



Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa
New Zealand Geographic Board

MINUTES | KŌRERO

Online via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday | Rāpare
22 June | Pipiri 2023**

Duration | Te roa: 9.37am-12.35pm
Morning tea | Kaputī: 10.58m-11.17am

NOTE | KIA MAHARA:

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General | Hei kōrero whānui

1. Karakia | Prayer Whakatau | Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed hui participants. The hui was held online via Microsoft Teams. The hui opened with the Board's karakia lead by Shane Te Ruki, which recognised the auspicious day, it being the longest night and shortest day with notions of the beginning of the year – to tau o Matariki.

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

Board members	
Anselm Haanen, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ
Shaun Barnett	Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc. nomination
Merata Kawharu	Minister for Land Information appointment
Jenni Vernon (left 10.58am-11.08am)	Minister for Land Information appointment
Adam Greenland (left at 10.58am)	National Hydrographer Toitū Te Whenua LINZ
Shane Te Ruki	Minister for Māori Development appointment
Chanel Clarke (from 10.05am)	Minister for Māori Development appointment
Robin Kearns	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (left 10.58am-11.29am and 11.38am-11.44am)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) nomination

Board member apology	
Bonita Bigham	Local Government NZ nomination

Board Secretariat	
Wendy Shaw	Secretary
Christopher Stephens	Advisor
Jill Remnant	Advisor
Joanna Barnes-Wylie	Senior Advisor (Treaty names)

Observers	
Robert Pouwhare (from 10.03am)	Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh)
Philip Green (left at 11.47am)	Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations)
Victoria Smits (11.15am-11.52am)	Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations)
Elizabeth Garlick	External Comms, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ

Observer apologies	
Sheryll Johnson	Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC)
Waihoroi Shortland	Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)

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

3.1. **Agenda | Rārangi take**

This hui is shorter than usual. Its main purpose is to consider two name proposals that received a considerable number of submissions, with the intention to report to the Minister for Land Information as soon as possible before the Parliament rises for election preparation. It will focus on just making decisions and not items to note such as policies, projects, outreach, etc.

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

Merata Kawharu advised that the proposer of Mitiwai Stream (item 7.2), is her niece. The Board did not consider this to be a conflict of interest.

The Chairperson agreed to deal with any conflicts as they come up under agenda items and requested that any potential conflicts be declared at the time of discussion.

4. **Previous minutes | Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua** **Matters arising | Ngā take i ara ake** **Action sheet | Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki**

4.1. **Previous minutes 26 April/Paengawhāwhā 2023**

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its 26 April 2023 hui (Objective ID A5411084) and requested these corrections:

- page 5, item 6.1, 1st line of the resolution: replace 'is' with 'its'
- page 6, item 6.2: in the resolution remove 'being four times the number of objections'
- page 15, item 9, 1st paragraph: correct name of kaumātua
- page 15, item 11.1: space required between '2023' and 'hui'
- page 19, item 11.2, 2nd paragraph: delete 'have names'
- page 21, item 11.2, final action: replace 'on producing' with 'to produce'

For item 11.2 the Board had agreed that to progress the matter it should approach both iwi/imi groups and suggest that they themselves divide up the names, not the Secretariat. Therefore, the minutes should be altered to reflect this:

- page 19, 5th paragraph replace 'The Board agreed to approach both iwi/imi groups with seven features each leaving the 15th for AWI to name as a gesture of goodwill' with 'The Board agreed to approach both iwi/imi groups and suggest that they name seven features each leaving the 15th for AWI to name as a gesture of goodwill',
- page 20, delete the first action, and

- page 20, delete the action in the 4th bullet point 'advising of their 7 features each for suggested naming'.

The Board thanked the Secretariat for the detailed minutes, which help it to reengage with its deliberations at the previous hui.

[The Secretariat also subsequently corrected:

- page 5, item 6.2: 'Tūtaekuri' to 'Tutaekuri'
- page 10, item 8.1: 'Tuanaha' to 'Taunaha'
- page 13, item 8.4: 'Mahanga' to 'Māhanga' and 'Kāwhia' to 'Kawhia'
- page 14, item 8.4 action: 'and' to 'as']

4.2. Matters arising | Ngā take i ara ake

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 26 April 2023 hui that are not covered in today's agenda.

4.3. Action sheet | Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki

The Board reviewed its actions from its 26 April 2023 and earlier hui.

