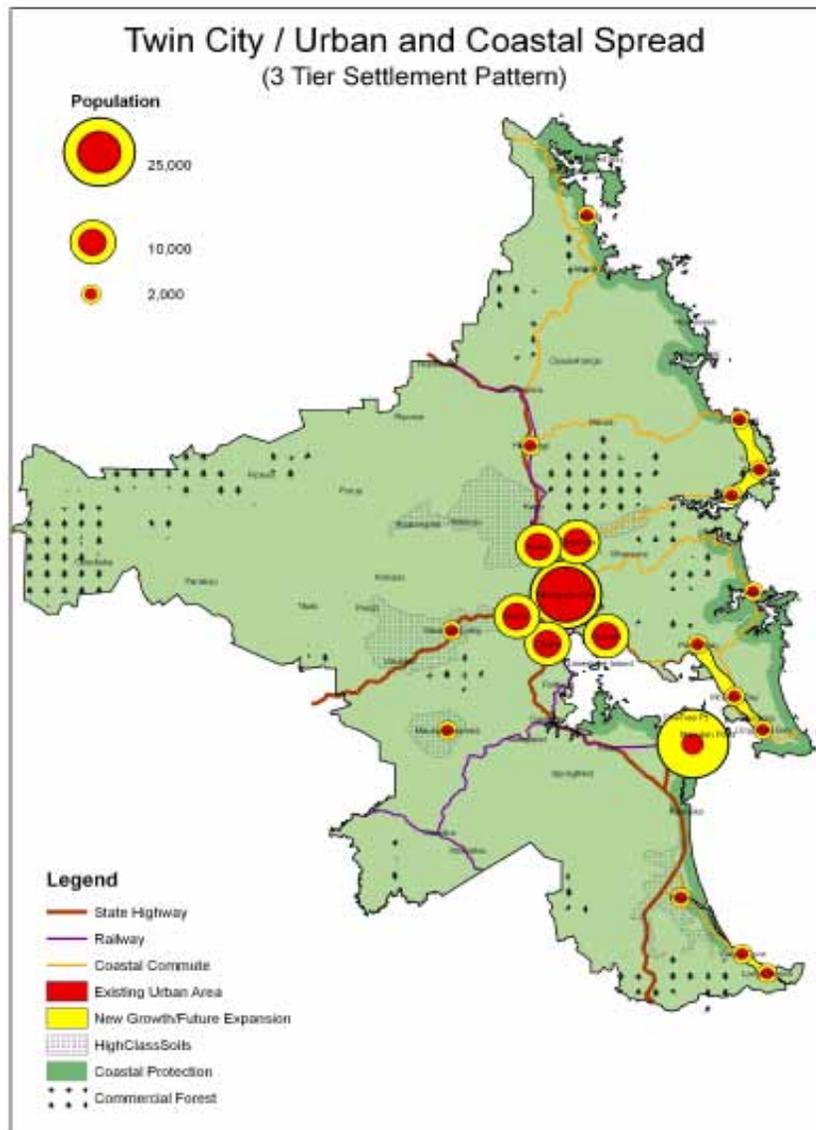


Future One has significantly contributed to the cultural, economic, social and environmental issues outlined in this report. The lightly regulated and market-led type of development we have

experienced over the last few decades has diminished the wellbeing of Tangata Whenua. It has led to adhoc development with little thought given to developing a cohesive vision for the district or any strategic direction. It fails to recognise the concerns of Tangata Whenua and falls well short of addressing these concerns.

As a framework for the future growth of Whangarei it neglects the values of Tangata Whenua and lacks any improvement for moving forward or supporting the future visions and objectives of Tangata Whenua. As such, Future One was soundly rejected by hui participants throughout the district.

