



Napier City Council

# Māori Contribution to Decision Making Process

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## Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

Māori play an important role in Napier City Council's decision-making.

In recognition of the special place Māori hold in this city, we have a Māori Consultative committee and a Council Kaumātua. Our Kaumātua advises Council and the Mayor, and takes part in special events and projects. He also provides support and advice to the Committee, which meets every six weeks.

The role of the Māori Consultative Committee is to make recommendations to the Council or the appropriate Council standing committees on any matters they consider relevant, and pass on any relevant information to the people they represent.

The Committee comprises two representatives each from Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui a Orotū and Pukemokimoki Marae, one independent member, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and a chairperson.

The Operative Napier City District Plan also identifies sites of significance to Māori, which are categorised as Group 4 items. Any development upon a Group 4 site automatically triggers the need to consult with mana whenua. We work with Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui a Orotū in this instance.

We also have one Napier City Council representative on the Pukimokimoki Marae Trust. We set up special groups in recognition of the role Māori have, on a case by case basis, for example, our advisory group for MTG Hawke's Bay Tai Ahuriri, Te Roopu Kaiāwhina Taonga.

We liaise closely with Treaty of Waitangi post-settlement governance entities: Mana Ahuriri Trust and Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust, both in recognition of the post-settlement environment and the opportunities for a partnership approach to future development in and around Napier.

We also maintain close networks with mana whenua and mātāwaka Māori on an ongoing basis as part of our daily work.

Legislation outlined in the Local Government Act states local authorities must establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making, foster development of the way Māori can contribute to decision making, and provide information to Māori.