

Panui to Iwi – June 2001

**Oceans Policy
Consultation by Ministerial Advisory Committee**

E nga Iwi e nga reo e nga karangatanga maha tena koutou tena koutou katoa.

He mihi tenei ki a koutou i roto i nga tini ahuatanga o te wa, te hunga kua wheturangatia ki a ratou, tatou te hunga ora ki a tatou. Kei mua i a tatou inaianei he kaupapa nui e pa ana ki te Moananui a Tangaroa. Kei tetahi komiti a te kawanatanga tenei kaupapa e kokiri ana. Ka tu e te komiti nei etahi hui kei nga rohe kia whiriwhiri i nga tikanga kia uru i roto i tetahi kaupapa nui mo te Moananui a Tangaroa.

Kei a tatou tonu nga tikanga tuku iho e pa ana ki te Moananui a Tangaroa. Anei e whai ake etahi i korerotia e nga matua tupuna:

- Whakapapa (nga uri a Tane me te tini a Tangaroa)
- Whanaungatanga
- Mauri
- Rangatiratanga
- Manaakitanga
- Kaitiakitanga
- Tapu
- Rahui
- Koha

Ma koutou pea e whakamarama i nga tini ahuatanga o nga tikanga nei i mua i te aroaro o te komiti kia mohio hohonu ratou to tatou tino whanaungatanga ki te Moananui a Tangaroa. Anei etahi atu whakaaro a Te Ohu Kai Moana ma koutou hei whiriwhiri.

Kia ora

Robin Hapi
Chief Executive Officer

Tena koutou

Eighteen different laws administered by fourteen different departments relate to the use of the oceans in and around New Zealand. This framework has developed in response to issues, so that each tends to operate in isolation. Management of the oceans is therefore piecemeal, complicated, in parts overlapping, and in parts contradictory. There is no common framework that decisions are made against. This leads to very unsatisfactory outcomes.

Iwi may be aware that the Government is committed to develop an Oceans Policy to address these problems. It is envisaged that this will form an overarching set of policies that will universally apply to all activities in the marine environment.

Given its possible impact, Te Ohu Kai Moana considers this reform to be the most important of those currently underway. The other reforms - aquaculture, recreational fishing and marine reserves - are meant to be progressed in a manner that is consistent with any final outcomes of the Oceans Policy.

The Oceans Policy provides both a risk and an opportunity. The Government has stated that the Oceans Policy is not to change the understanding or implementation of agreements based on the Treaty of Waitangi. A low level of involvement by Maori organisations in this reform, however, could result in a reduced Maori influence in marine management and even detrimentally affect the assets returned through the Fisheries Settlement. Strong involvement backed up with robust analysis could result in enhanced involvement for Maori in marine management, protection of the Fisheries Settlement from any processes that might otherwise erode it, and greater recognition of other rights Maori hold in the marine environment; for example the Foreshore and Seabed.

This policy is being developed in three parts:

Stage 1: Define the Vision	2001
Stage 2: Design of policies	2002
Stage 3: Implementation	2003

To assist with the first stage, the Government has appointed a Ministerial Advisory Committee to consult with New Zealanders to find out what New Zealanders value about their marine environment.

The Ministerial Advisory Committee is:

- Dame Cath Tizard
- David Anderson;
- Mac Beggs;
- Mark Bellingham;

- Rikirangi Gage;
- David McDowell;
- Abby Smith;
- Wally Stone.

The consultation stage runs from 25 June to 11 August. A copy of the programme is attached as Appendix 1. Iwi will note that there are both hui and public meetings.

The Committee has said little about its task and has stated that first it wants to listen to the views of New Zealanders. At the recent SeaFIC conference however, David Anderson gave a key-note address and I have appended a copy of that for your information. (Appendix 2)

It is critical that Iwi / Maori participate in these hui to show the importance of our oceans to Maori. Your ability to exercise your customary and commercial rights to the fullest extent possible will, in part, depend on this.

To assist their development of a Vision and set of values associated with use of the oceans, the Ministerial Advisory Committee is using a common set of questions. It will be for individuals, Iwi and Maori organisations to respond.