#### 4.2 Future Two: Twin City/Urban and Coastal Spread



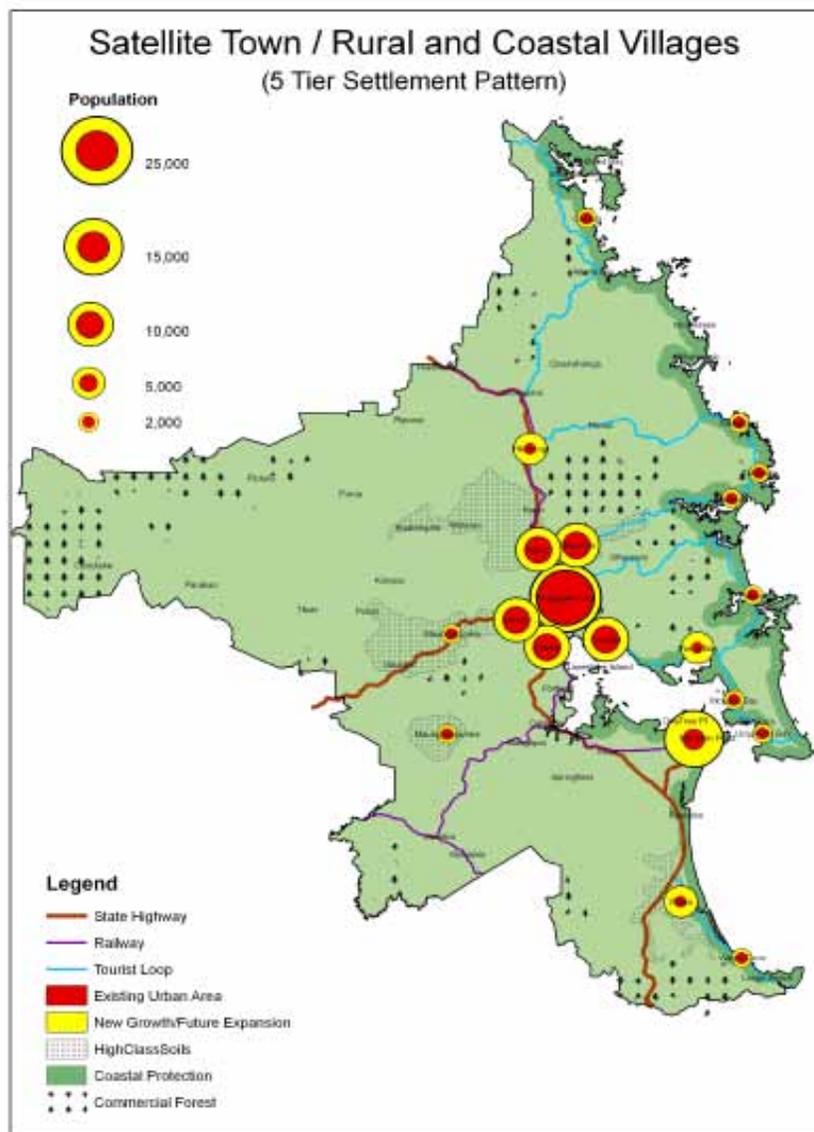
The twin city concept and further coastal spread offered in Future Two does not appear viable and could further erode the four wellbeings. There is concern regarding vulnerability of the coast development to coastal hazards, climate change impacts and tsunami events. Encouraging further

coastal development will lead to increased mitigation costs for coastal hazards and there needs to be progressive movement towards a 'planned retreat' from the coast.

While it is acknowledged this option does provide some improvements on the Future One option, there is concern that priority for infrastructure provision will be directed to the 'twin cities' at the cost of smaller town centres and rural areas, or that the twin cities themselves will compete for services and resources.

Specific input from Patuharakeke stressed the potential for Ruakaka/Marsden Point to become an "industrial slum" under this option, and indicated a preference for developing educational and health services in the area as opposed to continuing with the current focus on industrial development.

### 4.3 Future Three: Satellite Town/Rural and Coastal Villages



Future 3 was clearly the preferred option demonstrated through hui feedback, and the following characteristics are supported:

- Limiting sporadic growth and ribbon development between the existing coastal villages
- Added protection of high class soils and productive farmland
- Avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards
- Protection of the natural character of the coast from inappropriate development, whilst providing for public access and enabling Tangata Whenua to sustainably develop their coastal land.

