



## Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board

### KŌRERO | MINUTES

**Wāhi | Venue:** Huia meeting room, Level 7  
155 The Terrace, Wellington and online via Microsoft Teams

**Tūrei | Tuesday**  
**15 Ōketopa | October 2024**

**Te roa | Duration:** 9.03 am – 3.10 pm  
**Kaputī | Morning tea:** 10.15 am – 10.39 am  
**Kai o te rānui | Lunch:** 12.10 pm – 12.45 pm

#### KIA MAHARA | NOTE:

All information recorded in these minutes relating to Treaty of Waitangi settlement place name proposals is confidential and not available to the public. Some of the information may become available after Deeds of Settlement are signed.

### Hei kōrero whānui | General

#### 1. Karakia | Prayer Whakatau | Welcome

The Board collectively opened the hui with its karakia. The Chairperson welcomed hui participants, noting those in the room and online. The Chairperson acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Secretariat member Jill Remnant after sixteen years working for the Board. The Chairperson thanked Jill for her outstanding contribution to the Board, especially her focus on plain language and peer review skills.

The Secretary noted that a series of candid and formal photographs would be taken of the Board just before lunch, in honour of its centenary celebrations. The Chairperson also reflected on the previous Board hui that was held online, acknowledged that it didn't work well online and that lessons have been learned. In addition, the voting on each name probably wasn't necessary since the Board was only giving advice not making decisions – the Board could have given its advice based on consensus.

9.12 am – Paulette Tamati-Elliffe joined the hui

#### 2. Te hunga i tae mai | Present Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

The Chairperson noted apologies from Board members Adam Greenland and Mahana Toka who were both overseas, and from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori observer Tāne Karamaina. The meeting was a hybrid hui with 15 participants attending in person and four observers attending on MS Teams.

The Secretary recorded the hui to assist with the preparation of the minutes. The recording will be deleted once the minutes have been confirmed.

<b>Board Members – Present in Person (8)</b>	
Anselm Haanen, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Dr Cadence Kaumoana	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Dr Merata Kawharu	Minister for Land Information appointment
Iaeen Cranwell	Local Government NZ nomination
Dr Robin Kearns	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (from 9.12am)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) nomination
Dr Michael (Mick) Abbott	Federated Mountain Clubs nomination

<b>Board Members – Apologies (2)</b>	
Adam Greenland	National Hydrographer, LINZ
Mahana Toka	Minister for Māori Development recommendation

<b>Board Secretariat (4)</b>	
Wendy Shaw	Secretary
Christopher Stephens	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Jill Remnant	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Joanna Barnes-Wylie	Senior Customer Regulatory Specialist

<b>LINZ Observers (5)</b>	
Jeff Needham	Deputy Surveyor-General, LINZ
David Rauscher (until 10.15am)	Principal Advisor – Regulatory Frameworks Lead, LINZ
Robert Pouwhare (online by Teams)	Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh)
Sheryll Johnson (online by Teams, 12.56pm - 1.29pm)	Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai
Charlotte Jones (online by Teams)	Business Partner – Customer Engagement Toitū Te Whenua LINZ

<b>Other Agency Observer Apologies (2)</b>	
Phillip Green	Te Arawhiti
Waihoroi Shortland	Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)

<b>Minute Taker (1)</b>	
Michelle Oldham	GBL Personnel

### 3. Rārangi take | Agenda He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

#### 3.1. Rārangi take | Agenda

The Board confirmed the agenda.

#### 3.2. He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared at the start of the hui. Any new conflicts to be declared at the time of the discussion.

## 4. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes

### Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising

### Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

#### 4.1. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the 18 June 2024 meeting (Objective ID A6575594) and commended their excellent quality. The Board noted one error in paragraph 4 under item 4.3 (Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet) on page 3 – the word 'not' was missing:

'The Chairperson has **not** met with the Minister for Land Information and briefings were sent yesterday requesting his final determinations on place names the Board considered at its 30 April 2024 hui.'

The Board noted that the minutes of its previous online hui (26 August 2024) are still being compiled and will be ratified at a future Board hui.

#### Resolution

*That the minutes of the hui held on 18 June 2024 be ratified with the specified change.*

**Moved** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**Seconded** Jenni Vernon  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

#### Action required

- Board to ratify minutes from 26 August 2024 online hui at next available opportunity.

#### 4.2. Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 18 June 2024 hui that aren't covered elsewhere in the agenda.

#### 4.3. Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

The Board noted that all three actions from its 18 June 2024 hui have been completed and can be closed. The Secretary advised that future Board minutes will no longer include operational Secretariat actions. The Secretariat will keep a separate record of these actions.

Board Actions from 3 October 2023 Meeting			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
11.1 Centenary	Provide comments on 12 September 2024 draft media release to mark the centenary.	Board	15/10/24 – Actioned. CLOSED.

## Ngā whakataunga noa | Standard decisions

## 5. Whakatau a te Minita | Minister's decisions

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6590788).

Several proposals are still awaiting the Minister for Land Information's final determinations, notably the proposal to alter Russell to Kororāreka. The Board noted that while there's no timeframe specified in the NZGB Act 2008, it was not usual to have a lengthy period between the Board's recommendation and a final determination by the Minister for Land Information. The Board requested that future reports on Minister's decisions note the date on which the proposal was referred to the Minister, so there's more visibility on timeframes. The Secretary noted this action for future reports and advised the Board that all current proposals with the Minister for a final determination, date to the last twelve months, the oldest proposal being that for Kororāreka which was referred to the Minister in December 2023.

The Board noted that there was a public perception that proposals were referred to the Minister for a final determination when the Board 'couldn't' decide. In the case of Kororāreka this has been viewed as the Board not supporting Māori place names, which reflects poorly on the Board. The Chairperson acknowledged that the NZGB Act 2008 was poorly worded in explaining the process of the Board referring a proposal to the Minister for a final determination where it could not uphold objecting submissions. The Chairperson also noted that the usual process is to avoid publicising what the Board's decision is after a Board hui, stating only that it made a decision and that this decision has been referred to the Minister for a final determination. This is because communicating the Board's decision in advance of the Minister's final determination may undermine the decision-making process. Board minutes are published online, but only after the Minister has made any relevant determinations.

## **6. Whakatau a te Toihau | Decision made by Chairperson**

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6586949).

## **7. Tāpaetanga ki ngā tono | Submissions on Proposals**

The Chairperson raised a change by the Secretariat in processing significant numbers of submissions to the Board. The Board discussed how much information they wished to receive regarding submissions which can number in the thousands. The Secretariat is categorising submissions into typical themes. More substantive submissions especially those bringing new information to the Board, will be identified. Numbers of submissions are used as a judgement of community support for the proposal though are not counted as a vote. Board decision making is led by good justification.

The Board noted the list of general categories which is adapted as necessary by the Secretariat. If there is a substantial and well-articulated submission it will be brought to the attention of the Board. The level of comment from the Secretariat varies based on the nature of the proposal and submissions received.

The Secretariat will continue to go through every submission and each will be available to the Board in the supporting information for every proposal.

The Board felt that there is an excellent level of briefing in the Secretariat reports for the submissions on proposals.

