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Tēnā Koe

Re: Submission by Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Incorporated Rōpu on PNCC Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

1. Acknowledgment of te Tiriti o Waitangi Partnership.

1.1 Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Incorporated Rōpu ("TMI") is one of the representative bodies of the Rangitāne o Manawatū Nation.

1.2 We wish to begin our submission by genuinely acknowledging the sound and honourable Tiriti partnership we have with Palmerston North City Council ("PNCC"). In particular, this is manifested at a governance level through the Rangitāne o Manawatū and PNCC Committee and at various levels operationally.

1.3 The significant and meaningful relationship has contributed positively to the growth and maturity of Palmerston North over recent years, it is an exemplar for Aotearoa as to how te Tiriti can be truly honoured and the benefits of such a relationship for all citizens of our community.

1.4 Together we are continuing to ensure our community can enjoy all the benefits of living in a Small City, with all the advantages of a Big City. As the other te Tiriti partner, we remain fully committed to ensure our community has a great quality of life through such things as healthy lifestyles, respecting all cultures and diversities and a range of educational, business and employment opportunities.

2. Challenges Facing Palmerston North City Council

2.1 In terms of the challenges facing PNCC, our views are as follows:

- TMI Rōpu take climate change very seriously and our view is we need to begin the necessary investments NOW, even at an incremental rate if we are to effectively make any headway in tackling this massive kaupapa for current and future generations.



*Ka kahutia i te korowai, Te Rangimarie, Te Aroha, Te Whakaiti, Ka Whakapuawai he iwi humaarie
Spread the cloak of Peace and Love, so shall blossom the people of humility*

- We need to work with water instead of against it which has always been a fundamental concept in RoM matauranga. In order to manage flooding risk, we need to begin now a strategy as to how we are going to manage stormwater in the existing parts of the City. We know for a fact there are highly vulnerable parts of our City where our priority population live, like Awapuni, Highbury, Takaro etc. that are at an unacceptable risk of flooding. We need to come up with an effective and integrated plan together to respond to this known risk.
- We know that soon the value of the houses in these areas will decrease, they will be harder to insure, and they will in turn be harder to sell. This is a significant part of our community where many homes are likely to be already not insured, financial and other barriers are experienced on a daily basis. We are also concerned about the water quality in our urban waterways and the remaining indigenous habitats in areas like Hokowhitu which need looking after. Thus, we urge PNCC to set aside a budget to develop this plan with us as a te Tiriti partners. We need to be involved in the design, development and implementation of a stormwater strategy and collaborate on a holistic pathway that is going to look after our current citizens and those projected to live in the City over coming years.
- In terms of the change in government direction, many of their poor policies that are beginning to permeate, however we remain committed to working with the PNCC to ensure the influence of this government remains minimal in how we drive our future locally, and in this regard, we remain desirous of working with PNCC inter alia to:
 - Ensure the new directions of “Local water done well” achieves the best benefits for our City;
 - The RMA amendments will enable a balanced approach to protection of our history and wahi tapū with commercial opportunities;
 - To CATERGORICALLY OPPOSE the loss of Māori Wards; and
 - To CATERGPRICALLY OPPOSE any legislation and/or policies that diminish the value of te Tiriti o Waitangi. Governments come and go, and we all know when this governments time in power comes to an end many of these backward thinking policies and legislation will be reversed.

3. Our City’s Growth is Driving a lot of Work

3.1 It is imperative that we continue to invest solidly in sound infrastructure and good housing as part of the Future Development Strategy, but we need to ensure all the parts of the jigsaw puzzle come together methodically and correctly.

3.2 TMI remain committed to working in partnership with PNCC to help support the right pathways to develop and grow our infrastructure that is right:

- For our environment;
- Protects and enhances our waterways;
- Creates business opportunities for Iwi, Māori and local businesses over prioritising out of town businesses; and
- Creates employment pathways for our local community.

3.3 We wish to continue to be part of Te Ūtanganui and ensure we get it right and do not make mistakes that will cost us unnecessarily along the way.