Feedback included Pīpīwai being developed as a node which would support a rural based population of 2000. There also needs to be recognition in this option of the value and location of traditional settlements and future Papakainga of Tangata Whenua, and how these will be linked into the hierarchical system.

**Table 1:** Comparison of Alternative Futures options against potential for achieving Vision Statements of Tangata Whenua

	<b>Cultural:</b> A strengthened cultural identify, entrenched as a positive influence throughout the district	<b>Environmental:</b> The environment is embraced and treasured for the life-sustaining resources it provides	<b>Social:</b> Healthy Marae, Healthy Homes, Healthy People	<b>Economic:</b> Tangata Whenua are able to provide for their economic growth in a self-sustaining manner
<b>Futures One</b>	No	No	No	In part
<b>Futures Two</b>	No	In part	In part	In part
<b>Futures Three</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

None of the Futures options address the cultural growth for Whangarei as it relates to the vision of Tangata Whenua. Any further development of the framework options will have to ensure the future visions of Tangata Whenua are incorporated as fully as possible.

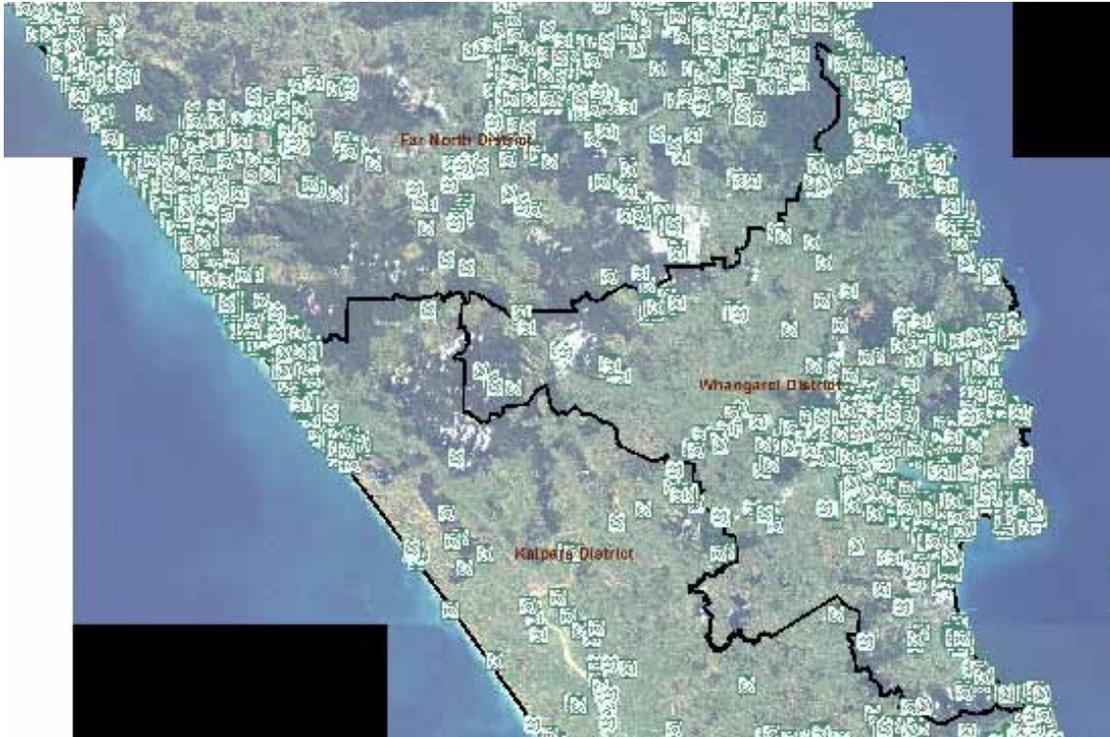
Notwithstanding the above, the support for this option is based upon the expectation that this strategic direction will not impinge on the ability of Tangata Whenua to sustainably develop their land as they see fit in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## 5.0 Sustainable Cultural Growth

