



**Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU**  
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# Ngāi Tahu

**Ko Aoraki te Mauka  
Ko Waitaki te Awa  
Ko Tahupotiki te Tangata**



# Iwi Fundamentals

- Whakapapa
- Mauri
- Kaitiakitanga
- Tikanga
- Mahinga kai
- Treaty Relationship



# Kaitiakitanga

- the role of particular waterways in unique tribal creation stories, whakapapa and historical accounts;
- the proximity of important wāhi tapu, settlement or historical sites in or adjacent to specific waterways;
- the use of waterways as access routes or transport courses;
- the value of waterways as traditional sources of mahinga kai and other cultural materials; and
- the continued capacity for future generations to access, use and protect the resource.



# Iwi design principles

- Integrated management
- Cumulative effects
- Localised decision making
- Water quality outcomes
- Water quantity outcomes
- Accounts for iwi rights and interests



# What will the CWMS mean for Ngāi Tahu rights & interests

- Kaitiakitanga, customary uses, mauri, wāhi taonga provided for in fundamental and supporting principles
- Approach is holistic across water resources
- Zone and Regional forums provide for meaningful tangata whenua participation that:
  - ensures “at the table” participation – not others speaking for them
  - respects interests of each Papatipu Rūnanga
  - fosters processes of continual community education and understanding



# What will the CWMS mean for Ngāi Tahu rights & interests

- Proactive focus with effort to produce real change on the ground
- Kaitiakitanga targets that:
  - Seek to improve drinking water quality and quantity issues of marae and associated papakāinga
  - Recognise the tribal water policy and resolve issues related to flows, mixing of waters & direct non-point source discharges
  - Establish restoration plans for degraded wāhi taonga
  - Establish co-governance arrangements
  - Seek to establish a food gathering standard
  - Seeks to establish a system for appointing ‘tangata tiaki wai’
  - Recognises cultural monitoring



# Things to keep an eye on...

- Zones are not all catchment based – co-ordination between zones
- Ngāi Tahu capacity to participate
- Maintaining collaborative processes within a Treaty framework and participants being aware and respectful of this
- That we take the opportunity to think and act in a new way... the opportunity for step change
- The adaptability of the CWMS to national government/iwi agreements





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