- 3.4 In terms of spatial planning, we really need to ensure the best stormwater strategy and implementation as much as possible, as this will either be the key to our success, or our failure and we do not want to see the latter to eventuate.
- 3.5 We have together applied the Whānau Ora Framework SUCCESSFULLY to Kākātangiata and we wish to see it used as a further korowai over the development of Te Utanganui and mapping our future. Those concepts are not just for Māori but meet the needs of all our community as they focus not just on cultural matters, but the wider social and wellbeing determinants, growing the economy and fostering all citizens to participate in our City in a meaningful and cohesive way.
- 3.6 We remain fully committed to the continuation of the outstanding and forward-thinking work along the Awa, in terms of the Manawatū Awa Framework. We need to be protecting and restoring all our waterways and biodiversity and this should not be at the expense of commercial and industrial developments. Developers must be made to account and protect the environment to counteract climate change and ensure we have a healthy environment for future generations.
- 3.7 We must as a minimum when planting, be ensuring:
- Native plantings to provide for our manu;
 - Maara Kai to contribute to food sovereignty; and
 - Rongoa planting to support alternative wellbeing pathways.

4. Waters Poses Our Biggest Challenge

- 4.1 With the decision being made that Council will retain ownership of water assets, we need to have a clear investment pathway to maintain and replace water assets as and when necessary.
- 4.2 TMI strongly signal that as te Tiriti partners, we wish to be involved in the early discussions and framing up of the Regional groupings that will be established and we expect a seat at the actual table. We need to be involved at the outset in the development of any proposed models. We do not want to be shut out like this current government is seeking to do across a number of fronts sadly.
- 4.3 It is imperative we do what it takes to ensure our drinking water remains in its most pure form. Rangitāne o Manawatū settled here over 500 years ago, as our ancestors knew this area was a great food basket i.e., Te Taperenui o Whatonga. We knew how good the water and resources were and we did what we needed to protect it, and this has remained for over 500 years to this day.
- 4.4 We clearly see our duty extends to how we manage and use water and ensuring its protection from commercial charlatans who see it as opportunities to bottle it up and export it overseas. We must be involved in its monitoring and ongoing protection.
- 4.5 We also see an integral role in the establishment of any wetland environments and to support the ongoing life and protection of our streams, some of which as we know are already in a very degraded state. We cannot let any future developments continue to degrade our water environments. We must ensure regenerative strategies to protect them to support the life within and around them and so future generations can enjoy and fully experience them.
- 4.6 In our view, PNCC needs to be invested in developing a strong and robust strategy and pathway in this space, as its going to have a massive impact on many of the outcomes sort in the LTP and the future of our City in general.

5. Nature Calls

- 5.1 This has been another space we have successfully worked together as te Tiriti partners, looking at a range of options over a number of years to provide for our wastewater needs in the years to come. Because of this approach I am sure the consenting process will be a lot smoother.
- 5.2 We remain resolute that we want all wastewater out of our Awa. However, we know that this will not happen overnight, thus, we remain committed to continue working positively with Council to ensure the best possible wastewater outcome for our Awa, our whenua and our community.
- 5.3 The wastewater must be treated to the highest standard possible and we know we are all committed to this approach. We shall remain part of the decision-making process in this space to ensure where the consents we obtain are the best possible for our Awa. We are happy to work with PNCC to support the funding of Nature Calls through a 'special purpose vehicle'.

6. We Want to be Able to Move People Around Efficiently and Safely.

- 6.1 TMI is a 100% supportive of the ring road to redirect heavy traffic away from the City and residential streets, and we look forward to being involved in the pathway when that finally happens. We support PNCC continuing to get this as a priority within Waka Kotahi Plans and will advocate for this as well.
- 6.2 We remain committed to ensuring PNITI achieves the best possible outcomes for our City to improve our transport network.
- 6.3 In this space, we are supportive of:
- Key street improvements;
 - The shared pathway network along the Awa and to Fielding;
 - More cycleways but not outcomes like at Featherston Street by McDonalds;
 - New roading;
 - A new bus hub;
 - Replacing bridges as necessary; and
 - Safety improvements as needed.