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### 5.1 Vision Statement

≈ *A STRENGTHENED CULTURAL IDENTITY, ENTRENCHED AS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT*



New Zealand Archaeological Association recorded sites 2006

### 5.2 Issues

- ≈ Tangata whenua are experiencing a loss of tikanga Maori
- ≈ Marae are struggling to survive and be self-sustaining
- ≈ Tangata whenua are wanting to return to their turangawaewae, but existing barriers act as a deterrent (such as lack of employment opportunities)
- ≈ Maturanga Maori is not incorporated into processes as a valid knowledge base
- ≈ Te Reo is being misspelt, mispronounced and ridiculed
- ≈ Sites and areas of significance to Tangata Whenua are being modified, damaged and destroyed
- ≈ There is a lack of collaboration between Tangata Whenua, and key agencies who have decision making responsibilities which impact on the cultural wellbeing of Tangata whenua
- ≈ The rohe of some Tangata Whenua cross boundaries into neighbouring district's

### 5.3 Vision Objectives

- ≈ To revitalise tikanga Maori, Marae, Kainga, and Te Reo
- ≈ To recognise the value of Maturanga Maori as a valid and expert form of knowledge, and to have it incorporated into standard processes (such a monitoring of the environment)
- ≈ To identify and protect the historic and contemporary cultural values of Tangata Whenua

- To respect and recognise the 'sense of place' that Maori culture and values contribute towards creating the unique identity of the Whangarei district
- To recognise diversity as a challenge, but that it also provides an opportunity
- To initiate improved decision making processes which Tangata Whenua are an integral part of

#### **5.4 Growth Strategy Policies**

- That flourishing Marae and Papakainga are seen as fundamental measures of successful growth within the district
- That a thriving Maori culture has a vital role in creating a culturally vibrant, spirited and unique district
- That the cultural integrity of Rangatira and Tangata Whenua is respected
- That the role of Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki is provided for
- That Whangarei builds a reputation as a district which embraces and provides for tikanga Maori and the practice of customary activities
- That Whangarei is acknowledged as a bilingual district with the majority of the population being fluent and confident in the use of Te Reo
- That the presence and use of Te Reo is evident and respected as an everyday part of life for all people within the district
- That protection is established for all waahi tapu, taonga tuku iho and mahinga kai, and that decision making processes acknowledge and respect the cultural significance of these resources
- That Whangarei is a district which encourages and supports collaboration with Tangata Whenua in decision making processes
- That there is a co-ordinated approach within governing agencies (such as district and regional council's) to ensure there is consistency in their strategic direction, policies and methods

#### **5.5 Actions**

- Provision of courses on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Reo me ona Tikanga, which are freely available to the public
- Courses on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Reo me ona Tikanga are compulsory for staff in key agencies and organisations
- Place names are returned to their original Maori names
- There are regular district-wide celebrations of the cultural identity of Tangata Whenua
- Return to kupu as used prior to colonisation
- Signage is provided in both Te Reo and English
- Assistance is provided to landowners to protect and enhance sites, resources and features of cultural value to Tangata Whenua
- Develop a policy for managing cultural sites throughout the district, and such sites are managed by the relevant Tangata Whenua
- Support, including funding, is provided for the enhancement of Maori culture initiatives
- Tangata Whenua are employed in the management of significant sites, resources and areas
- Assist in developing programmes to empower taitamariki
- Provide opportunities for Tangata Whenua to create an economic base, maintain relationships, establish pataka, and enable representation
- The return of all surplus public works land to Tangata Whenua

## 6.0 Sustainable Environmental Growth

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### 6.1 Vision Statement

- ≈ *THE ENVIRONMENT IS EMBRACED AND TREASURED FOR THE LIFE-SUSTAINING RESOURCES IT PROVIDES*

### 6.2 Issues

- ≈ The mauri and number of waterways in the district are decreasing due to land management practices
- ≈ The relationship of Tangata Whenua with the natural environment is not recognised in decision making processes
- ≈ Tangata Whenua are not recognised for their role as kaitiaki of environmental resources
- ≈ Maturanga Maori is not recognised as a valuable database for monitoring environmental health
- ≈ Pollution and degradation of the environment is continuing
- ≈ The mauri, health and productivity of the environment is being tainted because of inappropriate land based activities
- ≈ The health of the environment is not improving because it is not being considered in a holistic manner
- ≈ There are restrictions preventing the customary harvesting of traditional foods, resources and materials

