

KIA MAHARA | NOTE:

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Hei kōrero whānui | General

1. Karakia | Prayer He Whakatau | Welcome

The Board opened the hui with its karakia. The Chairperson welcomed Board members and observers to the hui.

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

The Board noted an apology from Dr Merata Kawharu and that she will be leaving the hui early.

The hui was recorded to assist with preparation of the minutes and the recording will be deleted once the Board has ratified them.

Board members present in person or online (10)	
Anselm Haanen, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Mahana Toka (online until 12:18pm)	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Dr Cadence Kaumoana	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Dr Merata Kawharu (online until 9:56am)	Minister for Land Information appointment
Iaeen Cranwell	Local Government New Zealand nomination
Dr Robin Kearns	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (from 9:10am)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRoNT) nomination
Dr Michael (Mick) Abbott	Federated Mountain Clubs nomination
Adam Greenland (from 9:05am to 9:48am and returned 10:48am)	National Hydrographer, LINZ

Board Secretariat (3)	
Wendy Shaw	Secretary
Joanna Barnes-Wylie	Senior Treaty Names Advisor
Christopher Stephens	Advisor

Toitū Te Whenua LINZ observers (3)	
Jeff Needham	Deputy Surveyor-General
Charlotte Jones (online from 9:30am to 11:03am and 11:29am to 12:21pm)	Senior Business Partner, Strategic Communications – Public Affairs
Lisa Chunder (online from 9:42am to 12:21pm)	Business Partner, Strategic Communications – Public Affairs

Observers from other agencies (5)	
Tāne Karamaina	Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh) – The Māori Language Commission
Ellen Murray (from 11:09am to 11:25am)	Te Tari Whakatau (TTW) – The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana
Keawe Woodmore (from 11:09am to 11:25am)	Te Tari Whakatau (TTW)
Matthew Woodbury (from 10:39am to 11:43am)	Te Tari Whakatau (TTW)
Philip Green (from 11:09am to 11:43am)	Te Tari Whakatau (TTW)

Minute Taker (1)	
Jill Remnant	Contractor

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

3.1 **Rārangi take | Agenda**

The Board confirmed the agenda, noting that an additional item concerning the proposal for Horomatangi Reefs will be discussed under item 13 Other Business. These minutes are recorded in the order discussed at the hui.

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

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8108898). No conflicts of interest were declared. Any conflicts that arise at this hui can be declared at the time of the discussion.

The Board noted that it had recently received five written parliamentary questions concerning conflicts of interest. Referring to the Board's register, the Secretary was able to report that within the timeframe requested there had been none.

The Board noted that with 24 of September 2026 being the last day that the House of Representatives sits, it is unlikely that the Minister for Land Information will make any Board appointments/ reappointments.

4. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes (30 April 2026) Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

4.1 Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes (30 April 2026)

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its 30 April 2026 hui (Objective ID A8120862). The Board noted that since receiving the minutes, some minor grammatical errors have been corrected by the Secretariat. Board members noted that the minutes are an excellent and comprehensive record and thanked the minute taker and Secretariat.

Resolution

The Board ratified the minutes of its hui held on 30 April 2026, subject to minor updates.

Moved laean Cranwell
Seconded Robin Kearns
All in favour
Carried

Action required

- Secretariat to obtain the Chairperson's signature and arrange for an unsigned version of the 30 April 2026 minutes to be published on the LINZ website.

4.2 Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising

Paulette Tamati-Elliffe advised that TRoNT's archive team is following up with Tā Tipene O'Regan on contributing to the *Te Komiti Taunahatanga Māori: a brief history* document.