7. We Want Everyone to Have a Place They Can Call Home

- 7.1 We are very supportive of creating many more good homes in our City and in this regard, we make the following comments:
- A structured approach is needed to housing development in the City to ensure we are not building in flood prone areas. We must not set up whanau to fail;
 - We need more Social Housing and we commend PNCC for entering this market but we feel PNCC could do more in making it more affordable with a variety of options, such as rent to buy pathways;
 - PNCC at the operational level, are creating unnecessary barriers, preventing the building of homes and as a result, some third parties may be looking to disinvest in Palmerston North which is totally unacceptable, considering how many people we have waiting on the social housing register;
 - We applaud PNCC for tackling head on homelessness with the proposed pilots to respond to homelessness. However, we would like to see PNCC facilitate the coming together again of those agencies in the Social Housing space to see if collectively, we can explore initiatives to address this reality more meaningfully. We could then also approach Central government to help such a pathway;

- We remain committed to working in partnership with PNCC on future housing developments in the City through our shared Whānau Ora framework which has shown clear benefits in such an approach;
- We acknowledge that it can be a challenging space for PNCC to balance good housing needs with developer needs, protecting the environment and ensuring housing typology and density is a good mix;
- We look forward to being part of the discussions around a median density zone in urban areas to give whānau more options;
- We applaud PNCC looking at continuing to use PNCC land for housing options for our community but we must ensure not to lose key green spaces that can be adapted to stormwater retention;
- We would like to see some smaller homes built such as two-bedroom homes which there is a shortage of, thus, PNCC encouraging more developers into that space; and
- We also remain supportive of housing being considered in a wider cultural context such as fostering inter-generational living, shared spaces the community can have access to express their culture, such as hangi and umu spaces, more shared green spaces, spaces for our tamariki to play and thrive, spaces for our disabled community to enjoy, houses facing a certain way to meet other cultural needs and the such like.

8. Keeping Rates Down

8.1 We applaud PNCC for the approach they have taken to keep rates down and it's clear the team have explored all the options available in their kete.

8.2 We also applaud PNCC for looking at the system used to determine rates. It's clear a thorough analysis has been undertaken. In particular, we agree with the four components of the rating system remaining unchanged as that is a fair approach. We agree with using a combination of land and capital value is a more equitable approach thus, WE SUPPORT THE HYBRID OPTION.

9. We are Preparing Our Communities Facilities for Future Needs

9.1 In general, we applaud the PNCC for the work they have undertaken to date, thinking well into the future what will be needed for our expanding and growing City. It's imperative that such a strategy supports connected communities to help those communities thrive and flourish for future generations.

9.2 The more vulnerable parts of our community are often overlooked, and more affluent parts of our community get better prioritised for infrastructure development, greenspaces etc. Thus, it was very pleasing to see the vulnerable parts of our community seriously considered for upgrades and expansion of key facilities that will support those communities for the next 100 years plus, that is visionary.

9.3 Te Motu o Poutoa

9.3.1 We are 110% behind this amazing and visionary initiative. The building of a Civic Marae and facility will be the jewel in the Crown of the Manawatū Awa framework journey we have been on together successfully for a number of years. We are not naïve and know there are some who see this as just a Marae for Rangitāne and Māori in general.