There are a number of key elements Te Ohu Kai Moana considers it will include among the material it provides the Ministerial Advisory Committee:

- the need to adopt a sustainable utilisation perspective, clearly based on a responsible environmental ethic;
- the need to adequately recognise the rights guaranteed and secured by the Treaty of Waitangi, including the Fisheries Settlement assets and customary rights but also the Foreshore and Seabed claims;
- broad endorsement of our system of fisheries management that creates incentives for good management along with responsibilities;
- the need to take a holistic and effects-based look at management; the need for this to be based on good knowledge of marine ecosystems, and the need for coordinated public good research into underlying marine ecosystems, given that this information is required by a range of decision-makers under a number of Acts;
- the recognition that the marine environment is has already been subject to degradation and continues to be under threat; this means that there is a need to ensure that all users have a responsibility to minimise their impact, and is particularly critical for landusers who pollute inshore kai moana.

Te Ohu Kai Moana urges Iwi and Maori to register these principles in addition to any others that arise from your own experience and regional perspective.

Questions being asked by Ministerial Advisory Committee at consultation hui

Among the aspects you raise, you may like to suggest any number of the following points. They are in no particular order of importance

1 What do you value most about our oceans?

- *The ocean is the Realm of Tangaroa to sustain us, and is provided for us to act as kaitiaki for our future generations;*
- *Sustainable use, which can continue as we all learn to work within sustainable limits that Maori have learned over the many generations in Aotearoa;*
- *There is also a principle of reciprocity - its not just what the Ocean can do for you, equally it is what can you do for the Oceans - the oceans must be cared for and nurtured like a garden – Te Mara a Tangaroa.*

2 How does your lifestyle benefit from your own use/enjoyment of our ocean? How does your lifestyle benefit from other people's use of our ocean?

- *Kai moana forms a central part of the Maori way of life – food that is used for both subsistence and ceremonial purposes;*
- *The ability of Maori to collect kai moana for these purposes, as well as commercial activity, must be preserved;*
- *The ocean is a source of employment and recreation; it is estimated that there are over 2000 Maori employed in the commercial fishing industry.*

3 How does what you do affect the oceans now, and in the long term?

4 When and why should our oceans be used? When and why should the oceans be conserved? Which uses of the ocean are acceptable or unacceptable to you?

- *Our oceans are there for all to use, but as kaitiaki not plunderers;*
- *Conservation does not mean that oceans should be “locked up” like a big aquarium*
- *It is possible to utilise the gifts of Tangaroa without endangering the sustainability of the resource – that is what kaitiakitanga is about;*
- *Maori do not appreciate single-minded preservationists telling us how to use our resource and trying to limit our customary use rights;*
- *Article Two Treaty rights should have precedence over other rights;*
- *Discharge of sewage is unacceptable as are other practices that endanger the domain of Tangaroa.*
- *The relegation and non-recognition of customary practices - for example, rahui to have control and management within the marine environment - is not acceptable to Maori*

5 If your values are in conflict with someone else's, in what circumstances are you prepared to make compromises?

- *Tino rangatiratanga means that tangata whenua have a substantive input into management of the resource but we do not seek to deny others access to the oceans;*
- *In some circumstances concerning our customary waters we do not see the need to compromise with those who would force their view of the world onto us.*

**6 Who should make decisions about the oceans?
How should decisions be made?
Should the interests of future generations be considered?**

- *Iwi and hapu have a unique relationship with the Crown through the Treaty of Waitangi;*
- *Article Two of the Treaty guaranteed that tino rangatiratanga be maintained;*
- *Consequently hapu /Iwi should always have an important role in deciding how our oceans are used, especially the inshore waters;*
- *Of course the interests of future generations should be considered – that is also what kaitiakitanga is about – we do not need green activists telling us that;*
- *Decisions must be made in a transparent process and outcomes must be consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi. Agreements reached by applying that principled approach will be more durable.*

7 What might the oceans be like in 20 years? in 50 years?

Te Ohu Kai Moana intends to take a very active interest in the development of the Oceans Policy. We are prepared to work with all Iwi to coordinate the development of a comprehensive approach to ensure Maori interests are protected and enhanced. To this end we would encourage your comment on this document and any feedback you can provide on any meetings you attend with Members of the Ministerial Advisory Committee. We will attempt to have a staff presence at most of the hui.

Heoi ano ra

Craig Lawson
GENERAL MANAGER POLICY

Appendix 1
MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OCEANS POLICY
SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION HUI

Hui will be held from 10am to 3pm (unless otherwise specified in the schedule below).