4.3 Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

Actions for Board from its 15 September 2025 hui			
Agenda Item	Action	By	Comments
17. Antarctic Names Committee	Provide contact details of research groups working in Antarctica to the Secretariat.	Dr Mick Abbott	Still to be actioned

Actions for Board from its 30 April 2026 hui			
Agenda Item	Action	By	Comments
6. Ngā whakatau a te Minita Minister's decisions	Consider inviting the Minister for Land Information to the Board's 30 June 2026 hui.	Chairperson	COMPLETED
	Arrange to meet with Minister Butterick in early July to provide him with more information on the Minister's role before he receives the two reports from the Board for final decisions.	Chairperson	COMPLETED
19. Te Komiti Taunahatanga Māori	Follow-up a final time with the TRoNT Archive Team regarding potential enhancement of the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori: a brief history document with contributions from Tā Tipene O'Regan.	Paulette Tamati-Elliffe	COMPLETED

Actions for Board from its 30 April 2026 hui			
Agenda Item	Action	By	Comments
	Report to the Board at a future hui on the changes in TTWh's <i>Guidelines for Māori Language Orthography</i> .	Tāne Karamaina	OPEN
20. Ngā kaupapa mō ngā ingoa wāhi Māori Kaupapa for Māori place names	Provide feedback on sections a-i under the 'Other conventions' heading on page 3 of the Kaupapa.	Tāne Karamaina	OPEN
	Discuss the finalised Kaupapa and the Board's MOU with TPK with TPK's Chief Executive	Chairperson	After the Kaupapa is finalised
22. Ngā kōrero hou a te Hēkeretari Secretariat's update	Provide feedback on the Board's Māori Language Plan.	Tāne Karamaina	COMPLETED

Meeting adjourned for Minister for Land Information to meet the Board, 9.19am to 9.41am

Present: Minister Mike Butterick, Minister's Private Secretary Hazel Morgaine, LINZ Head of Regulatory Practice and Delivery Dan White.

9:30am Charlotte Jones joined the hui

9:42am Lisa Chunder joined the hui

Ngā whakataunga noa | Standard decisions

5. Ngā tono taunahatanga | Name proposals

5.1 Te Puna Waiti, Wairepo Stream

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8123167).

9:48am Adam Greenland left the hui

Based on the orthographic advice received, the Board agreed to amend the proposal for Te Puna Waiti to Te Punawaiti, noting that the proposer and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui support the amended orthography. The Board also accepted the proposal for Wairepo Stream.

Resolutions

The Board **accepted** the proposal, as amended with the correct orthography, to **assign Te Punawaiti** as the official geographic name of an unnamed spring in Waikawa (locality), northeast of Picton, based on:

- the spring's cultural, historical and ecological values,
- the Board's *Standard for New Zealand place names* encouraging contemporary Māori place names,
- confirmation of the standardised orthography by a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator and the proposer supporting this orthography, and
- support from mana whenua Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui, for the standardised orthography Te Punawaiti.

and

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

Noting that:

- Rangitāne o Wairau sought further engagement on the proposal and advised they would provide a formal response after referring it to their internal naming group, requesting the Board to defer any decision until that process was complete,
- further engagement occurred between the proposer and Rangitāne o Wairau in February 2026,
- the proposer, Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui, and the Secretariat have followed up with Rangitāne o Wairau since this engagement, but no formal response has been received to date, and
- Rangitāne o Wairau will be advised one month prior to public notification and could make a formal submission with any further views.

AND

The Board **accepted** the proposal to assign **Wairepo Stream** as the official geographic name of an unnamed stream in Waikawa (locality) northeast of Picton, based on:

- the stream's cultural, historical and ecological values,
- the Board's *Standard for New Zealand place names* encouraging contemporary Māori place names,
- confirmation of the standardised orthography by a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator, and
- support from Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui who are mana whenua.

and

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

Noting that:

- Rangitāne o Wairau sought further engagement on the proposal and advised that they would provide a formal response after referring it to their internal naming group, requesting the Board to defer any decision until that process was complete,
- further engagement occurred between the proposer and Rangitāne o Wairau in February 2026,
- the proposer, Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui and the Secretariat have followed up with Rangitāne o Wairau since this engagement, but no formal response has been received to date, and
- Rangitāne o Wairau will be advised one month prior to public notification and could make a formal submission with any further views.