## 7.1 Abbotts Creek

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6505139) and tabled correspondence with Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust. The Board note no family relationship with Dr Mick Abbott. The Board discussed how Abbotts Creek is part of a longer stream feature, with the other part having a different name (Otairua Stream). It noted that one of the objecting submissions claimed that this feature should have one name for its entire extent. The Board agreed that there was precedent for a single continuous feature having two different names, citing the example of Clive River (altered to Te Awa o Mokotūāraro in 2023, and the remnant of the original course of Ngaruroro River). It also noted that the names (Abbotts Creek and Otairua Stream) have been applied to the different parts of the stream for more than 90 years, so they both have long term use. The Board queried the seemingly arbitrary location at which the feature changes from the name Abbotts Creek to Otairua Stream, noting this wasn't at typical physical junction. The Secretary acknowledged that the notified proposal didn't seek specific feedback on the advertised extent of Abbotts Creek, only the proposed correction to its name. On reflection, the proposal should have also sought feedback on the extent of Abbotts Creek, specifically the point at which it transitions to Otairua Stream.

The Board discussed the 'subject to' part of the recommendation. It noted that there was currently insufficient evidence to support the original Māori name (Torohanga/Torohunga) proposed by some submitters. Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust had queried the validity of this name in their email to the Secretariat and noted that they've otherwise been unable to confirm an original Māori name for the feature. The Secretariat has also followed up with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust ('Settlement Trust') on a couple of occasions but no response has been received. The 'subject to' part of the recommendation has therefore been provided to allow a further two months for a response from the Settlement Trust before referring the proposal to the Minister for a final determination. The Board acknowledged that this was likely to be a low priority issue for the Settlement Trust who would have more pressing matters to deal with. If the Settlement Trust advises of an original Māori name for the feature, then this would result in an entirely new proposal. If not, then the focus remains on the current proposal to correct the spelling of the name Abbotts Creek. The Board asked the Secretariat to follow-up again with the Settlement Trust after the Board hui.

The Board noted that Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust was agnostic about this correction and discussed how its own support of this proposed correction could be seen as reinforcing the current non-Māori name. However, the Board recognised that if an original Māori name came to its attention in the future with appropriate evidence, then it could be processed as a new proposal. The Board also discussed the possibility of the relevant iwi proposing a contemporary Māori name in the absence of any knowledge of an original Māori name. It noted that the loss of knowledge about original Māori place names was an issue shared by many iwi, and that contemporary Māori names provide an alternative naming pathway (though generally for unnamed features). A recent example of this was Lake Te Horonui.

### Resolution

*The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the official place name Abbotts Creek to **Abbotts Creek**, and **rejected** the objecting submissions, including the ones that made alternative proposals, based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board accepted the proposal, being:*

- *a function of the Board being to correct the spelling of geographic names,*
- *evidence that the feature is named for William Abbott, noting his association with the area,*
- *retaining the possessive form due to long-term use and low public value,*
- *retaining the generic term 'Creek' due to long-term use,*
- *the feature being relatively large and following a well-used portion of SH2, and so warrants being correctly spelled, and*
- *the proposed alteration not impacting emergency services,*

**and** additional reasons:

- insufficient information that either 'Torohonga' or 'Torohunga' is the original Māori name for the creek,
- Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust questioning the authenticity of 'Torohonga'
- long-term use of Abbots Creek outweighs the need for Otairā Stream to be extended upstream and replace it,

**Subject to** Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust advising whether Torohonga/Torohunga or Otairā is the original Māori name for this feature, or whether there is another original Māori name. Should they provide further information about the original Māori name for this feature within two months, then an option for an alternative proposal from the Board for a dual name could be made. This would require a further round of public notification since it would be a different proposal to what was originally notified. The reason for a dual name would be based on long-term use of the current name and Abbots being a personal name. A separate recommendation to the Board would be made following advice from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust, if received. If no response is received from them, then the current proposal, Abbots Creek to Abbots Creek, will be reported to the Minister for Land Information for their final determination,

**and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to alter the official place name Abbots Creek to **Abbots Creek**,

**and**

Will **report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**Moved** Dr Merata Kawharu

**Seconded** Dr Cadence Kaumoana

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 7.2 Rangitikei District

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6432895). The Board considered this to be a straightforward correction of orthography and there was no further discussion. The Board also noted that the proposal and decision were much like the Manawātū District proposal.

### Resolution

The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the official local authority district name from Rangitikei District to **Rangitikei District**,

**and**

**rejected** the objecting submissions based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board previously accepted for the proposal, being:

- the resolution of RDC to alter its district name
- the Board meeting its statutory duty and function to 'enable certain administrative needs of government to be met'
- Rangitikei being the correct standardised orthography as advised by an expert licensed translator
- consistency with the district's namesake Rangitikei River
- evidence of support from iwi/hapū/marae via Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, a Māori liaison committee convened by RDC.

**and** these additional reasons in response to some objecting submissions:

- further evidence of iwi support in the supporting submissions
- difficulties in writing and typing macrons and some outdated computer systems not supporting macrons, not being good reasons not to officially standardise the name
- te reo Māori being a written language with orthographic standards set by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori.

**and**

**Confirmed** the earlier decision of the Board to accept the proposal to alter the official local authority district name from Rangitikei District to **Rangitikei District**,

**and**

**Will report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**Noting** should the Minister confirm the proposal, the Board must **request** the Minister to recommend to the Governor-General to make an Order in Council under section 260 of the Local Government Act 2002 to amend the name of the relevant local authority in Schedule 2 of that Act, to give effect to the alteration. The Board would gazette the official name to take effect on the same date of effect specified in the Order in Council.

**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Dr Robin Kearns  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

### 7.3 Te Tōangaroa

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6379079).

Dr Merata Kawharu advised a whakapapa connection for this proposal. The Board did not think there was a conflict of interest but agreed this interest should be recorded for the minutes.

The Board noted that a communications representative of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei has approached LINZ Business Partner – Customer Engagement Charlotte Jones about doing joint communication of the final decision if the proposal is successful. The representative also indicated that Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei intend to continue using Te Tōangaroa even if the proposal is unsuccessful – their goal is for the area to be named as Te Tōangaroa on Google Maps.

#### Resolution

The Board agreed to **reject** the objecting submissions, including the ones that made alternative proposals, based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board accepted the proposal, being:

- the Board's functions to investigate and determine the priority of the discovery of a geographic feature, and to collect and encourage the use of original Māori names on official charts and maps,
- Auckland Council's Waitematā Local Board supporting the proposal, and
- Ngāti Tamaoho and Ngāti Whātua, who have overlapping interests, supporting the proposal.

**and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to assign **Te Tōangaroa** as the official name of an unnamed area on the waterfront of Auckland's CBD,

**and**

**Will report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal,

**and**

If Te Tōangaroa is agreed to by the Minister, **request** that he makes a joint media release with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei announcing the decision.

**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Dr Cadence Kaumoana  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**



10.15 am – David Rauscher left the hui  
 10.15 am to 10.39 am – Kaputī | Morning Tea

## 7.4 Pito One

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6601744). The Board observed that the report stated that the supporting submission from Hutt City Council was co-signed by *most* local iwi groups and queried who the groups were that didn't sign. The Secretariat advised that the letter had been signed by Ngāti Toa, Taranaki Whānui/Te Atiawa groups and local marae but not by the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority. The Board consulted with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority as a matter of course as their rohe encompasses the entire Wellington Region, but no response was received.

The Chairperson suggested amending the recommendation 2 'noting' about defining the extent of the suburb to:

- delete the bracketed text referring to the Suburbs and Localities dataset panel, and
- replace it with the words 'in liaison with the Board Secretariat'.