Actions from 26 April 2023 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions)			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
11.2 Items to note from the Undersea Feature Names Committee (UFNC)	Communicate/engage with each iwi group about the opportunity to give 7 names each and the 15 th from AWI, as part of her Te Mātāwai Board member role.	Paulette Tamati-Elliffe	The Secretariat is drafting a letter to Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori
15.1 Implementation plan for centenary	Provide ideas to the Secretary.	Board members	A plan is now in place and the Secretariat has an operational action sheet. CLOSED

Actions from 2 December 2022 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions)			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
11.1 Auckland Council (1433 recorded names)	Approach TPK to source funding and assist with the programme.	Waihoroi Shortland	Refined process to be considered under item 9. CLOSED
8.2 Te Kamo (locality)	Seek further kōrero about the whakapapa of Te Kamo	Waihoroi Shortland	Submissions to be considered under item 6.1. CLOSED

Actions from 26 July 2022 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions)			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
25 History/Origin/Meaning in the Gazetteer	Advise appropriate people to contact people for collaboration and priorities for Māori place names' history/origin/meaning for the Secretariat to provide to Michael Roche.	Board	Ongoing

Actions from 14 October 2020 minutes for Chairperson, Board or Committees			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
7. Board Agreements (Previous minutes of 27 July 2020)	Discuss with LINZ's Chief Executive adding a schedule to the LINZ/ Board Agreement of the high-level services LINZ provides to the Board.	Chairperson	Awaiting the conclusion of Toitū Te Whenua LINZ's staff restructure in mid-2022, which is still underway.

Resolution

That the minutes of the hui held on 26 April 2023 be ratified with the specified changes.

Moved Robin Kearns

Seconded Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

All in favour

Carried

Actions required

- Secretariat to update the minutes of 26 April 2023 with the specified changes.
- Secretariat to obtain the Chairperson's signature and publish an unsigned, updated version on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ webpages.

Standard decisions | Ngā whakataunga noa

5. Minister's decision | Whakatau a te Minita

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5404442). Since MP Dr Elizabeth Kerekere's oral question in the House on 7 June 2023, there have been a further twelve written questions from her plus another two from another MP on 21 June 2023 [relating to appointments]. The questions from Dr Kerekere related to alternative names for towns and cities and using the fast-track process set out in section 24 of the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008.

The Board was criticised for taking too long to finalise the proposal for Te Awa o Mokotūāraro and that it had declined the proposers' first proposal for Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira. The Board's responses may have set Dr Kerekere on the right path, but there may be more parliamentary questions as a result. It is the consequence of a name like this, which if the Board could have given the full Māori name to the river in the first instance, it would have. The Board's media releases had been very clear about why it had declined Ngaruroro Moko-tū-ā-raro ki Rangatira, but that was not what Dr Kerekere's questions had focussed on. While the Board could have been even clearer in its communications, Dr Kerekere had misquoted some facts in her media release, so there may have been some misinformation circulating. Ultimately, it had been a good news story and the proposer had been delighted with the final decision.

[Secretariat note: subsequent to this hui, in early July 2023, the proposer had sadly passed away. Her passion and commitment to seeing this name proposal through, is deeply appreciated.]

6. Submissions on proposals | Tāpaetanga ki ngā tono

6.1 Te Kamo

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5302285). Some Board members had difficulty downloading the supporting information on their [Apple] phones [devices] and requested that the Secretariat investigate other ways of providing the information.

A significant number of submitters didn't see a need for the name to be changed. However, this is a correction to the orthography of the existing name, which the Board routinely does for both Māori and non-Māori names. Several other stories have emerged for the origin of the name Te Kamo, but they don't dispute that the 'Te' be included. The Board had originally questioned who the eponymous ancestor was, and that had been borne out in some of the responses in the submissions, particularly in the 18 April 2023 letter from Ngāti Kahu o Torongare.

The number of submissions is not the issue, rather it is the rigour of the arguments. 'Te' is used in other Māori place names in Aotearoa New Zealand, for example, Te Kauwhata. One of the main objections was around signage, which wouldn't need to be changed immediately. The Board agreed that it would be disrespectful to not have the name recognised correctly, noting the recent precedent with Lake Mackinnon being corrected to Lake McKinnon.

Robert Pouwhare joined the hui at 10.03am

The suburb's boundaries are potentially contentious and defining an extent could be problematic. The Board had agreed not to indicate the extent of the boundary for public consultation and instead invited submissions on what the community thought was the most appropriate extent. In response to the limited and variable submissions on the extent, the Board now has two options – either decide not to define an extent or agree in principle to the boundaries that the proposer suggested. It would be easier to define an extent if there was clearly defined geographic borders, for example, a river which is a natural boundary, but that is not the case for this proposal.