Moved Jenni Vernon
Seconded Merata Kawharu
All in favour
Carried

Further discussion

The Board noted advice from the TTWh observer that a revised edition of the *Guidelines for Māori Language Orthography* will be published shortly. The updated *Guidelines* will retain the existing principles for hyphenating proper nouns of more than seven syllables while adopting a more practical approach of 'if in doubt, hyphen it out' [rather than as one compound word if less than seven syllables]. The *Guidelines* will also include clearer explanations and examples to support consistent application. The Board noted that the revised *Guidelines* will provide it with greater flexibility in its decision making to support place names proposed by iwi who use double vowels, particularly in the context of Treaty settlement proposals. The TTWh observer agreed to provide the Secretary with a copy of the revised *Guidelines* once published. The Board agreed that, once publicly available, the *Guidelines* should be shared with proposers to enable them to assist in making proposals to the Board.

Actions required

- Secretariat to notify Te Punawaitī and Wairepo Stream as proposals to assign for one month.
- TTWh observer to provide a copy of the new edition of the *Guidelines for Māori Language Orthography* to the Secretary when they are published.
- Secretariat to provide the new edition of the *Guidelines* to the Board and proposers.

5.2 Hanley's Farm

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8049767). The Board noted that the proposal is adjacent to Jacks Point suburb, for which it had previously received a proposal that was subsequently withdrawn but may be resubmitted.

9:56am Merata Kawharu left the hui

The Board considered whether, as an exception, the possessive [s] should be retained but not the apostrophe, which would be consistent with the adjacent Jacks Point suburb. However, there may be a perception that the person's name was Hanleys and not Hanley. The Board discussed the connection between property development and place naming, noting that developers sometimes choose names that evoke nostalgia for features that no longer exist, such as parks or woodlands. They can also promote names that become established in local use and almost impossible to change. Councils have acknowledged this is an issue, and although the naming of developments is their responsibility, with the fast-track approval process that they now use, it is often a low priority for councils. The Board noted that the proposed name is associated with the history of the area.

The Board agreed that it is important that place names are enduring. The Board queried if the generic term 'Farm' is appropriate as John Hanley had never owned the farm. However, it is a reference to the land's pastoral history. The Board considered whether Hanley Downs, which had been in longer term local use in the past, or just Hanley, might be more appropriate. The Board noted that the council and TRoNT will have an opportunity to make a submission during the notification period and public notification may also result in alternative names being suggested.

The Board also considered whether the feature needed to be named at all. However, it is no longer just a development. It is geographically separated from Jacks Point suburb and meets the definition of a suburb. If officially named, it may be added to the LINZ's *Suburbs and Localities* dataset as a separate addressable locality/suburb. The Board noted that it doesn't have a specific policy on which generic terms may be acceptable for suburb names. Hanley's Farm or Hanleys Farm has been in long term use and is shown on signage and used by businesses.

The Board noted that the name is a part of New Zealand's colonial history and discussed whether it should decline the proposal to highlight its concerns about the use of the apostrophe and the generic term 'Farm'. Accepting them may also set a precedent for future proposals. The Board noted that other Queenstown developments have unusual generic terms such as Park Ridge, Lake Hayes Estate and Shotover Country (yet to be proposed to the Board). The Board noted that amending the proposal to just Hanley may prompt locals to argue that it is known as Hanley's Farm due to established usage. However, although Hanley's Farm is in local use, it isn't a recorded place name as defined in section 4 of the Board's legislation. On balance, the Board agreed to accept the proposal as Hanleys Farm without the apostrophe, and to advise the proposer that acceptance of the possessive [s] and the generic term 'Farm' is an exception to the Board's usual practice.

Resolution

The Board **accepted** an amended proposal to **assign Hanleys Farm**, with the possessive form but with no apostrophe, as the official name of a suburb of Queenstown based on:

- local use of the name since at least 2017 (nine years), noting much earlier use of Hanley Downs or Henley Downs in the area,
- making it official enabling it to be clearly found, avoiding addressing and emergency response issues, and offer identity for the residents,
- confirmation of the spelling of the name from the Queenstown Historical Society and Secretariat research,

- confirmation of John 'Jack' Hanley's contribution to the area and meeting the Board's *Standard* 1.1(b): 'was of good character, and/or contributed to, or had a strong association with the ... area',
- recognising the area's pastoral history associated with where John 'Jack' Hanley farmed,
- no concerns about using the generic term 'Farm' because of its local use (despite it not being in long term use and it not being a typical generic term), and
- applying the Board's *Standard* which discourages the possessive apostrophe.