It was important for the Board to have some influence on the work of the LINZ Addressing Team, noting that the extent for Pito One should reflect the Board's intentions, as consulted on for the proposal. The Board queried what the implications were, if any, of adjusting the extent to include some additional streets as outlined in the report. The Secretariat advised that these adjustments, as sought by the Hutt City Council, will have some minor addressing implications.

The Board also queried if the Secretariat's response to the submissions in the report was prepared for the Board's reference only or was written as the response to the submitters. The Secretariat confirmed that these responses were prepared for the Board, not the submitters. In reviewing the Secretariat's response, the Board noted the considerable interest in the proposal as evidenced by 2,843 submissions. This reflects a successful consultation process with strong engagement from the local community and clear sense of what they think.

The Board sought clarification on how the Minister's final determination will be communicated to the media, noting the wide public engagement on this proposal. The Secretariat advised that the Minister may decide to issue a media release or it may come from the Board. The Minister will decide this and LINZ Business Partner – Customer Engagement Charlotte Jones will work with the Minister's Office to finalise any media communications. The Secretariat will complete its standard notification procedures such as writing to all correspondents and publishing public notices. The Board noted that a media release could provide an opportunity to promote the work of the Board and its long-standing role to recognise original Māori place names, and to acknowledge the submitters who engaged in the consultation process. There was some concern though that media releases or social media communications would only reach an older audience, rather than younger people, and that it was also important to engage with, and educate, our rangatahi. The Board noted that there could be opportunities to engage with the proposers on potential media and education resources about the name Pito One.

## Resolution

*The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the existing unofficial recorded suburb name Petone to Pito One as the official name, and its proposed extent, and **rejected** the objecting submissions, including those that made alternative proposals, based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board accepted the proposal, being:*

- *the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, with evidence of the provenance of the name and its correct spelling from the proposers as mana whenua,*
- *the long-term use of the spelling as Petone not outweighing using the correct orthography for an original Māori name,*



- advice confirming the orthography for Pito One as two words, and not Pito-one or Pitoone, directly from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori,
- the Board having recognised the incorrectness of the existing name several times, notwithstanding it has previously considered 'Pito-one' or 'Pitoone' to be the correct spelling, and
- evidence of support from Hutt City Council and mana whenua,

**and** these additional reasons resulting from the submissions:

- further evidence of local support including from Wellington Regional Council, Petone Local Board and other relevant iwi groups,
- no concern that 'One' in Pito One might be confused with the number in English, noting 'One' (in Māori) is commonly part of many place names in New Zealand, and
- a dual name or alternative names comprised of the current and proposed names would be inappropriate, as the former is a transliteration of the latter, and that the reasons and support for the current proposal outweigh these alternative proposals,

**and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to alter the unofficial suburb name Petone to **Pito One**,

**and**

Will **report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**and**

Will **encourage** Toitū Te Whenua LINZ's Addressing team to discuss with the Hutt City Council suggestions in some submissions to 1. move the northern boundary from the Wairarapa Line to Wakefield Street, and 2. include the area on the northwest side of the Wairarapa Line either up to State Highway 2, or all of the area of Pito-One Road and Cornish Street.

**Noting** that the Board will not make a decision on the extent of the suburb but will defer to the council and the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Addressing team, in liaison with the Board Secretariat.

**Moved** laean Cranwell

**Seconded** Jenni Vernon

**All in favour**

**Carried**

### Further discussion

The Board then considered Secretariat Actions 1-2 on page 6 of the report.

For Action 1, concerning the issue of submissions which do not provide reasons, the Board noted that the Secretariat considers such submissions to be invalid, and has been treating them as such for previous proposals the Board considered. This is because the NZGB Act 2008 states that submissions 'must state, **with reasons**, whether that person supports or objects to the proposal.' The Board queried if there had any been legal advice on this matter and the Secretariat confirmed there hadn't been. The Board noted that a submission without a reason was more like a 'vote' and felt that these should be given less weighting than submissions that provide clear reasons for supporting or objecting to a proposal. The Board agreed that it must know the total number of submissions on a proposal, regardless of their completeness. It resolved that the submissions for Pito One (either supporting or objecting) which didn't provide reasons should be included as part of the submission count but categorised separately, so they're clearly identified. The same applies to any future proposals which receive submissions with no reasons provided.

The Board acknowledged that its analysis of submissions was not a 'numbers game' but queried the issue of duplicate submissions (ie multiple submissions from the same submitter with no reasons provided). The Secretariat confirmed it has processes for identifying and not counting duplicate submissions wherever possible.

For Action 2, concerning the need to clarify whether some submissions objected or supported, the Secretariat explained that the issue was a combination of:

1. people not being very particular about the spelling of the name then declaring their support or objection to it
2. people objecting to the specifics of the orthography in their submission, either supporting or objecting

The question for the Board was whether it should seek further clarification from these submitters or not prior to its final decision on the proposal. The Board agreed this wasn't necessary – the important thing was that the submissions report clearly documented any such submissions for transparency.

## 7.5 Takaanini and Takaanini Railway Station

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6590770). The Chairperson noted that many of the objectors are concerned about the potential costs of implementing the correction to the name, such as updating signage and business names. This is a common issue raised by submitters on proposals and can be mitigated by managing the change over time – ie a phased approach. There's already precedent for taking such a staged approach, such as with NZTA<sup>1</sup> and DOC<sup>2</sup> signage following a name change. The Secretariat advised that media releases for place name changes generally include messaging noting that signage changes can be managed/implemented over time. The Board agreed to add an additional reason for rejecting the opposing submissions under Recommendation 1, noting that the cost of change can be minimised by allowing the name change to be phased over time. The Secretary noted that the Kororāreka recommendation included a point to this effect, so that wording could be applied here too. It also acknowledged that while there was no legal requirement for businesses to update their names to reflect a place name change, some may wish to do so.

### Resolutions

*The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the existing official locality name Takanini to **Takaanini**, updating the feature type to suburb,*

*and*

***Rejected** the objecting submissions based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board accepted the proposal, being:*

- the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, with evidence of the provenance of the name and its correct spelling, and with Takaanini being an orthographically correct compound word (and not Takaānini),*
- discounting long term use of the misspelled name,*
- noting the Geographic Board acknowledged Takaanini was correct in 1951 after having altered to the incorrect name to accord with 'established use' and based on erroneous orthographic advice,*
- endorsement from Te Ākitai Waiohū who are mana whenua and noting their long term desire for the spelling correction,*
- Papakura Local Board having been consulted, noting it 'wished the proposer all the best with his application to the Board',*
- support from Ngāti Tamaterā,*
- support from Auckland Transport, and*
- the costs of transitioning to the new name being minimised by adopting a soft approach to compliance over an extended period,*

*and*

***Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to alter Takanini to **Takaanini**,*

*and*

*Will **report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.*

<sup>1</sup> New Zealand Transport Agency

<sup>2</sup> Department of Conservation

**and**

**Considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter Takanini Railway Station to **Takaanini Railway Station**,  
**and**

**Rejected** the objecting submissions based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board accepted the proposal, being:

- receipt of the consent/support from Auckland Transport in line with the Board's policy for railway feature names,
- the cost of changing the name can be minimised using a phased approach for signage,
- consistency with the proposed name of the suburb and the Board's view that generally railway stations should be named for the populated places that they serve, and
- the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, with evidence of the provenance of the name and its correct spelling, and with Takaanini being an orthographically correct compound word,

**and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to alter Takanini Railway Station to **Takaanini Railway Station**,  
**and**

Will **report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**Moved** Dr Mick Abbott

**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

**All in favour**

**Carried**

### Further discussion

The Board noted reference in the report to prior proposals for Takaanini in 1931 and 1950. The Secretariat suggested that this could potentially form part of the messaging in media communications (if the Minister agrees with the Board's decisions) – ie 'we're finally getting it right' and this has been a long time coming.