Chanel Clarke joined the hui at 10.05am

The Board wondered if defining an extent would be distracting from its core business and whether a stronger position is to focus on the orthography of the name. However, there could be merit in agreeing in principle to the boundaries, subject to refinement in consultation with the proposers and support from Whangarei District Council. A later submission from the proposers limited the extent to the urban area and didn't extend further out to the west. Every time the Board defines one of the boundaries it would also be defining the boundaries of the adjoining areas, and because they haven't been considered, it becomes more complex. The Board had had the same issues with the recent locality proposals for Rangiriri and Whangamarino whereby it would be setting boundaries without considering the neighbouring areas. The current topographic map clearly shows Kamo as a suburb for the urban area of Whangārei.

The NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset, which Toitū Te Whenua LINZ is taking over from Fire and Emergency New Zealand, defines boundaries for the locality currently called Kamo and depending on what the Board decides they may be required to change them. If the Board doesn't define the boundaries, then Toitū Te Whenua LINZ may have more flexibility to adjust them in line with what the community considers them to be. That may be an effective way of managing the uncertainty without the Board having to consult with the community should changes be required in the future. Defining boundaries is one of the functions in the Board's legislation, however, it is an enabling function, not a mandatory requirement.

The Board was disappointed that the submissions didn't put forward much more information about the tupuna, Te Kamo. The Board agreed to add an [s] to the third bullet point in the Secretariat's recommendation. Because it isn't a singular narrative it should read 'the traditional narratives'.

Resolutions

*The Board **considered** the 651 submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the unofficial recorded name Kamo to **Te Kamo** as the official name of a suburb in Whangārei,*
and

Rejected the 535 objecting submissions, including the submission making an alternative proposal for 'Pohe', based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons the Board originally accepted for the proposal, being:

- the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, and to collect original Māori names for recording on official charts and maps,
- advice from mana whenua and evidence on the 1858 Deed of Sale of Te Kamo being an original Māori name,
- recognising the traditional narratives and cultural values associated with the name and the area that it originally applied to, and
- giving effect to the Board's strategic goal to officially name all suburbs and localities,

and

Noted in response to the objecting submissions, that there is no legal obligation for businesses to change their names, so may do so if or when they're ready, and costs for altered names being minimal for digital records and absorbed over time for physical products and infrastructure through regular replacement/maintenance cycles,

and

Noted that there are other stories that Te Kamo refers to an event, not a tupuna, but that the spelling would still be Te Kamo, and that the Gazetteer could include a note to acknowledge this,

and

Confirmed its earlier decision to alter the unofficial recorded name Kamo to **Te Kamo** as the official spelling of the name of a suburb in Whangārei,

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 **not decide** on the extent of the suburb, based on the limited and variable responses in the submissions indicating no clear idea of community views, noting Whangarei District Council has not sought to define the boundaries, and that the primary aim of the proposal was to restore the full original name.

Moved Robin Kearns
Seconded Merata Kawharu
All in favour
Carried

Actions required

- Secretariat to investigate other ways of downloading supporting information for Apple devices.
- Secretariat to report the Board's recommendation to the Minister for Land Information.
- Secretariat to include other Te Kamo stories in the Gazetteer for discoverability.

6.2 Kororāreka

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5295017). There are a significant number of submissions, with a similar number for and against the proposal. Most submissions had been made at the beginning of the public notification period and via the online form. Like other controversial proposals, the categories of the submissions are very similar. For this proposal there had been a few very abusive submissions, which was difficult for the Secretariat to read and process. The Chairperson had made a decision to remove two objecting submissions with abusive content from consideration.

The Secretariat is working through a process to filter out submissions that contain abusive and/or offensive content, so that the Secretariat and Board don't have to deal with them in future, but there is always the danger that genuine submissions would inadvertently be rejected. The Board

wondered if it should send the names of abusive submitters to a watchlist and noted that is something that Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Legal Team is discussing with other government agencies. One of the ways of dealing with the issue from a legal perspective is to have terms and conditions of acceptance on the Board's submissions' webpages. The Board agreed that it has zero tolerance of abusive and/or offensive submissions, and they shouldn't be counted in submission numbers or be considered even if they have other legitimate points to make. The Board agreed that it should take advantage of any broader government solution rather than suggest its own solution and requested that the Secretary report back on any across-government initiatives for dealing with offensive submissions.