9.3.2 When we commenced the Awa Framework journey together, there were doubters challenging why the money was being spent, was it the best use of PNCC money, over say, investing in Social and Wellbeing opportunities. The reality has inter alia been:

- The initiatives have supported health and wellbeing as the spaces are being enjoyed by whānau and their beloved pets;
- A sense of pride has been created along the Awa and as a community, we are enjoying facing our Awa again;
- The initiatives have clearly created massive tourism opportunities within our City, one just has to look at the 100,000 + people now utilising this area per annum;
- He Ara Kotahi has opened up access to the other side of the Awa and connected that side of Palmerston North with the Central City. People walk, run and bike along the many paths now;
- There are so many other benefits that could be shared, people are making housing choices now based on access to these amenities;
- The whole framework has been occurring in partnership with Rangitāne o Manawatū, ensuring the environment is protected, our cultural narrative is told, respectful application of mahi toi and other art forms, the bringing to light again of our Pā sites which nourishes all our community; and
- The overall benefits are more measurable, tangible and intangible, are a clear manifestation of what tangata whenua and a Council can achieve for the benefits of its citizens and those manuhiri who come to experience and enjoy our City.

9.3.3 Te Motu o Poutoa is going to be exactly the same. It will be a space the whole community can use, connect with and be proud of. It is not just a “Marae”, and it should not be viewed as that. It will be a unique example of te Tiriti in action, but it will be the centre stage when the likes of dignitaries come into the City and when they leave, they will not forget their visit to Palmerston North and the Manaaki shown to them.

9.3.4 It will be a space of learning and education by our citizens with the likes of school visits, interest group visits and the like. It will be a space where people can enjoy a lunch and have one of the best views of our City. For decades the space has been a place of illegal activities and now like the Awa, we are turning our minds back to acknowledging a space that has deep meaning for not only Rangitāne o Manawatū, but for our wider community as well. Thus, let this initiative not be about race, but about Kotahitanga, about uniting everyone, bringing economic opportunities into the city, fostering tourism and the like.

9.4 Awapuni Community Library Hub

9.4.1 As a representative for Rangitāne o Manawatū, based in the heart of Awapuni, we are profoundly proud to see this in the PNCC LTP. As many know, Awapuni has many social, wellbeing and economic issues but the people of Awapuni are proud and resilient. The Hub will provide an amazing facility where our expanding and diverse community will be able to congregate. It will cater for all ages, all disabilities and all cultures.

9.4.2 We know from the activities at Te Hotu Manawa, that there are not enough facilities down this end of town to cater to the needs of our growing community. The Hub will create a further sense of pride and ownership for our community thus, for our community, this Hub is a no brainer.

9.5 We are also fully supportive of:

- The Multi-Cultural Centre option proposed as our multi-cultural whānau who we share Palmerston North with, have a right to have a space they can congregate and express their various cultures in ways that matter to them;

- Te Pātikitiki Library is years overdue for a makeover and it's in our 4412 Ora Konnect Community. Thus, for us it's also a no brainer to support our Highbury whānau who whilst like Awapuni, face a variety of challenges, are staunch and proud to call themselves Highburians as they should be;
- We are also extremely supportive of the Pasifika Centre expansion and refurbishment being proposed for our Pasifika brothers and sisters who have for many years, congregated in an out of date, not fit for purpose space; and
- Finally, we whole heartedly support further work on the Central Trust Arena, which needs to be brought up to 21st century standards, especially as our City continues to grow and expand. Citizens of Palmerston North should not have to go outside of our City for sporting, cultural and other events we could attract to our Region, which will also bring millions of dollars and other opportunities into our City

9.6 To conclude, all these upgrades and builds are going to make massive differences to the functioning of our community, uplift users, meet their various cultural and disability needs, make Palmerston North a greater place to live, work, visit and play and most importantly, call home. These are the right investments for our City and are true to our vision Smaller City with all the advantageous of a Big City. So well done to Council for its foresight and vision and not doing these projects on the smell of an oily rag.