## 7.6 Maewa

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6376866). The Chairperson advised that this was another suburb proposal where a proposed extent had also been consulted on. Submissions appeared to be more about the proposed extent rather than the name itself, possibly due to the name Maewa already in existence as a Feilding 'locality'. The Board noted that some objecting submissions suggested alternative extents and agreed that this information could be passed onto the Manawatu District Council for working through. The Board's focus should be on the name itself. The Board agreed to update the recommendation to add the same 'Noting' as for the Pito One recommendation, explaining that the extent should be decided by the council and the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Addressing team who manage extents in the *Suburbs and Localities Dataset*, in liaison with the Board Secretariat.

### Resolution

The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the unofficial recorded locality name **Maewa** and its extent to become the official name of a new suburb of Feilding.

**and**

**Rejected** the objecting submissions, including those that made alternative proposals, based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board accepted the proposal, being:

- the proposal with its extent having been made by the council itself (which the Board encourages<sup>3</sup>),

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/place-naming/propose-place-name/suburb-and-locality-names>

- the new suburb needing its own name with separate identity, noting that there are no other named suburbs in Feilding,
- the new suburb meeting the NZGB Act 2008 definition of 'an identifiable area within a local authority area, usually urban in character, with facilities such as those for education, transport, and shopping',
- Maewa being an original Māori name that has a strong association with the wider area,
- recognising the traditional narrative and cultural values associated with the name,
- evidence of support for the proposal from mana whenua and residents of the existing Maewa (locality), and
- giving effect to the Board's strategic goal to officially name and define all suburbs and localities.

**and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to alter the unofficial recorded locality name **Maewa** to become the official name of a new suburb of Feilding,

**and**

Will **report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**Noting** that the Board will not make a decision on the extent of the suburb but will defer to the council and the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Addressing team, in liaison with the Board Secretariat.

**Moved** Dr Robin Kearns  
**Seconded** Dr Cadence Kaumoana  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 8. Tono Taunahatanga | Name Proposals

### 8.1 Brückner Glacier, Hess Glacier, Penck Glacier

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6346029). The Secretariat tabled additional feedback from Jemma Hardwick-Smith, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) (Objective ID A6640774). This advised that Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki Komiti Kaupapa Taiao also have no issue with the proposals and that responses were still pending from Ōraka-Aparima, Awarua and Hokonui rūnaka.

The Board discussed whether it should defer the proposals until all rūnaka had responded, or even decline them, to give more time for TRONT to investigate any original Māori names for these features. Doing so could open the pathway to the option of dual naming for example. The Board also noted that while these proposals are for very minor spelling corrections, correcting spelling is a function of the Board. The proposals are not dissimilar to the Abbotts Creek proposal the Board discussed under agenda item 7.1, although in that case there are descendants of the Abbotts family in the local area. Brückner, Hess and Penck are also personal names and the proposer's kaupapa is to ensure that place names named for people are correctly spelled, as evidenced with his previous 'Franz Joseph' proposals. The Board recognised that it was a limitation of the NZGB Act 2008 that there was no 'fast track' process to make minor spelling corrections. This means that they have to go through the full statutory process, and if they receive objecting submissions that the Board cannot uphold, be referred to the Minister for a final determination. The Board noted that it would be important to convey this limitation of the legislation to the Minister if the proposals do need to be referred for a final determination. The Secretary advised that under the Board's agreement with LINZ, minor spelling errors for unofficial recorded names can just be updated directly on the topographical maps, but the proposer has not supported this approach in the past, as they are also seeking to make the names official.

The Board queried whether accepting the umlaut for Brückner was appropriate and had concerns about precedent setting, noting many other German names throughout the Southern Alps for

example. Many of these places were named by Haast after prominent German scientists. The Secretary advised that diacritic marks are appropriate in romanised names, citing the recent example of Te Korowhakaunu / Kanáris Sound. The Secretary confirmed that there are no plans to go back and correct all other place names which should have diacritic marks. The Secretariat also clarified that the scientists themselves were not associated with any offending political movement. The bombing during World War Two destroyed their birth and death records, which the proposer usually supplies as evidence of the correct spelling of a personal name.

The Board resolved to accept the proposals as they were and not defer or decline them.

### Resolution

The Board **accepted** the proposals to **alter** the:

- official place name from PENCH Glacier to **Penck Glacier**
- unofficial recorded place name Bruckner Glacier to **Brückner Glacier** as an official place name
- unofficial recorded place name Hesse Glacier to **Hess Glacier** as an official place name.

Based on:

- the Board's responsibility to examine cases of doubtful spelling
- consistency with a recent Board decision to use a diacritic mark in Te Korowhakaunu / Kanáris Sound
- significant evidence from the proposer of the correct spellings
- evidence in the SCAR Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica that the names of the glaciologists are spelled as proposed
- all three glaciers still existing and being discrete from adjacent named glaciers
- an alteration to each spelling being unlikely to impact on emergency services as there is little difference in how the current and proposed names are correctly pronounced.

**and**

Will **notify** as proposals to alter for two months.

**Moved** Dr Mick Abbott  
**Seconded** Dr Merata Kawharu  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 8.2 Maybury Hill

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6571203). The Chairperson noted that the feature was actually a ridge not a hill. The Board agreed there was a clear case to decline this proposal and there was no further discussion.

### Resolution

The Board **declined** the proposal to **assign Maybury Hill** to a hill northwest of Wairakei Village, north of Taupō, based on:

- no evidence demonstrating the stated local use of the name, whether documentary or in written support from the local community, apart from what the proposer advises,
- testimony from a local resident living opposite the proposed Maybury Hill and who 'had a good relationship with the former owners' that they had never heard of the name,
- FENZ not having confirmed the stated emergency services incident in which a lack of knowledge of the local use name delayed an emergency response,
- the Board's policy that minor features or places of low importance or physical significance should not be named (unless there are good reasons to do so),
- limited information on the provenance of that name including its stated connection to a Maybury Hill in the USA,
- Ngāti Tūwharetoa not supporting the proposal.

**Moved** Dr Mick Abbott  
**Seconded** Jenni Vernon  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

### 8.3 Aratika Rock (undersea feature)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6579454), especially advice from the Undersea Feature Names Committee (UFNC) that the feature is a reef not a rock. The Board noted that Recommendation Option 1 doesn't make any reference to iwi views and sought clarification on this. The Secretariat advised that Ngāti Kuia would like to propose a contemporary Māori name for the feature, Nuku.

The Board also queried the relationship between the proposer and the feature. The Secretariat clarified that the proposer was captaining the *Aratika* when it nearly hit the uncharted reef in 1982. The Board recognised that the proposed name reflected a significant historical event and was intended to give an unnamed feature a name for safety reasons. It also recognised that there was precedent for undersea features to be named for the vessels which discovered them. However, the Board questioned the appropriateness of the proposed name. While *Aratika* (lit. meaning 'correct pathway') may be appropriate for the name of a ship, the Board felt it was less so for an undersea feature. The Board saw the value in naming the feature though and resolved to support Recommendation Option 1, noting that iwi would be welcome to make suggestions for alternative names through the submissions process.