Both Russell and Kororāreka have a unique place in New Zealand's history and both names are well known to many New Zealanders. Although a substantial number of submitters object to an outright change, quite a number support alternative or dual names. This indicates that they don't want Russell dropped but also support Kororāreka being restored and demonstrates fairly strong support for Kororāreka to be recognised somehow. The option of having Kororāreka and Russell as alternative official names would allow both names to be used in much the same way that the Board had done for the North Island and South Island – Te Ika-a-Māui and Te Waipounamu. This may also provide for a natural transition to the original Māori name over time, although this could not be guaranteed. It would also address Whangarei District Council's concerns about the cost of transitioning.

This is a significant decision, and the Board would normally be cautious about making an outright name change. However, altering Russell outright to Kororāreka is not considered to be such a dramatic change as Kororāreka is already in use on signage and has been used on the ground for many years, so this would be the end of the transition process.

The Board confirmed its decision to alter Russell to Kororāreka and agreed that this would be an enabling decision rather than an enforcing decision. Although there is the compliance requirement in section 32 of the NZGB Act 2008, which records that the official name must be used if there is one, the Board doesn't have to enforce that rigorously. The Board can use its discretion and take a soft approach to allow time for people to adopt Kororāreka. While it may take time for people to get used to the change, there is no compliance impact on businesses such as Airbnb's, which can use whatever name they choose. Road signs would also only be required to be updated when they need to be replaced. There should be no issues for emergency services who use alias names and mail delivery which uses post codes rather than place names. Those organisations are familiar with dealing with multiple names for a place. The Board's intention is that it's not a hard change to implement Kororāreka, but a transition over time, and it could be an attraction for the tourist industry.

The Minister for Land Information will be required to make the final determination, but there is no set timeframe for that decision. The Minister may be concerned about creating a division in the community, so the Board's report will need to explain its approach and the reasons behind its decision to help allay the Minister's concerns.

The Board considered the wording of the recommendation in the report and agreed that it is the quality of the kōrero in the submissions rather than the number of submissions, that is, it isn't a vote. Therefore, the Board agreed to alter 'the majority of submissions supporting Kororāreka in some form' to 'a number of objecting submissions supporting Kororāreka in some form'.

Resolution

*The Board **considered** all **1821** submissions and their reasons on the proposal to **alter** the recorded (unofficial) township name Russell to the official name **Kororāreka**,
and*

Rejected the **866** objecting submissions (including those that proposed alternative names or dual names) based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board originally accepted for the proposal and additional reasons, 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,
- evidence that Kororāreka is the original Māori name for the township and is already commonly used and widely known,
- dual and alternative names being discouraged for addresses in the Australia/New Zealand addressing standard,
- the risk of potential confusion for emergency responses and maritime safety/navigational aid being low,
- Te Rūnanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi supporting the proposal,
- the Far North District Council supporting the proposed change (noting their reservations about cost and wide consultation),
- a number of objecting submissions supporting Kororāreka in some form, and
- the costs of transitioning to the new name being minimized by adopting a soft approach to compliance over an extended period.

and

Confirmed the Board's earlier decision to alter the recorded (unofficial) township name Russell to the official township name **Kororāreka**,

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 Shane Te Ruki

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

Actions required

- Secretary to report back to the Board on any across-government initiatives that deal with offensive submissions.
- Secretariat to report the Board's decision/recommendation to the Minister for Land Information.

10.58am Adam Greenland, Paulette Tamati-Elliffe and Jenni Vernon left the hui

10.58am-11.17am Morning tea | Kaputī

11.08am Jenni Vernon rejoined the hui

11.15am Victoria Smits joined the hui

Treaty advice | He kupu āwhina mō te Tiriti

In confidence | Kia noho matatapu

11.38am Paulette Tamati-Elliffe left the hui

11.44am Paulette Tamati-Elliffe rejoined the hui

11.47am Philip Green left the hui

11.52am Victoria Smits left the hui

7. Name proposals | Tono taunahatanga

7.1 Meyers Pass

Additional information tabled

- Email received from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) on 19 June 2023 (Objective ID A5423297).

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5377723). The name is already used for the road (Meyers Pass Road) and the feature itself is signposted 'Meyers Pass' at both ends of the road. This proposal would formalise the name of the pass by assigning it as official. Meyers Creek and Meyer (hill) are associated features.