### 6.3 Vision Objectives

- ≈ To ensure Wai Maori are utilised, accessible, and restored, and are of sufficient quantity and diversity to support healthy ecological systems
- ≈ To ensure the relationship of Tangata Whenua with the natural environment is restored and enhanced
- ≈ To establish environmental management processes which contribute positively and ensure sustainable practices are carried out
- ≈ To reduce the levels of pollution to standards that are acceptable to Tangata Whenua
- ≈ To investigate alternative methods of treating polluted water
- ≈ To ensure land management practices do not exacerbate pollution and degradation of the environment
- ≈ To establish processes where Tangata Whenua are part of the decision making process on environmental matters of significance to them
- ≈ To establish a reputation as a district which treasures and looks after its natural environment
- ≈ To ensure growth of the district does not lead to increases in pollution or poor land management
- ≈ To establish robust information and data on the environment, including pollution levels, flooding, impacts of climate change, tsunami, and areas with high biodiversity values
- ≈ To establish processes which act as incentives for people to care for their environment
- ≈ To ensure practices around the customary harvesting of traditional foods, resources and materials in a sustainable manner are implemented

#### 6.4 Growth Strategy Policies

- That the mauri of the water and soil is protected and enhanced by setting minimum environmental standards which are based on cultural health indicators
- That environmental resources are managed on a comprehensive integrated catchment basis across the district, which recognises the holistic world view of Tangata Whenua
- That Tangata Whenua are encouraged to work within the environmental management field through provision of scholarships and Marae based courses
- That stormwater and flooding are managed on a catchment basis and monitored by setting minimum environmental standards which are based on cultural health indicators
- That Tangata Whenua are recognised as Kaitiaki for environmental resources, and that this role is provided for in the management of these resources
- That Mātauranga Māori as it relates to environmental matters is valued as a valid source of data and is used as a basis for formulating cultural health indicators
- That Tangata Whenua have a decision making role in processes relevant to environmental wellbeing
- That on-going support is provided for environmental initiatives through provision of funding and technical assistance
- That decision making processes include requirements that recognise the interlinked nature of the environment in a physical, cultural and spiritual sense
- That the urban expansion of the district is clustered around existing infrastructure systems in order to reduce costs, avoid sprawl and reduce environmental impact
- That the Whangarei District Council lead by example on climate change by (for example) reducing the number of vehicles in its fleet, mandatory use of hybrid vehicles in its fleet, and investigating methods to make use of discharges from waste water treatment plants and landfills
- That the customary harvesting practices of Tangata Whenua are provided

#### 6.5 Actions

- Adopt infrastructure practices which produce culturally acceptable standards for freshwater and mahinga kai
- Tangata Whenua are actively involved in managing a number of resources and areas through, for example, joint partnerships with other agencies or as the sole manager
- Tangata Whenua are employed to manage cultural sites, resources and areas
- Implement practical working partnerships with Tangata Whenua to manage environmental resources
- Cultural environmental health indicators, based upon Mātauranga Māori, are implemented as part of environmental health monitoring processes
- Key agencies within Whangarei have adopted in their everyday practice Tangata Whenua philosophies and values as included in hapu and iwi environmental management plans
- Funding and technical support is provided for the development of hapu and iwi environmental management plans
- Compensation is made available to Tangata Whenua by polluters of the environment
- Discharges of any waste into waterways and on any cultural sites is prohibited
- Place controls around adverse impacts of traffic (such as dust) on Marae, Kainga, and Kura
- Ensure a contestable annual 'environmental' fund is available and budgeted for

## 7.0 Sustainable Social Growth

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### 7.1 Vision Statement

- *HEALTHY MARAE, HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY PEOPLE*

### 7.2 Issues

- Lack of opportunities and aspirations for Taitamariki
- Perception that there are unsafe environments
- Need for improved educational opportunities
- Lack of data around social requirements and opportunities for Tangata Whenua
- The status of Tangata Whenua health and wellbeing remains low
- Tangata Whenua are living in unsafe homes
- Barriers to establishing Papakainga in traditional locations with traditional values