#### Resolution

The Board **declined** the proposal to assign **Aratika Rock** as the official name of an unnamed fully submerged rock.

#### AND

**Accepted** its own proposal to assign **Aratika Reef** as the official name of an unnamed fully submerged rock based on:

- the Board's function to investigate and determine the priority of the discovery of a geographic feature
- the feature being named for the discovering ship
- 'Rock' not being an approved generic term in the Board's Standard for Undersea Feature Names or the IHO B-6 Guidelines
- the feature meeting the definition of a reef
- the feature needing to be named because of its potential as a maritime hazard.

#### and

**Will notify** as a proposal to assign for two months.

**Moved** Dr Robin Kearns  
**Seconded** Dr Merata Kawharu  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

### 8.4 Kā Pūtahi (stream)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A4391234). The Board noted that this proposal from Christchurch City Council would correct a clear orthographic anomaly. The feature is a fairly short stream and the correct spelling Kā Pūtahi has been used for some years now, such as in *Kā Huru Manu* and the Iwi Management Plan which is probably why the council has picked up the name. The Board agreed that correcting the name and dropping the generic term 'Stream' was unlikely to create a risk to emergency services.

**Resolution**

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **alter** the unofficial recorded name from Kaputone Creek to **Kā Pūtahi** as the official name of the stream, based on

- The Board's functions to investigate and determine the priority of the discovery of a geographic feature, and to collect and encourage the use of original Māori names on official charts and maps.
- The Board's responsibility to examine cases of doubtful spelling.
- Evidence in Kā Huru Manu that Kā Pūtahi is the correct name of the stream.
- Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu supporting the proposal without a generic term.
- Not including a generic term being unlikely to impact on emergency services as they generally rely on digital technology to locate an emergency.

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to alter for one month.

**Moved** laean Cranwell  
**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

**Board photos**

The Secretariat advised that the photos of new members taken at the Board induction in August 2023 had been misplaced. A Toitū Te Whenua restructure saw the videographer role disestablished, and the photos taken by the former staff member could not be located.

LINZ Comms staff were on hand to take replacement photos as well as new photos of the current Board.

11.55 am – 12.10 pm Board photos  
 12.10 pm – 12.45 pm Kai o te rānui | Lunch

**8. Tono Taunahatanga | Name Proposals (resumed)****8.5 Rukuwai (stream)**

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6586804). The Board agreed this was a straightforward proposal for a fairly minor stream mostly contained within channels.

**Resolution**

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **assign Rukuwai** as the official place name of a small stream that flows into Whangamarino Wetland northwest of Te Kauwhata, based on:

- the Board's policies encouraging contemporary Māori place names and noting requirements to have particular regard to the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River and its catchments under the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 and the Minister's Accord for Waikato-Tainui,
- Waikato-Tainui, the Department of Conservation and Te Kauwhata Community Committee supporting the proposal,
- no concerns for identification or emergency services by not including a generic term (ie Stream), noting that the 'wai' in te reo Māori is part of the proposed name,

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to **assign** for one month.

**Noting** a local use name 'Travers Stream' or 'Travers Road Stream' is associated with the road name and appears to have been used for convenience/practicality to identify the water course.



**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Dr Merata Kawharu  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 8.6 Pukekōwhai, Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe, Puketihia (peaks)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6577612).

### Additional information tabled

- Correspondence from Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust in support of the three proposals.

The Secretariat noted that this correspondence was also in Objective Connect (Objective ID A6640836) for those attending the hui online.

The Board queried if iwi receive a copy of the full proposal paperwork (ie all supporting documents) when being consulted about an upcoming place name proposal. The Secretariat advised that was usually the case, but with this proposal there were more than 30 supporting documents so the proposal was summarised instead in the consultation email, with an invitation to request more information if desired.

The Board noted that these three proposals needed to be treated as a 'job lot' due to their interrelatedness and acknowledged the Secretariat for presenting complex information very clearly in the report. It also noted that this is the first proposal to alter a place name made official via Treaty settlement legislation with the 'subsequent alteration' clause, as Te Māipi was made official under the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Claims Settlement Act 2022. This subsequent alteration clause, which has been in Treaty settlement legislation with place names redress since 2005/2006, enables Treaty settlement place names name to be altered if the Trustees consent in writing. The Secretariat had liaised with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Claims Settlement Trust to ensure that the necessary written consent was received to alter Te Māipi. After some back and forth, the Secretariat resolved that the signed letter provided on behalf of the Trust/Trustees on their official letterhead could be accepted as evidence of their written consent.

The Board queried the need for a two-month notification period and agreed to update the recommendations to change the notification period from two months to one month.

### Resolutions

The Board **accepted** the proposals to **alter** the:

- official place name from Te Māipi to **Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe** and **correct** its position to the peak at 501m
- unofficial recorded place name Pukekowhai to **Pukekōwhai** and **correct** its position to the peak at 376m.

Based on:

- the Board's functions to investigate and determine the positions of features when making place names official,
- historical evidence confirming that the names are not on the correct maunga, and that the full original Māori name of Te Māipi is Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe, and
- the support of Ngāi Tūmapūhiaarangi hapū and written consent from the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust, a requirement to alter Te Māipi,

**and**

Will **notify** as proposals to alter for one month.

**and**

**Accepted** the proposal to **assign Puketihia** as the official place name of the peak at 511m, currently depicted incorrectly as Te Māipi, based on:

- historical evidence that this is the original Māori name of the maunga,
- the Board's functions to investigate and determine the priority of the discovery of a geographic feature, and to collect and encourage the use of original Māori names on official charts and maps, and
- the support of Ngāi Tūmapūhiaarangi hapū and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust,

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to assign for one month.

**and**

**Agreed to discontinue** the associated official trig station name **Pukekowhai** in terms of Section 24(2)(b) of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 ('NZGB Act 2008'), based on:

- the Board no longer having jurisdiction to name trig stations,
- evidence that the name correctly applies to the unnamed peak ~1km southwest at spot height 376m
- public objection being unlikely so public consultation not being needed,

**and**

Will **notify** as discontinued,

**and**

If Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe and Pukekōwhai become official in their corrected positions, **advise** the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Geodetic team of the corrected official names for the two peaks and encourage them to update the two trig names in their system, for consistency and to avoid confusion.

**Moved** laean Cranwell

**Seconded** Dr Mick Abbott

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 9. Kāheti kupu whakaatu | Gazette notifications

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6587069). The Secretary advised that the report listed all NZ *Gazette* notices published since the Board's last hui, including corrigenda. It also provided an update on the project to standardise Crown protected area (CPA) names with macrons. 134 CPA names have now been standardised with macrons and there's a few more to go. The Secretary explained that the names were standardised with macrons via corrigenda and advised that the Board had previously agreed to this process, so long as DOC was happy with the proposed standardisations to CPA names.

12.56 pm – Sheryll Johnson joined the hui online by Teams

## 10. Nga taunahatanga e tiakina ana e te Karauna | Crown Protected Area Names

### 10.1 Tiakiriri Kukupa Scenic Reserve

Kia noho matatapu | Decision and resolution in confidence

The Minister of Conservation will be required to make the final determination, but there is no set timeframe for that decision.

#### Resolution

Report the Board's decision to the Minister of Conservation under s.29(1) of the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008, for a final determination.