The recommendations are subject to TRONT's advice that there are no original Māori names known for the features, and to date the Board hasn't received feedback from the relevant TRONT rūnanga group. Arowhenua Rūnanga has provided its views in the tabled email. However, they deferred to mana whenua, Te Rūnanga o Waihao, whose feedback is still pending. In *Kā Huru Manu* an ara tawhito (traditional travel route) is shown over the pass, which means that it may have an original Māori name, but this isn't on hand. Takerei Norton has advised that names are recorded around the area from various sources, but none are tagged specifically to the pass.

Many Post Settlement Governance Entities are under pressure so it may not be appropriate to give TRONT only the standard one month notice prior to public notification to respond. The Board agreed that there should be no specific time frame for TRONT's response.

Resolution

*The Board **declined** the proposal to **assign** Meyers Pass as an official place name, based on the Board's policy that the English possessive form should not be used for new proposals,*

and

***Accepted** a new proposal to **assign Meyer Pass** as the official place name of an unnamed pass in south Canterbury Region, approximately 23km west of Waimate, based on:*

- evidence of local use, particularly Meyers Pass Road and Meyers Pass being already signposted at either end of the road, and being named in newspapers, local history books, online, etc, notwithstanding the use of the possessive [s] (whether Meyers or Meyer's),*
- recognising the association of Herbert Meyer and his family with the area,*
- dropping the possessive [s] making it clear that the feature is named for a Meyer, not a Meyers, noting different families with both spellings lived in the area, and*
- officially naming the pass being useful for identification to emergency services,*

and

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

***Subject** to advice from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu that there is no original Māori name known for the pass.*

AND

***Accepted** a proposal from the Board to **alter** the unofficial recorded place name Meyers Creek to **Meyer Creek** as an official place name based on the same reasons above and consistency with the proposed Meyer Pass and the existing recorded place name Meyer (hill),*

and

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

***Subject** to advice from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu that there is no original Māori name known for the creek.*

AND

***Accepted** a proposal from the Board to **approve** the unofficial recorded place name **Meyer** (hill) as an official place name,*

and

*Will **notify** as a proposal to **approve** for one month,*

***Subject** to advice from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu that there is no original Māori name known for the hill.*

Moved Shaun Barnett
Seconded Chanel Clarke

All in favour
Carried

Action required

- *Secretariat to notify Meyer Pass, Meyer Creek and Meyer (hill) as proposals for one month subject to advice from TRONT, with no timeframe, that no original Māori names are known for the features.*

7.2 Mitiwai Stream

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5377306). Mitiwai Stream has been in long term use including prior use on official maps. However, Matauwai Stream is another recorded name for the feature, so Mitiwai Stream can't be approved as official under section 24 of the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008 without public consultation, that is, it has to be publicly notified for submissions. Waikato-Tainui and multiple local marae support the proposal.

Resolution

*The Board **accepted** the proposal to **approve** the unofficial recorded place name **Mitiwai Stream** as the official place name, replacing the alternative recorded place name Matauwai Stream, based on:*

- *the function of the Board to encourage the use of original Māori place names and advice that 'Mitiwai' is the correct, original name,*
- *evidence of historical use, including use of Mitiwai Stream on official maps until relatively recently (as late as 1984),*
- *advice that the name used locally for the feature is Mitiwai Stream, including evidence of continued use in scientific publications,*
- *support from three local marae and a formal letter of support from Waikato-Tainui, and*
- *approving one of the names as official and replacing the other one potentially benefitting identification to emergency services,*

and

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

Noting that Matauwai Stream, which has been in long term use (49 years) on official maps is an alternative recorded name for the same feature, so, public consultation is required.

Moved Shane Barnett

Seconded Chanel Clarke

All in favour

Carried

Action required

- *Secretariat to notify Mitiwai Stream as a proposal to approve for one month.*

Recorded names approved as official programme | E whaimana ai ngā taunahatanga

9. Recorded names approved as official | E whaimana ai ngā taunahatanga

Additional information tabled

- 523 recorded Māori place names in Auckland with orthography confirmed by a licensed translator (Objective ID A5426168).

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5391264). Because the number of recorded (unofficial) place names was too high for some iwi to process, the Board reconsidered its approach to fast-tracking the names region-by-region. Identifying just significant names as suggested at the 26 April 2023 hui had proven too difficult, noting that the exercise had already been completed once before for significant geographic features. The fast-track approval process has had some success in other regions, so the Board doesn't want to overreact to some of the issues it has had with the Hawke's Bay Region and Auckland Council names. The most benefit would be gained by running a similar process but focussing on only the recorded Māori place names in Te Ika-a-Māui, particularly getting the orthography confirmed and recognised. This refined process will allow the Board to be flexible, agile and firm on how it engages with iwi in particular, but also councils.