Noting that:

- although in local use, it is not a recorded name as defined in section 4 of the NZGB Act 2008¹,
- use of the generic term 'Farm' is an exception, and the Board does not encourage it,
- no feedback has been received from TRoNT on whether an original Māori name exists for this area,
- no feedback has been received from Queenstown-Lakes District Council, including confirmation of the extent of the proposal, however some councillors have responded with support or are neutral, and
- if the name becomes official, LINZ may split the existing Jacks Point locality or add Hanley Farm as an 'additional name' against the Jacks Point locality entry in LINZ's 'Suburbs and Localities' dataset to assist with ongoing addressing issues.

and

Will **request** that Queenstown-Lakes District Council provide the full extent of the suburb, noting this does not prevent the proposal from proceeding to public consultation.

and

Will **notify** as a proposal to **assign** for two months (giving TRoNT and the council the opportunity to make submissions).

Moved Anselm Haanen

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

Actions required

- Secretariat to notify Hanleys Farm as a proposal to assign for two months.
- Secretariat to advise the proposer of the Board's discussion on the use of the 'Farm' generic term and the apostrophe.
- Secretariat to request Queenstown-Lakes District Council to provide the full extent of the suburb.
- Secretary to compile a suburb naming guideline for the Board.

Te paramanawa | Morning tea 10:25am – 10:44am

10:39am Matthew Woodbury joined the hui

5.3 Barnett Peak

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8078898). The Board noted that it has been more than two years since former Board member Shaun Barnett passed away. Noting that many of the peaks in the area are named without a generic term (including the adjacent Bannister) and that the proposer had confirmed Barnett without the generic would be acceptable, the Board discussed whether a generic term is required in this instance. The Chairperson advised that Dr Merata Kawharu supports Barnett Peak but would also support Barnett if that was the Board's preferred option.

The Board noted that a generic term is often added to avoid confusion with another nearby feature with the same specific term. While 'Barnett' would be a distinct name, the Board agreed that in this instance including the generic term Peak would make the name more distinctive and reflect the significance of the person being commemorated. The Board noted that Shaun Barnett's family had been consulted on naming the feature as Barnett Peak, not Barnett.

Resolution

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **assign Barnett Peak** to an unnamed peak at 1513m, just south of Bannister (peak) in Tararua Forest Park, based on:

- recognising and commemorating a notable New Zealander who made a significant contribution to the area (and throughout New Zealand's back country), specifically for backcountry recreation, wilderness advocacy and preservation, and as a renowned author and photographer of the back country. And the proposal meeting the Board's *Standard* for personal naming criterion 1.1(b): 'a notable leader, of good character, and/or contributed to, or had a strong association with the feature, place or area',
- the location of the feature in Tararua Forest Park being appropriate given Shaun Barnett's lifelong connection with the area, noting that he also lived most of his adult life in Wellington,
- support from Rangitāne o Wairarapa, *Wilderness* magazine, Shaun Barnett's family and the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Inc,
- the need to give a geographic name to the only unnamed high and distinctive peak that is part of the 15-peaks over 1500m regularly traversed by experienced recreationalists, and therefore potentially assisting with back country navigation and emergency response, and
- 'Peak' being the appropriate generic term.

and

Noting that:

- mana whenua (apart from Rangitāne o Wairarapa) are yet to comment on whether an original Māori name exists for this feature, and
- Masterton District Council is neutral on the proposal.

and

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

Moved Anselm Haanen
Seconded Adam Greenland
All in favour
Carried

Further discussion

The Board noted that the outdoors community and Rangitāne o Wairarapa support the proposal but there had been no response from other mana whenua including Ngāti Kahungunu.

Action required

- Secretariat to notify Barnett Peak as a proposal to assign for two months.