**Moved** Anselm Haanen  
**Seconded** Dr Cadence Kaumoana  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 10.2 Ngā taunahatanga e tiakina ana e te Karauna | Crown protected area names

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575702). The Secretary summarised the report for the Board, with further discussion on these items:

### Ototara vs Ōtōtara Scientific Reserve

The Board noted the action and agreed that it did not want to respond to the Minister about his decision.

### Board/DOC engagement

The Secretary spoke to the bi-monthly meetings with the DOC observer Sheryll Johnson to discuss various issues. The Secretary noted that they enjoyed a healthy working relationship and acknowledged Sheryll Johnson's ongoing support and her strong understanding of legal matters.

### Macrons added to CPA Names

The Chairperson queried the seven CPA names with outstanding queries relating to CPA names. The Secretary confirmed that DOC is currently checking the details of these CPAs, eg whether they are still CPAs or not. The Secretariat will then complete any final actions as appropriate to conclude this project.

1.29 pm – Sheryll Johnson left the hui

## He kupu āwhina mō te Tiriti | Treaty advice

### Kia noho matatapu | In Confidence

## Whakaaetanga kia mana ngā ingoa Māori kua takoto | Approval of recorded Māori names as official

### 14. Far North District Council

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6571548). The Secretariat noted that the Far North District Council Mayor was keen to progress the project to make recorded Māori names official in his district. As for other regions, the Secretary advised that the Hawke's Bay names had been deferred but would recommence soon with a focus on Māori names only, as per the amended Section 24 process. These names would be presented to the Board in 2025. The Secretary advised that the audio work for the Gazetteer is largely reliant on the Section 24 'fast track' programme as only names with confirmed orthography will have their pronunciation recorded.

### 15. Ngārimu Bay (locality), Ngārimu Recreation Reserve

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6593327). The Secretary advised that the LINZ Suburbs and Localities Dataset Review Panel considered a 'major request' for Ngarimu Bay at its inaugural hui in June 2024. Orthographic advice confirmed the macron over the [a] and the addressable locality now appears in the Suburbs and Localities Dataset with this orthography. This has created an inconsistency with the unofficial recorded locality name Ngarimu Bay in the Gazetteer, as

well as an associated official CPA name. The Board is therefore being asked to approve Ngārimu Bay as an official name, standardised with the macron, under Section 24 of the NZGB Act and notify an amendment to the CPA name in the *NZ Gazette*, subject to the views of mana whenua. Should any of the Hauraki iwi raise concerns about the proposed actions then no changes will occur to the unofficial recorded locality name or CPA name. The Chairperson queried if the Board could expect more Section 24 work resulting from the Review Panel's decisions and the Secretary advised that situations like this one were unlikely to be a regular occurrence.

### Resolutions

The Board **approved** the unofficial recorded locality name **Ngarimu Bay** as the official locality name, standardised with a macron to **Ngārimu Bay**, based on:

- orthographic advice from a licensed translator,
- consistency with the new addressable locality name Ngārimu Bay,
- there being no other alternative recorded names known for the Board's locality, noting however that AW Reed's New Zealand Place Names lists 'Otohi' which could be proposed in the future if it confirmed as the original Māori name for this locality,
- public objection being unlikely, and
- the council having endorsed the new addressable locality name, Ngārimu Bay,

**Subject to** no concerns from various overlapping mana whenua groups (list of mana whenua contacts to be confirmed by Te Puni Kōkiri), giving them two months to respond, alerting them to the Otohi name from Reed. If any do not support the Board's decision, then no action will be taken and Ngarimu Bay will remain an unofficial recorded locality name in the Gazetteer,

**Noting** if not approved, that Ngārimu Bay with the macron would continue to be used in addressing data which would be inconsistent,

**and**

If there are no concerns/support from mana whenua, **notify** as an **approved** official locality name in terms of s.24 and s.21(2) of the NZGB Act 2008 (ie, without public consultation).

**AND**

Will **notify** in the NZ Gazette an amendment to the official CPA name to correct **Ngarimu Recreation Reserve** to **Ngārimu Recreation Reserve**, standardised with a macron based on:

- orthographic advice from a licensed translator,
- consistency with the new addressable locality name Ngārimu Bay and recommendation 1 above,

**Subject to** DOC confirming support for the macron to be added,

**and**

**Subject to** no concerns from various overlapping mana whenua groups (list of mana whenua contacts to be confirmed by Te Puni Kōkiri), giving them two months to respond, alerting them to the Otohi name from Reed. If any do not support the Board's decision, then no action will be taken and Ngarimu Recreation Reserve will remain the official CPA name.

**Moved** Dr Robin Kearns

**Seconded** laean Cranwell

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## Ngā Komiti | Committees

### 16. Komiti Ingoa mō ngā Tārainga Takere Moana | Undersea Feature Names Committee

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6520911). The Board agreed that it was appropriate to defer its decisions to alter the names of Tuatara Seamount, Kiore Seamount and

Moa Seamount, noting that more information was still required such as further advice from Ngati Porou.

### Resolution

The Board **deferred** altering:

- Tuatara Seamount to **Paea Knoll**,
- Kiore Seamount to either **Mangō Pounamu Seamount** or **Poutini Seamount** or **Matawhā Seamount**, and
- Moa Seamount to either **Ahipataha Knoll** or **Ahiparaha Knoll**.

Based on:

- advice from Ngāti Porou that 'matawhā' is their Māori name for the blue shark rather than 'mango-pounamu' or 'poutini',
- Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori not having yet confirmed if it would accept 'Ahiparaha' as a new Māori word for albacore tuna, and
- the features being in a group of three to be named by a 'fish' theme, so should be named together.

**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Dr Merata Kawharu  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 17. Komiti Taunahatanga Māori

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6594068).

### Additional information tabled

- One-page summary of Komiti hui 8 October 2024 (Objective ID A6636071).

Komiti spokesperson laean Cranwell provided a verbal update on the Komiti meeting held on 8 October 2024, with further discussion on these items:

#### *Proposals to alter three undersea features names, as per agenda item 16 of this hui*

The Komiti had noted Ngati Porou advice that they use the word matawha, confirmed as matawhā following orthographic advice. It had also noted that acceptance of ahiparaha as a new word for albacore tuna was subject to Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māo advice and was interested to see this word's connection with the Hawaiian word for albacore tuna, ahipalaha, as opposed to being a transliteration.

#### *Komiti membership and Terms of Reference*

The Komiti had deferred discussion on the role of Komiti Chair and review of its Terms of Reference as not all Komiti members were in attendance at the hui. However, current Komiti Co-Chair Matanuku Mahuika had conveyed his willingness to remain on the Komiti, which other Komiti members were very grateful for.

#### *History of the Komiti*

Joanna, with input from Matanuku as appropriate, will be preparing a brief one-page report outlining the history of the Komiti, for presenting at the next Komiti hui.

#### *Komiti recommendation to the Board*

The Board discussed the draft Komiti recommendation in the tabled report, which has been updated since the time of writing to replace 'encourages' with 'recommends'. The Board agreed that this updated recommendation could be presented directly now rather than requiring the Komiti to ratify it again before re-presenting it at the next Board hui. Noting that most Komiti members were in

attendance at this Board hui. However, it requested that the words 'and associated kōrero where possible' be added to part a) of the recommendation.