9.7 WE ARE CLEARLY SUPPORTIVE OF OPTON ONE. LET'S NOT DILUTE THE DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.

10. Strengthening Some of our Favourite Facilities

10.1 In order of priority, for us we support strengthening:

- (i) Crematorium – this is a must as every human being who chooses cremation must be honoured and the journey by whānau saying farewell to their loved ones, must be spiritually and physically compassionate;
- (ii) Wastewater Plant and Treatment Facility – this is necessary infrastructure that must be upgraded. When recently visiting this space, it reminded us of something stuck together with glue and bubble gum. It is no longer fit for purpose and with a growing City, we would be remiss as part of Nature Calls, not to do this mahi;
- (iii) Te Manawa and the Library go hand in glove for us and give effect to the culture of Palmerston North. They are spaces our community enjoy on a regular basis and thus, the mahi needs to get done;
- (iv) Council offices are clearly in need of some work to ensure those who work there are safe and have a pleasant space to work in, as their work is for the benefit of our City;
- (v) Cacia Birch – we support this upgrade.

10.2 If we can afford Option One, we support this option, but if say it would mean we would have to move away from say Option One of the work to the community facilities then we support Option Two.

11. Concluding Comments to PNCC LTP

- 11.1 Once again, we acknowledge it's a huge list of proposed activities, but we support big aspirations as they bring the biggest fruits, socially, culturally, educationally and economically and thus are Whanau Ora in action. If we do not embark on these projects, we shall still be perceived as a dreary City to live in and visit. This LTP caters for everyone in our community, it's about all of us, so well done Councillors and Officers, you have truly hit the nail on the head in the most positive way.
- 11.2 Nothing in life is without risk and if we do not take risks, then the rewards are smaller. We applaud PNCC for the consideration of the risks and we feel Council is seeking to mitigate them responsibly and carefully.
- 11.3 To conclude, overall TMI as a representative body of the Rangitāne o Manawatū Nation are proud to be PNCC Tiriti partner and the work we have done together over recent years is testament to what a well understood Tiriti partnership is all about. Te Tiriti is an actual Treaty, as we know, it's not about race, it's about honouring two races and providing equitable opportunities for people. The Rangitāne o Manawatū Nation remain committed over generations to come to continue to work with our Councillors and their Officers for the betterment of the little Nation of Te Papaioea.

Heoi anō rā



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Long-Term Plan submission form



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Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes
Please let us know if you'd like a language interpreter No nterpreter requ red
I am f ex b e on days and t mes
How would you prefer to give your feedback? In person

Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities? Yes
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project
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Development contributions questions

We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential development and decrease the non-residential fee to more equitably distribute the cost of growth. Do you agree with this change? Yes

We're proposing to stop collecting development contributions for growth costs associated with the Nature Calls wastewater project, due to Council's proposal to seek external funding for the project. Do you agree with this change? Yes

We're proposing to add the cost of interest from borrowing that funds infrastructure growth into the calculation of development contribution fees. Most other councils around New Zealand already do this. Do you agree with this change?

Yes

Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?

Yes

Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.

It's fair and balanced

General comment areas

How did you find out about our long-term plan?

Booklet in my mailbox

Rates letter or email

Social media

Newspaper

City Council or

Supporting information

Submission on proposal for a Civic Marae at Te Motu o Poutoa

Submitter : Ngaruma Mako Karaitiana

The Site

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1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TE TIRITI O WAITANGI PARTNERSHIP

- 1.1 Rangitāne Settlement Trust (“RoMST”) is the Post Settlement Governance Entity for the Iwi of Rangitāne o Manawātū.
- 1.2 We acknowledge the enduring Tiriti partnership Rangitāne have with Palmerston North City Council (“PNCC”) through the Rangitāne o Manawātū and PNCC Committee, the shift to an effective Te Tiriti relationship exemplifies true mana motuhake through Kotahitanga – recognising diversity and appreciating Māori indigeneity.

2. CLIMATE CHANGE & KAI SOVEREIGNTY

- 2.1 The effects of climate change on ecosystems have direct implications for iwi/hapū spiritual connection to taonga and whakapapa, as well as practical issues such as food security. RoMST will work collectively with our taiao arm to enable and support Iwi led climate action, planning and solutions that build climate resilience.
- 2.2 RoMST are strong advocates for Green Spaces: fruit trees, Maara kai, shelter, strategically placed around buildings to provide a sustainable food source.
- 2.3 RoMST support the PNCC vision of He iti rā, he iti pounamu Small city benefits, big city ambition and the goal of becoming an Eco City through the priorities listed below:
 - Respect and enhance the mauri of the Manawātū Awa.
 - Working to reduce carbon emissions.
 - Regenerating native biodiversity.
 - Investing in infrastructure that protects, enhances and preserves the environment.