### 7.3 Vision Objectives

- To ensure Whangarei is a safe society, with a safe economy and a safe environment
- To establish a top class tertiary institution for Northland
- To ensure health services are accessible and affordable
- To ensure drinkable water is available
- To provide a range of recreational opportunities within the vicinity of Marae that encourage and promote an active population
- To ensure Tangata Whenua have ready access to information and data in order to determine social opportunities and requirements
- To ensure programmes are developed which inspire Taitamariki to achieve their full potential
- To establish, support and encourage development of Papakainga and the utilisation of Maori land
- To develop and implement a Papakainga Strategy which enables Tangata Whenua access to all relevant agencies ('one-stop shop')

### 7.4 Growth Strategy Policies

- That Whangarei is well known for providing top quality educational opportunities at a tertiary level
- That Whangarei provides social opportunities which attract Tangata Whenua to return and remain living in the district
- That housing is affordable, healthy and safe
- That Marae are recognised in their role as the 'hub' of the community, and are used as a centre for the provision of social services
- That a range of health and social services are available in both the rural and urban areas
- That infrastructure (such as a clean water supply) is installed to meet the health needs of Tangata Whenua
- That Papakainga form a vibrant and constructive part of the social fabric of Whangarei
- That Whangarei has a reputation as a recreational orientated district, with abundant outdoor activity choices available
- That the ability for Taitamariki to set their goals and aims in life is supported by a positive social foundation (including health, education, recreation, and tikanga Maori)

- That land use regulations allow for the development of Papakainga in traditional and strategic locations

### 7.5 Actions

- Funding is available for the maintenance, upgrade, and extension of Marae
- Funding is available for the maintenance, upgrade, and extension of existing sports and recreational facilities in rural and coastal settlements
- Free health services for all people
- Health services are provided from a Marae base
- The installation of water treatment facilities where public infrastructure is not available
- Make demographic and census data available in an easy to understand format
- Build Northland's first University
- Review existing land use regulations in relation to Papakainga development
- Identify locations where Papakainga are likely to be established and/or enhanced within the next 50 years

## 8.0 Sustainable Economic Growth

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### 8.1 Vision Statement

- ≈ *TANGATA WHENUA ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN A SELF-SUSTAINING MANNER*

### 8.2 Issues

- ≈ Lack of high speed internet services in rural areas limits economic opportunities
- ≈ Lack of employment/business opportunities to support Tangata Whenua returning to their turangawaewae
- ≈ Maori land is perceived as 'unproductive'
- ≈ Presence of financial/capital barriers to establishing economic opportunities
- ≈ No strategic or policy direction for Northland as enters a post-Treaty settlement era
- ≈ Need for appropriate infrastructure to support economic development
- ≈ Current use of Maori land may not sustainable for the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of Tangata Whenua over time
- ≈ Productive land is being lost to urban sprawl

### 8.3 Vision Objectives

- ≈ To ensure a range of economic opportunities are available in Whangarei including marine farming, and internet based businesses.
- ≈ To ensure financial and capital lending alternatives which support economic development are available to Tangata Whenua
- ≈ To establish economic opportunities which encourage the return of Tangata Whenua to their turangawaewae, and provide sufficient income to meet their needs and expectations
- ≈ To ensure policy and decision-making processes support the economic development of land returned to Tangata Whenua through Treaty of Waitangi settlements
- ≈ To ensure Whangarei has sufficient electricity generation capacity to meet the growth demands of the district, specifically alternative forms of generation (such as wind, and hydro)
- ≈ To protect valuable agricultural and horticultural soils from land uses which do not fully utilise the productivity of these soils