The Board agreed to move ahead with the Auckland Council names with the adjusted approach. However, it won't process the Hawke's Bay Region names just yet as the region is still recovering from the recent cyclone. The Secretariat will update the webpage 'Approving unofficial place names' with the refined process, provide Merata Kawharu with the list of recorded Māori place names in Auckland for her comment and send the updated list to the 19 Auckland mana whenua groups with a deadline to respond.

Actions required

- *Secretariat to update the webpage with the refined process.*
- *Secretariat to provide Merata Kawharu with the list of Auckland Council Māori names for comment.*
- *Secretariat to send the updated list to the 19 Auckland mana whenua groups with a deadline to respond.*
- *Secretariat to process the recorded (unofficial) Māori place names in Auckland Council that have confirmed orthography.*

Other business | He take atu anō

10 Other business | He take atu anō

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5404440).

- The proposer is unhappy with the decision the Board made at its hui on 26 April 2023 to decline the proposals to alter Franz Josef/Waiau to Franz Joseph / Waiau, and Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere to Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. The Board had declined the proposals because it isn't able to amend place names in Treaty settlement legislation through the standard process in sections 16-21 of the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008. However, the proposer's interpretation of the Act is that the Board can make decisions. The Secretary is in the process of having the Board's original legal opinion confirmed.
- Shane Te Ruki will be Master of Ceremonies at the launch of the two Tangata Whenua maps at Parliament on 3 July 2023.

- Waka Kotahi is currently consulting on its bilingual signage strategy. However, it has no funding to roll it out, so it won't happen for a long time, and it won't happen without consultation with the Board. The Board is only concerned with signage for place names, not for example 'kura' for 'school'. If there is an official place name, which includes dual names, then Waka Kotahi must use it on its signage. The Secretary plans to make a submission on Waka Kotahi's bilingual signage strategy advising that the Board supports the intention of the programme, noting that official place names and the correct orthography must be used. Hastings District Council has already erected bilingual signs for Heretaunga for Hastings and Karanema for Havelock North. When the Secretary met with the council's Māori Joint Committee on 14 June 2023, she advised them that the Board's concern is that the council uses the correct original Māori name with the correct orthography. If the council uses a wrong name, it will have to change its signage.
- It was a privilege for the Secretary to represent Aotearoa New Zealand at the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). There had been interesting discussions and debate around a 2002 UNGEGN resolution encouraging countries to use endonyms and that exonyms be discouraged, for example Rome used for Roma outside of Italy. The Board thanked the Secretary for her leadership at UNGEGN.
- The Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee has met, and Cabinet has agreed to changes to the Board's membership. Bonita Bigham has stepped down and this will be the last hui for Shane Te Ruki and Chanel Clarke with their terms finishing on 10 July 2023 when the new appointments and reappointment of Robin Kearns will be gazetted. The Chairperson and Secretary wrote to the Minister for Land Information at the time the Minister for Māori Development had made his recommendations, strongly supporting membership continuity, noting that a 'revolving door' doesn't serve the nation or Board well and the Minister had taken that into account.

The Chairperson suggested having a formal farewell for the members who aren't being reappointed. The Board acknowledged the huge contribution the retiring members have made to the Board, noting that they may choose to continue as members of Komiti Taunahatanga Māori.

Shane Te Ruki acknowledged the camaraderie of Board members and thanked the Secretariat for the excellent presentation of Board papers.

The Chairperson thanked the Board for its contributions to the hui. The Secretary will be in touch with proposed dates for the Board's next hui.

Robert Pouwhare acknowledged Shane Te Ruki, Chanel Clarke and Merata Kawharu with a mihi. He confirmed that the orthography of Te Kamo is correct and that there is a macron on the first [a] in Kororāreka. He also thanked the Board for its work in restoring original Māori place names to the land, which carry so much meaning, layers of history and whakapapa.

Actions required

- *Secretariat to report back to the Board on the updated legal opinion re processing new proposals relating to Treaty legislated place names, and potentially revisit two proposals.*
- *Secretary to make a submission on behalf of the Board on Waka Kotahi's bilingual signage strategy.*
- *Secretary to arrange a formal farewell for Bonita Bigham, Shane Te Ruki and Chanel Clarke.*
- *Secretary to contact Board members with proposed dates for the next hui.*

The hui closed at 12.35pm with the Board's karakia lead by Shane Te Ruki.

Certified as a true and correct record of the hui:

Anselm Haanen, Chairperson

Date