26 June	New Plymouth – hui Plymouth International Conference Centre Cnr Courtenay & Leach Streets	Hamilton - hui Hopu Hopu Main Highway
27 June		Rotorua – hui Te Ao Marama Hall Ohinemutu
2 July	Tauranga – hui Bureta Park Motor Inn Vale Street	
4 July	Palmerston North - hui Committee Room 1, Level 1 Palmerston North City Council Civic Buildings, The Square	Dunedin – hui Te Puni Kōkiri Office 258 Stuart Street
10 July		Invercargill – hui Venue to be advised
16 July	Nelson – hui Whakatu Marae 99 Atawhai Drive	
17 July		Kaikoura – hui Venue to be advised
18 July		Christchurch – hui Te Waipounamu House 158 Hereford Street
25 July	Hastings – hui Matahiwi Marae Lawn Road Mangateretere	Porirua – hui Venue to be advised
26 July	Gisborne – hui Tamanuhiri Marae Muriwai	Masterton – hui Venue to be advised
27 July	Tokomaru Bay - hui Pakirikiri Marae Beach Road Tokomaru Bay	
31 July	Greymouth – hui Venue to be advised	
1 August		Auckland – hui Orakei Marae 59B Kitemoana Street
2 August		South Auckland – hui Venue to be advised
7 August	Dargaville – hui Venue to be advised	

8 August	Kaitaia – hui Venue to be advised	Thames – hui Venue to be advised
9 August	Waitangi – hui and public meeting	Waitangi – hui and public meeting

Full details of time and place of each hui (if not listed above) will shortly be available from the Oceans Policy website www.oceans.govt.nz or by phoning the Oceans Policy Secretariat on 04 470 7590 or 0800 00 1461.

MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OCEANS POLICY

FULL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Public meetings will be held from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

25 June	New Plymouth – public meeting Plymouth International Conference Centre Cnr Courtney & Leach Streets	Hamilton – public meeting Westpac Trust Park Lounges (entrance off Seddon Rd)
26 June	Wanganui – public meeting Wanganui District Council – Committee Room 2 Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street	Rotorua – public meeting Rotorua District Council Chambers Civic Administration Building 1061 Haupapa Street
27 June	Palmerston North – public meeting Horizons.mw boardroom 11-15 Victoria Ave	
2 July	Tauranga – public meeting Bureta Park Motor Inn – Redwood Room Vale Street	Christchurch – public meeting Environment Canterbury offices – first floor Waitaki Room
3 July	Whakatane – public meeting Environment BOP Council Chambers Quay Street	Timaru – public meeting Desmond Unwin Tennis Club Benevenue Avenue
4 July	Paraparaumu – public meeting Council Chamber, Kapiti Coast District Council Rimu Road	Dunedin – public meeting Otago Regional Council Chambers 70 Stafford Street Dunedin
9 July	Chatham Islands – public meeting Waitangi Hall (NB: this meeting starts at 7.45pm)	Wellington - Hutt – public meeting Council Chamber Hutt City Council 30 Laings Road
10 July		Invercargill – public meeting Environment Southland Council Chambers Comer North Road & Price Street
11 July		Stewart Island – public meeting Stewart Island Pavillion Ayre Street
16 July	Nelson – public meeting Nelson City Council Chambers	Blenheim – public meeting Marlborough Centre

	Civic House, Trafalgar Street	Cnr Queen and Arthur Streets
17 July	Takaka – public meeting Anatoki Lodge 87 Commercial Street	Kaikoura – public meeting Kaikoura Memorial Hall Supper Room
18 July	Wellington City – public meeting Level 5 Committee Room Wellington Regional Council 142-146 Wakefield Street	
25 July	Napier – public meeting	Porirua – public meeting Pataka Porirua Museum of Arts and Cultures Cnr. Norrie and Parumoana Streets
26 July	Gisborne – public meeting The Rose Room Lawson Field Theatre Vogel Street	Masterton – public meeting Council Chamber Masterton District Council 64 Chapel Street
30 July		Auckland – West – public meeting
31 July	Greymouth – public meeting Rimu Room Ashley Hotel 74 Tasman Street	Auckland – North Shore – public meeting
1 August	Westport – public meeting Stars Rugby Club Rooms Corner Lyndhurst and Peel Streets	
2 August	Queenstown – public meeting	Auckland – South – public meeting
6 August	Auckland – Orewa – public meeting	
7 August	Whangarei – public meeting	Whitianga – public meeting Whitianga Town Hall 24 Monk Street
8 August	Kaitaia – public meeting	Thames – public meeting Thames District Council Chambers 515 Mackay Street
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