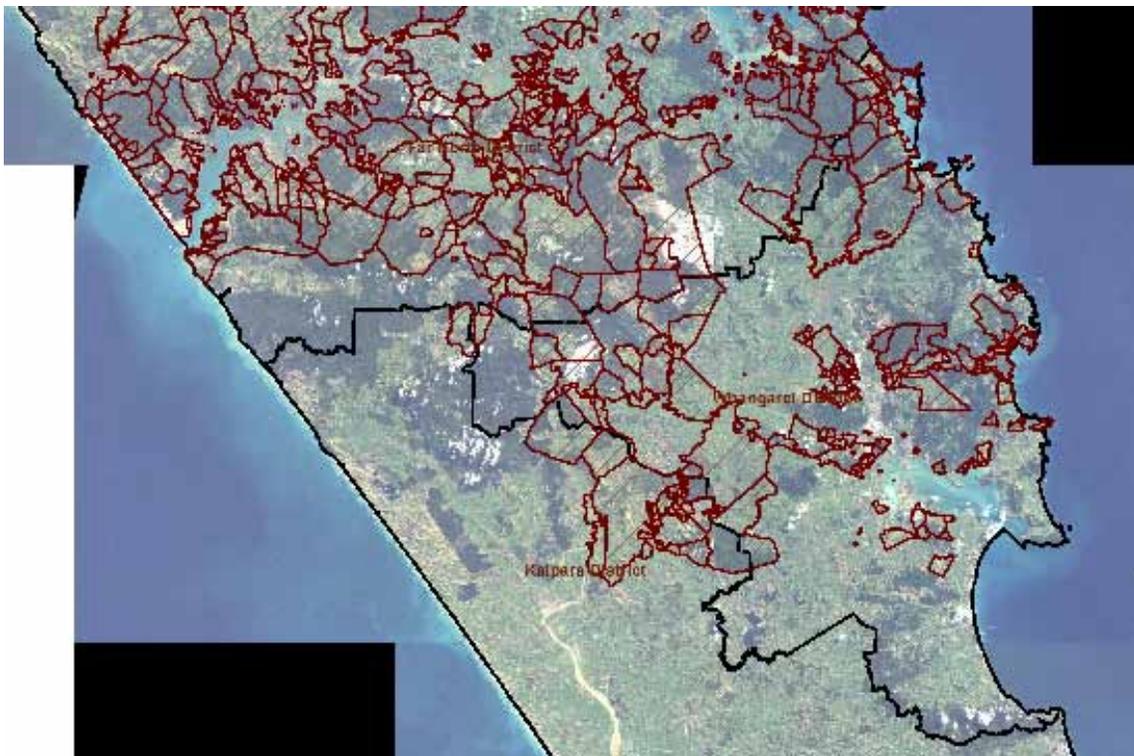
### 8.4 Growth Strategy Policies

- ≈ That Whangarei supports an equitable return on rate and tax contributions
- ≈ That Tangata Whenua have real opportunities to establish self-sustaining forms of economic development initiatives
- ≈ That appropriate marine farming opportunities are supported and encouraged in the district
- ≈ That Tangata Whenua have the skills and capacity to manage, develop and sustain their own economic opportunities
- ≈ That Tangata Whenua have the autonomy as envisioned by Te Tiriti O Waitangi to sustainably develop Maori land as they see fit
- ≈ That there is access to financial capital for the economic development of Maori land

- That alternative uses for rates collected from Maori land are explored such as funding of feasibility studies for economic initiatives
- That Tangata Whenua are leaders in the area of 'green industries'. This includes energy efficiency, Emission Trading Scheme, ecotourism, and eco-cultural tourism
- That productive soils are protected from urban sprawl. These soils are a valuable resource for the district and provide a variety of opportunities for economic growth

### 8.5 Actions

- Develop "organic growth zones" which support organic cash crops - sold to local communities and markets, reducing 'food miles'
- Complete a feasibility study for different economic opportunities in Whangarei
- Make funding available for supporting infrastructure
- Initiate a joint-venture to roll out high speed internet services in rural areas
- Establish aquaculture farms as a sustainable economic business
- Lease Maori land to the government for establishment of a tertiary institution for Northland
- Develop a policy where Northland based companies are given priority for tenders and contracts within the region
- Investigate negative impacts of forestry, and ineffective management
- Install wireless broadband into all schools
- Investigate opportunities for alternative forms of energy
- Pay council 'rates' directly to hapu
- Investigate joint venture options with Tangata Whenua
- Work with lending groups to enable Tangata Whenua to borrow money using collectively owned Maori land as collateral