5.4 Oli Peak

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8177903). The Board noted that for it to accept a proposal, the name must have a deep and meaningful connection to the feature. The Board agreed that there is a lack of evidence of the person's association with this peak. Personal naming should be reserved for lasting recognition of individuals or events of considerable significance in New Zealand's history. The Board noted that the proposer hadn't consulted with the relevant rūnanga in the area, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, and agreed that prior to making proposals, proposers should be

encouraged to consult with the appropriate mana whenua. The Board noted that the feature is also locally known as the South Peak of Mount Cheeseman.

Resolution

The Board **declined** the proposal to **assign Oli Peak** to a prominent unnamed 1959m peak in Craigieburn Range, northwest of Castle Hill Village, based on the proposed name being an abbreviated first name, which is 'unacceptable' by the Board's *Standard for NZ place names*, and because:

- the Board's personal naming criteria is not met, ie, he was not a notable leader and there isn't strong evidence of his association with this particular peak, notwithstanding the connections to Craigieburn Range described by the proposer and in the letters of support,
- there is no compelling reason to name this feature, despite local use and the current unnamed state, it doesn't pose any significant risk by remaining unnamed, and
- personal naming is warranted when enduring recognition of a significant person or event in New Zealand's history has occurred and where the feature is significantly linked to that person or event.

Noting that:

- TRoNT had not yet provided its views on the proposal, and
- the Board's response to the proposer will be sensitive and clearly explain that the bar for officially assigning personal names is very high, which this proposal does not unfortunately meet. However, not officially naming it does not prevent the feature from continuing to be locally known as Oli's Peak or Oli's.

Moved Dr Cadence Kaumoana

Seconded Dr Mick Abbott

All in favour

Carried

Action required

- Secretariat to advise the proposer that the Board declined the proposal and the reasons why.

11:03am Charlotte Jones left the hui

5.5 Charleston

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8094461). The Board noted that the area proposed to be named is currently known as Waltham with Phillipstown and Linwood to the north, Woolston to the east, and Opawa to the south. The Board discussed the relationship between the proposed suburb and the surrounding suburbs noting that recognising Charleston as a separate official suburb name could create uncertainty about addressing and the identity of the neighbouring suburbs. The Board noted that if the area proposed as Charleston was to be separated from Waltham, Waltham would just be the industrial area and maybe the swimming pool.

Noting that the proposal appeared to reflect the aspirations of a local neighbourhood community group, the Board questioned whether the proposal had gained sufficient recognition or acceptance within the wider community. Although the proposer has been promoting the name, it doesn't appear to have gained traction.

The Chairperson advised that Dr Merata Kawharu supports assigning Charleston and would be interested in TRoNT's views on the proposal, noting that many Christchurch suburbs have post-colonial names.

11:09am Ellen Murray, Keawe Woodmore and Philip Green joined the hui

The Board agreed that the proposal doesn't present a compelling case for recognising Charleston as a separate official suburb name. It wasn't convinced that the name has wider community support or that it is necessary to name the area separately from Waltham and agreed to decline the proposal. The Board further noted that the proposer hadn't provided evidence of having consulted with Christchurch City Council and there had been no input from iwi.

Resolution

The Board **declined** the proposal to **assign Charleston** as the official name of a suburb in Christchurch, based on:

- concern that residents of the existing suburb of Waltham, which covers this area, would be adversely affected by the change to their addresses,
- lack of evidence of wider community support,
- lack of formal council support, and
- not having the views of Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga included with the proposal.

Moved laean Cranwell
Seconded Dr Mick Abbott
All in favour
Carried

Action required

- Secretariat to advise the proposer that the Board declined the proposal and the reasons why.

He kupu āwhina mō te Tiriti | Treaty advice

Kia noho matatapu | In Confidence

(omitted from these minutes)

9. Tono taunahatanga Tiriti | Treaty name proposals

11:25am Ellen Murray and Keawe Woodmore left the hui

8. Ngā kōrero hou mō ngā taunahatanga Tiriti | Treaty names update

11:29am Charlotte Jones joined the hui

11:43am Philip Green and Matthew Woodbury left the hui

6. Ngā ingoa nō ture kē | Names from other legislation

Kia noho matatapu | In Confidence

(omitted from these minutes)

7. Ngā kupu whakaatu i te kāheti | Gazette notifications

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8101902). The Board noted that the Secretariat had worked within a tight timeframe to prepare the *Gazette* notices following its last hui while also preparing the reports for this hui. Therefore, in the future if the Board has three hui a year, they will need to be more evenly spaced.