3. WAI ORA

- 3.1 With the decision being made that Council will retain ownership of water assets, we need to have a clear investment pathway to maintain and replace water assets.
- 3.2 ROMST recommend that as te Tiriti partners, our Iwi taiao team (Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Inc) need to be involved in the early discussions and framing up of the Regional groupings that will be



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established and we expect they will be sitting at the table. We need to ensure Iwi representation is included at the outset in the development of any proposed models.

- 3.3 It is imperative we do what it takes to ensure our drinking water remains in its most pure form. Over 500 years ago our tupuna named this region 'a great food basket' Te Taperenui o Whatonga. The name indicative of the bountiful kai and quality of our water, our tupuna did what we needed to protect it, and we are obligated to continue that legacy as kaitiaki.
- 3.4 We clearly see our duty extends to how we manage and use water and ensuring its protection. Iwi must be involved in its monitoring and ongoing protection.
- 3.5 We also see an integral role in the establishment of any wetland environments and to support the ongoing life and protection of our streams. We cannot let any future developments continue to degrade our water environments. We must ensure regenerative strategies to protect them to support the life within and around them for future generations.

4. NATURE CALLS

- 4.1 We remain committed to continue working positively with Council to ensure the best possible wastewater outcome for our Awa, our whenua and our hapori.
- 4.2 The wastewater must be treated to the highest standard possible and we are all committed to this approach.

5. HOUSING CRISIS

- 5.1 RoMST are supportive of creating more housing options in our City and we make the following comments:
- A structured approach to ensure we are not building in flood prone areas.
 - More AFFORDABLE Social Housing options are needed as a priority.
 - We commend PNCC for dealing with homelessness and the proposed pilots to respond to homelessness. We would support homeless night shelters and facilities that enable showering, access to social work support and safe living.
 - Review consents for building to allow change of purpose and new builds to accommodate emergency and transitional housing, to move away from local Motels currently used.
 - While we support the continued use of PNCC land for housing options we must ensure not to lose our green spaces that can be adapted to stormwater retention.
 - We also remain supportive of housing being considered in a wider cultural context such as fostering inter-generational living, shared spaces the community can have access to express their culture, such as hangi spaces, more shared green spaces, spaces for our tamariki and spaces for our disabled community to enjoy.

6. COMMUNITY FACILITIES: TE MOTU O POUTOA

- 6.1 RoMST Board of Trustees are unanimously in favour of the Te Motu o Poutoa Development, the Board see this project as a visionary concept of learning and education. It will be a space where



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people can enjoy the culture and uniqueness of our City with a spectacular backdrop. The opportunities are endless, we acknowledge a space that has deep historical significance for Rangitāne o Manawatū, but for our wider community as well.

- 6.2 RoMST (Taumata Hou back office) offered whānau the option to give their feedback and vote on Te Motu o Poutoa proposal through a public poll as well as an anonymous option. Based on the voting results whānau were generally in favour of the proposal, with 55% of responses through our anonymous survey being in favour of the proposal, and 69% in favour through our public Facebook poll. The remaining votes were split between not in favour and undecided. Comments varied between support and approval, disapproval as well as querying for more information to make an informed decision either way. It is apparent that full support for the project moving forward will be based on consistent communication and consultation with our Rangitāne whānau whānui.

7. Final Comment to PNCC LTP

- 7.1 We value the significant amount of work that has been achieved over recent years with PNCC and our Rangitāne representative committee. The Rangitāne o Manawatū Nation remain committed over generations to come to continue working collectively with our Councillors and their Officers for the betterment of our community.

Naku noa nā

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