**Native Land Court Blocks within the District**

## 9.0 Governance and Decision-Making

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A recurring theme at the hui held and through the issues raised was the desire for Tangata Whenua to have an increased level of autonomy for their own wellbeing, development and future direction. This also links to improved decision-making processes where Tangata Whenua have a mandate to fulfil this position. Of all the issues raised at the hui, the role of Tangata Whenua in Governance and Decision-Making was by far the main concern of the participants, it is also an issue which overlapped across all the well beings.

Given the significance of this matter, it is strongly recommended that the objectives are confirmed, and that the policies and actions are developed, in conjunction with Tangata Whenua as a separate matter for consultation.

### 9.1 Issues

- There is limited recognition that Tangata Whenua have a right to be part of the decision-making processes
- There is a lack of Tangata Whenua presence as decision-makers
- There is a need to build the capacity of Tangata Whenua to fulfil the role as effective decision-makers
- Opportunities to increase Tangata Whenua participation in decision-making and governance processes have not been encouraged (such as transfer of powers under s33 of the RMA)
- Decision-making and governance processes need to be based on Tikanga Maori

### 9.2 Objectives

- To implement legislative and non-regulatory methods which promote the role of Tangata Whenua as decision-makers
- To recognise that Tangata Whenua have a role as decision-makers
- To include Tangata Whenua in decision-making processes relating to the Growth Strategy
- To have elected representation for Tangata Whenua on Council

### 9.3 Policies

- **To be developed in conjunction with Tangata Whenua as a separate matter for consultation**

### 9.4 Actions

- **To be developed in conjunction with Tangata Whenua as a separate matter for consultation**

## 10.0 Summary

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The growth of Whangarei provides a wide range of opportunities to improve the cultural, social, environmental and economic well being of Tangata Whenua. Tangata Whenua have expressed a desire to have improved relationships with key agencies. There is an aspiration to increase awareness and recognition of the significant role Tangata Whenua values have in creating a unique and distinct district. There is also a strong view that in order for Whangarei to prosper in all aspects of the well beings, that this will be achieved through a united approach in moving forward.

Marae are recognised as the logical centre for providing a wide range of services that will serve the needs of Tangata Whenua and their communities as the district grows. The success of Tangata Whenua can be used as a way of measuring the success of the growth strategy. As with all good things, it will take time, but given due thought, consideration and continued collaboration, the vision of Whangarei as a district where dreams are realised, will be achieved.

Tangata Whenua look forward to continued involvement in the development of the Sustainable Futures 30/50 Strategy.

## 11.0 Glossary

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**Hapu** Sub tribe

**Hui** Meeting

**Iwi** Tribe

**Kainga** Home

**Kaitiaki** Guardian

**Kaitiakitanga** Guardianship

**Kawanatanga** Government

**Kotahitanga**: Unity in purpose and vision in moving forward

**Kupu** Word

**Kura** School

**Mahinga Kai** Source or area of customary food

**Mana Moana** Authority over water based resources.

**Mana Whenua** Authority of over land based resources

**Manaakitanga** Trust and respect, actively contributing towards developing a positive relationship

**Marae** Traditional meeting place

**Maramatanga** Understanding and consideration

**Mauri** Life force or ethos

**Papakainga** Habitation

**Rangatira** Chief

**Rangatiratanga** The right to self-govern

**Rohe** Area

**Taitamariki** Youth

**Tangata Whenua** Indigenous people

**Taonga Tuku Iho** Ancestral heritage handed down

**Taura Here** Urban or dislocated segment of an iwi or hapu

**Tauutuutu** Reciprocal support in building a strong foundation for the future

**Te Ao Maori** The world around us (physical, spiritual and cultural) intrinsically interlinked and considered in its entirety

**Te Reo** The language

**Tikanga** Custom

**Turangawaewae** Home ground, place to stand

**Waahi tapu** Sacred or significant sites and areas

**Wai Maori** Fresh water

**Whakapapa** Genealogy