Taunahatanga i Te Tiri o te Moana | Naming in Antarctica

10. Taunahatanga i Te Tiri o te Moana | Naming in Antarctica

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8133721). The Board acknowledged Christopher Stephens' passion and commitment to the Antarctic place naming work.

The Board noted the broader opportunities presented by naming in Antarctica. While peaks have generally been named, many glaciers surrounding Prince Andrew Plateau remain unnamed. This provides an opportunity to develop a suite of approximately 12–15 interconnected names. The Board noted that it could take a thematic approach based on glaciers being physical expressions of the winds that originate from the South Pole. Names that reflect the different forms of wind would create a coherent narrative across the landscape. The Board noted that developing a coordinated approach would be a more efficient use of resources rather than progressing individual naming proposals separately.

The Board agreed that the existing name Prince Andrew Plateau should be replaced with a name that better reflects contemporary values and not use other personal names. The Board supported exploring Māori names associated with wind, noting the rich whakapapa of the winds that come from the south within te ao Māori and the importance of selecting names that are appropriate to the landscape and its natural elements. The Board expressed its support for the proposed thematic approach, noting that the concept would effectively reflect the physical landscape while recognising the enduring cultural and environmental connection between Aotearoa New Zealand and Antarctica. The Board noted that the glaciers being considered are located well inland and are expected to remain enduring geographical features for the foreseeable future.

It was proposed that the Working Group hold another hui before the Board's next hui in October 2026 to refine the package of names for the Board's consideration, with a view to formalising the proposals if supported. Mick Abbott on behalf of the Working Group requested Board guidance on whether names should be put to the full Antarctic Names Committee (ANC) first. The Board noted that the project represents a substantial and significant piece of work and emphasised that it should not be rushed. It would be preferable to develop a comprehensive and robust package of proposals, even if this takes more time rather than just progressing the proposal to rename Prince Andrew Plateau. The Board noted that while it supports the work, it will need to be balanced alongside business-as-usual responsibilities and available resources. The Board agreed that the work should be guided by a thorough and well-considered process rather than an expedited timeframe.

The Board agreed that the Secretariat should determine the most appropriate timing for the process and suggested that a progress update could be presented at the Board's October 2026 hui and an ANC hui held in January 2027.

Actions required

- Secretariat to organise another Working Group hui prior to the Board's October 2026 hui.
- Secretariat to provide a progress update at the Board's October 2026 hui.

Ngā kaupapa here, ngā paerewa | Policies, Standards

11. E Tipu Te Waerenga 2026-2030 | Māori Language Plan 2026-2030

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8112019). The Secretary advised that the Board's draft Māori Language Plan has been revised following constructive feedback from TTWh. Most suggested changes have been incorporated, with one remaining matter for the Board's consideration. TTWh has recommended removing the proposed 'stretch actions' on page two, noting

that they are not clearly aligned with the plan's goals and would be better considered when the plan is next reviewed.

The TTWh observer advised that the feedback was also intended to clarify the distinction between the public facing and internal aspects, which focuses on staff capability. This is consistent with guidance provided to other Crown entities. The TTWh observer suggested including links to resources on TTWh's website which support and encourage te reo Māori capability. The observer emphasised that the objective is to encourage the use of te reo Māori. Any use is welcomed, and mistakes are viewed as a natural part of the learning process. The draft plan has been well considered and constructed and reflects the Board's longstanding commitment to restoring and correctly spelling Māori place names, which has a huge impact.

The Board noted that with the upcoming appointment of up to eight new Board members, it is important that developing their capability extends beyond pronunciation to understanding the significance of te reo Māori, place names, history and the Crown-iwi relationship.

12:18pm Mahana Toka left the hui

The Board agreed that the plan be updated to reflect this. The Board noted that its members may benefit from the TTWh resources before undertaking the more intensive 'Māori Made Easy' course.