The Board queried if the intent of this recommendation was for the Board to be more proactive with collecting original Māori names and recording them and making them official as appropriate. It discussed how to give practical effect to this intent, noting its limited resources. It also noted that there would be cases where a name may remain as 'collected' as it wouldn't be appropriate to record it and make it official. This is something the Komiti had also observed, for example features with multiple original Māori names. Komiti members stressed that it was ultimately about ensuring that the collected names were discoverable, and formalised *where possible*. The Board noted that it could take opportunities to pursue this mahi when engaging with mana whenua on other place naming kaupapa. It also recognised the important connection between the Board and the Komiti in this space and noted that the Komiti will now have a standing item on collected original Māori names at each hui. The Secretariat advised that the Komiti Terms of Reference require it to inform the Komiti of any newly collected original Māori names.

### Resolution

*The Board agreed to endorse the following Komiti recommendation:*

*The Komiti **recommends** the Board to:*

- a) continue with the process of collecting original Māori names and associated kōrero where possible, and*
- b) work with mana whenua to identify collected names to be recorded or made official.*

**Noting** the importance of making Māori place names official where possible.

**Moved** laean Cranwell  
**Seconded** Dr Merata Kawharu  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## Ngā Kaupapa here | Policies

### 18. Te Rautaki | Strategic Plan 2020-2025 progress and planning

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575708). The Chairperson noted that the existing strategy, which expires in 2025, provides a really great framework. It will likely only require minor adjustments to some bullet points, as opposed to a comprehensive review. The Board noted that the strategy was its own, not the Minister's, but agreed that an understanding of the wider context including any steer from the Minister would be important to help inform the revision process. It may therefore take longer than indicated in the report to provide the Board with a first draft (being the Board's first hui of 2025). Consequently, the Board agreed to remove the last four bullet points from the 'Secretariat Actions' leaving just 'Liaise with the Chairperson to identify goals/intentions that need updating'. The Board queried the process by which the strategy would be revised. The Secretary advised that she would work with the Chairperson to identify the updates before sharing them with the Board.

## Morongā | Outreach

### 19. Torongā me te Whakawharaunga | Outreach and Engagement

#### 19.1 Centenary

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575714). The Secretary spoke to the numerous actions undertaken to commemorate the Board's centenary, despite having a very limited budget, and acknowledged the support from LINZ Business Partner – Customer Engagement Charlotte Jones. There have been really good responses to the Facebook posts, especially the Hillary post on Antarctic naming. The Secretary also highlighted the upcoming panel presentation (herself, Dr Robin Kearns and former Board member Mike Roche) on the Board and its centenary at the NZ Geographical Society Conference on 22 November 2024. It may be possible for other Board members who live locally to attend the conference just for this presentation, though longer attendance will likely require day registration. Mike Roche will also be speaking the day prior about Dame Evelyn Stokes. The Secretary noted that the timeline of Board members just requires a few more photos for completeness. Some additional 'milestones and moments' articles are also pending and LINZ Business Partner – Customer Engagement Charlotte Jones will continue to promote these through Facebook and LinkedIn.

#### Actions required:

- *Robin Kearns to follow-up with conference organisers about other Board members potentially attending the panel session*
- *Board members who have yet to provide photos/biographies (or wish to provide better/updated photos/biographies) for the membership timeline to do so.*

#### 19.2 Virtual Field Trip

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575716). Planning is underway for another Virtual Field Trip on place naming in 2025 and the Secretariat is providing support. The Secretary advised that Toitū Te Whenua LINZ has a contract with Core Education to support one virtual field trip for school children per year. The field trip is usually on a geospatial topic but they want to do another field trip on place names after the success of last year's field trip on Maniatoto places names by former Board member Shane Te Ruki, which had a record number of students register. The Bay of Islands is the location for this year's field trip, led by Hinerangi Himiona. Filming is expected to take place in March/April 2025, with release of the field trip by the end of June 2025. The Board noted that Hana O'Regan (daughter of Tā Tipene O'Regan) is the Chief Executive of Core Education and is really supportive of this kaupapa. The Chairperson observed that the virtual field trip was an example of helping to achieve the Board's outcomes through partnership with others.

Dr Cadence Kaumoana advised that she is a Board member for Core Education, in the interests of transparency and disclosure.

#### 19.3 Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (Correspondence School)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575718). The Secretary advised that the Secretariat and Board member Paulette Tamati-Elliffe had a very useful hui with Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu about planned bilingual renaming of its internal regional subdivisions. Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu was very happy with the Board's advice. The Board commented on the request from Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu to use one of the Board's images and the Secretariat advised that it often received requests to reproduce Cliff Whiting's artwork for the *Oral History Atlas*. Such requests were granted freely so long as the images were appropriately acknowledged.



## Ngā mahi, ngā kaupapa| Projects, Initiatives

### 20. Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Projects, Initiatives

#### 20.1 Tangata Whenua Place Names maps

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575722). There was no further discussion.

#### 20.2 Gazetteer refresh

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575724). The Secretary advised that UAT (user acceptance testing) is currently underway for the refreshed Gazetteer and that it will be rolled out to production as soon as that's complete. Realistically this will be some time in November 2024. The Secretary will advise the Board when the new Gazetteer is live and noted that it's a significant improvement on the current Gazetteer.

#### 20.3 Collected names list – LINZ products using collected names

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6575726). The Board queried what the word 'action' meant in the recommendation and the Secretary clarified that 'action' meant to proceed, ie actually go ahead with recording, approving or orthographically correcting the names as suggested, and identify any associated names. The Board queried the consultation undertaken for these names. The Secretariat advised it had collected all the names on the list for the *Tangata Whenua Places Names* maps and so the level of engagement with mana whenua reflected their varied engagement with that project. For example, there were differences in the level of engagement between North and South Island iwi. The Chairperson questioned what was trying to be achieved here and the Secretariat explained that the recommended actions were about 'elevating' the status of names as appropriate, ie recording the 75 collected names, approving the 129 recorded names as official and standardising the 26 official names with macrons as appropriate. The Secretariat supported the recording of the 75 collected names and orthographic standardisation of the 26 names, but wished to defer a decision on approval of the 129 recorded names as official, pending further information about these names, and defer identification of any associated place names. It therefore agreed to split the recommendation accordingly.

#### Resolution

*The Board agreed to **action** the 75 names to be recorded (Appendix A) and 26 names to be orthographically corrected (Appendix B),*

*and*

***Deferred** approval of the 129 recorded names as official, pending further information about these names,*

*and*

***Deferred** the identification of any associated place names that could also be actioned.*

**Moved** Jenni Vernon

**Seconded** Dr Cadence Kaumoana

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 20.4 Waitangirua suburb boundaries

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6581471). The Secretary explained that the Board had gazetted an extent for Waitangirua in 2010 when the suburb name was made official. Shortly afterwards the council provided a different boundary to what was proposed and agreed to by the Board. This resulted in a consistency issue between the Council extent, which aligns with the extent shown in the *NZ Suburbs and Localities Dataset*, and the Board's gazetted extent. The Secretariat had recently published a corrigendum to replace the four originally gazetted grid references with one central grid reference for the suburb, due to three of the grid references no longer being with the Council's boundary for the suburb. However, this did not resolve the issue of an inconsistent spatial boundary for the suburb between the Gazetteer and Council data. The Secretary was therefore seeking the Board's guidance on how to resolve this discrepancy. The Chairperson felt that the 2024 corrigendum did resolve the extent consistency issue and subsequent Board discussion revealed confusion about the exact issue at play. The Secretary proposed that the 2010 extent just be removed from Gazetteer given the consistency issues. The Board asked if the Chairperson could advise on this under delegation. The Secretary advised that there was no particular delegation to remove an extent but suggested that an executive decision could be made.