12:21pm Charlotte Jones and Lisa Chunder left the hui

The Board acknowledged the importance of a Māori Language Plan and agreed that its focus should extend beyond pronunciation. The Board agreed that in the current resource-constrained environment it should focus on achievable actions. The Secretary agreed to revise the plan to reflect the discussion and circulate the updated version for the Board's endorsement.

Action required

- Secretary to edit the plan to reflect the discussion, including adding links to TTWh resources, removing several bullets from page 2 as requested by TTWh, and emphasising what the Board could do better in terms of language and pronunciation.
- Secretary to circulate the updated version to the Board. and publish on the LINZ website.

Ngā tono ingoa anamata | Future name proposals

12. Ngā tono ingoa anamata | Future name proposals

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8117492). The Secretary provided an overview of the current work programme including the proposals anticipated for the Board's consideration at its October 2026 hui and potential items for 2027. The Board noted that the Secretariat is managing a substantial workload with reduced staffing levels and is prioritising work according to available capacity. The Secretariat will continue to work as efficiently as possible.

He take atu anō | Other Business

13. He take atu anō | Other business

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A8110539).

Horomatangi Reefs proposal

The Board noted that the proposal to alter Horomatangi Reef to Horomatangi Reefs, which it had initiated and agreed to proceed with at its April 2026 hui (after consideration by the Undersea Feature Names Committee), had not followed its *Kaupapa for Māori place names* process before being presented for a decision. Engagement with affected mana whenua had not been undertaken before the proposal was notified for public consultation and subsequent engagement had resulted in mana whenua raising concerns about the lack of consultation. The Board noted that Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board has requested that the Board pause the public consultation process for the proposal.

The Board acknowledged that it hadn't followed its consultation process and agreed that mana whenua should not have been placed in the position of responding to a proposal without prior engagement. The Board agreed to withdraw the proposal, formally apologise to mana whenua kanohi ki te kanohi [*lit. face to face*] and reaffirmed its commitment to follow its established processes. The Board noted the proposal would be removed from its consultation webpages, and those who had already made submissions would be advised of the Board's decision.

The Board noted that the Secretariat has updated its procedures to ensure that proposals initiated by the Board itself are subject to the same Kaupapa process as externally initiated proposals, including engagement with mana whenua, before being brought to the Board.

Resolution

The Board agreed to **withdraw** the proposal to alter Horomatangi Reef to Horomatangi Reefs.

Moved Anselm Haanen

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

Actions required

- Secretary to offer to meet with Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.
- Secretary to request LINZ Digital Communications team to remove the proposal from the consultation's webpage.
- Secretary to advise those who have already made submissions that the proposal has been withdrawn.

Raukawa Sill, Raukawa Basin and Te Arawa High (altered to Te Arawa Hill)

The Board noted that as a result of the feedback received from mana whenua prior to these undersea feature name proposals being publicly notified, they will need to be reconsidered at a future date.

Nuvola Bianca Seamount

The Board noted that it still hasn't received any comment on the proposal from the United States or Republic of Korea, although it is supported by the Italian Oceanographic Institute.

Adam Greenland farewellled

The Chairperson acknowledged that this is Adam Greenland's final Board hui and congratulated him on his appointment as a Director of the International Hydrographic Organization based in Monaco. The Board noted that substantial progress has been made on undersea feature naming during Adam's

tenure and thanked him for his service to the Board. Adam reflected on his 16 years as a Board member and thanked current and former members for their support and collegiality. The Board presented Adam with an edition of *Maps and Charts of New Zealand* by Peter Maling.

Karakia | Prayer

The Board closed the hui at 12:51pm with its karakia.

[Secretariat note: Following this hui the Secretariat demonstrated the most recent updates to the NZ Gazetteer]

Certified as a true and correct record of the hui:

Anselm Haanen, Chairperson

Date

Actions for Board from its 30 June 2026 hui			
Agenda Item	Action	By	Comments
5.1 Te Puna Waiti, Wairepo Stream	Provide a copy of the new edition of the <i>Guidelines for Māori Language Orthography</i> to the Secretary when they are published.	Tāne Karamaina	