### Action required

- *Chairperson to make an executive decision on whether to delete the spatial boundary for Waitangirua from the Gazetteer.*

## Kōrero hou a te Hekeretari | Secretariat's update

### 21. Kōrero hou a te Hekeretari | Secretariat's update

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6593499). The Secretary advised that the report contained some highlighted actions and notes and drew the Board's attention to the issue of Board membership. Under the NZGB Act 2008, if a Board member's term expires it will simply continue until such time as their appointment is reconfirmed or a new appointment is made.

The Board also briefly discussed membership of the Board's committees too, and the appointment process for this. Dr Mick Abbott expressed an interest in being appointed to the Antarctic Names Committee and Undersea Feature Names Committee which the Board supported.

### Resolution

*The Board **agreed** to appoint Dr Mick Abbott to the Antarctic Names Committee and Undersea Feature Names Committee.*

**Moved** Anselm Haanen

**Seconded** laean Cranwell

**All in favour**

**Carried**

The Secretary ran through the remainder of the report with the Board, who noted that:

- The Secretary has held interviews for Jill Remnant's replacement and hopes to have a overlap between Jill and her replacement in December 2024.
- Te Haumihiata Mason is retiring but has agreed to continue with the audio pronunciation work. The Board is invited to send messages which the Secretary will collate. The Secretary will send a reminder email to Board members. The Secretariat will also organise an appropriate retirement gift.

- The Secretariat is looking forward to its annual relationship hui with TRONT on 6 November 2024. The agenda is yet to be confirmed but will likely focus on recommencing the *Kā Huru Manu* project between TRONT and the Board.
- AI offers the potential for assisting with the Board's work such as analysing large numbers of submissions, but further policy development and testing will be required.
- David Rauscher may be in touch with some Board members to interview them for the regulatory system review.
- The Secretary's international travel has been approved to attend UNGEGN's 2025 session in New York. Further discussions are pending with TRONT about Board member Paulette Tamati-Elliffe potentially giving a special presentation. This will require government approval and self-funding by TRONT.

#### Action required

- Board members to send the Secretary any farewell messages for passing on to Te Haumihiata.

## He take atu anō | Other Business

### 22. He take atu anō | Other Business

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6593345). The Board discussed the timing of next year's three Board hui and considered that it may be more appropriate to have its first hui in March, to allow more time before the second hui in June/July. The Secretary will be in touch in early 2025 to confirm some dates. The Secretariat confirmed that there was unlikely to be any Treaty name proposals in 2025.

The Secretary reminded Board members to submit their expense claims.

#### Actions required

- Board members to submit their expense claims to the Secretary as soon as practicable.
- Board to advise availability in 2025 for setting hui dates.

The Board collectively closed the hui with LINZ's closing karakia at 3.10 pm.

Actions from 15 October 2024 minutes (excluding Secretariat and LINZ Comms actions)			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
4.1 Previous minutes	Ratify the minutes of the online Board hui of 26 August 2024 at next available opportunity	Board	Minutes to be presented for ratification at Board's 31 March 2025 hui
19.1 Centenary	Robin Kearns to follow-up with conference organisers about other Board members potentially attending the panel session	Board member Robin Kearns	
	Provide photos, biographies if not yet provided, or updated photos/biographies for the membership timeline.	Board	Membership timeline updated with new photos of Iaeen Cranwell and Merata Kawharu taken at lunch.
20.4 Waitangirua Suburb Boundaries	Chairperson to make an executive decision on whether to delete the spatial boundary for Waitangirua from the Gazetteer	Chairperson	

21. Secretariat's Update	Board members to send the Secretary any farewell messages for passing on to Te Haumihiata	Board	<del>Secretary to send a reminder email</del>
22. Other Business	Board members to submit their expense claims to the Secretary as soon as practicable	Board	✓
	Advise availability in 2025 for setting hui dates	Board	✓

**Appendix A collected names to be recorded (75)**

<b>Name ID</b>	<b>Name</b>
56324	Ahuriri
61473	Arawairua
61505	Karihipōtae
56433	Maungarake
60067	Ngā Kai-hīnaki-a-Whata
56454	Ngā Huinga
61474	Ngā Tai-i-whakatūria-e-Kupe-ki-te-marowhara
61518	Ōruarangi
61311	Te Ahu-a-Tūranga
61201	Te Kōhatu-whakairi-a-Ngātoroirangi
61203	Te Pae-a-Whaitiri
61305	Te Rae-o-Kōhī
61475	Te Tai Hauāuru
57134	Te Tai Rāwhiti
57135	Te Tai Tamatāne
57136	Te Tai Tamawahine
57137	Te Tai Tokerau
60776	Aopōuri
60449	Te Tai-o-Araiteuru
57244	Te Tai Poutini
60427	Kā Pākihi-whakatekata-o-Waitaha
60934	Urungaparāoa
61478	Te Aratiatia
60089	Wakatūwhenua
57527	Whangamarino
57585	Kaikai
57587	Panirau
61491	Ōrongo
61493	Poutū
61306	Te Au-kānapanapa
60906	Te Tai-o-Mahaanui
58323	Kāmoanahaehae
58368	Te Upoko-o-Tahumatā
58603	Te Au-nui-pihapiha-kanakana
61569	Momoe-a-Toa
60072	Herehereuma
60065	Heretaunga
60150	Papahaua
60268	Te Mimi-o-Tūterakiwhānoa
60302	Aropaki
60321	Te Aka Tārewa
60330	Ōwi
60371	Pukeuri
60380	Parikawakawa

Name ID	Name
60382	Rakaia-wai-kī
60385	Te Manahuna
60401	Pikomamaku
60432	Oueto
60433	Okopako
60471	Matariki
60472	Pawakataka
60496	Te Puke-o-Kahu
60499	Ngā Waka-a-Kupe
60501	Puketapu
60543	Ngā Turi-o-Murimotu
60601	Moawhiti
60952	Ōtawhiwhi
60979	Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira
61041	Te Taitapu
61047	Ōaro
61531	Te Nehenehenui
61537	Ōpōtiki-mai-tawhiti
61541	Te Paeroa-a-Toitehuatahi
61543	Rotomakariri
61549	Te Whanganui-a-Orotū
61563	Te Wehenga
61564	Ōnoua
61631	Te Uri
61640	Tokatū
61647	Tāmakimakaurau
61659	Ngā Kuri-a-Whārei
61689	Ōtākou
61693	Te Papa
61740	Kā Kamu-a-Hakitekura
61775	Te Poroporo

**Appendix B official names to be standardised (26)**

Name ID	Name
4874	Putauaki
766	Cape Koamaru
770	Cape Terawhiti
2443	Kawhia Harbour
2550	Kopeka Island
3037	Makati
3293	Matapia
3862	Moutohora Island
4129	Ohinau Island
4266	Orore Point
4277	Oruru River
13966	Puhina
4872	Putatara Point
4883	Puwheke
4934	Rakaumangamanga
5105	Ripiro Beach
5196	Ruamahanga River
5756	Tangahoe River
5994	Te Marua
6270	Tia Island / Entrance
6307	Tirua Point
6493	Tutaekuri River
6610	Waianiwaniwa River
6648	Waihou River
6675	Waikekewai Creek
46819	Wairaurāhiri River