



New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB)

MINUTES

Venue: Huia and Karaka
7th Floor, Radio New Zealand House
155 The Terrace
Wellington

Thursday 14 July 2016

Duration 9.15am-4.45pm
Morning tea 10.25am-10.50am
Lunch 12.35pm-1.30pm
Afternoon tea 3.15pm-3.30pm

NOTE:

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General

1. Welcome / Karakia

1.1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed that this meeting has a particular focus on Treaty names.

The NZGB noted that Associate Professor Rawiri Te Maire Tau's replacement will be confirmed in due course and that he is still a current member.

1.2. Karakia

Mr Rikirangi Gage opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Present / Apologies

NZGB Members (9)	
Mr Mark Dyer, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Mr Garrick Murfitt	Local Government New Zealand nomination
Mr Rikirangi Gage (left 4.10pm)	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Mr David Barnes	Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Inc. nomination
Associate Professor Merata Kawharu (left 2.30pm)	Minister for Land Information appointment
Mr Matanuku Mahuika	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Professor Michael Roche	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Mrs Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Mr Adam Greenland	National Hydrographer, LINZ
Observers (6)	
Mr Harry Waaka (left 2.40pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS), Senior Analyst, Marine and Coastal Area Team
Ms Karen Southon (left 2.00pm)	Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK), Senior Policy Analyst
Ms Sharleen Grounds (arrived 10.25am, left 2.40pm)	OTS, Senior Analyst (for Ngāti Rangī)
Mr Ian Hicks (arrived 10.25am, left 1.30pm)	OTS, Negotiations Manager (for Ngāti Rangī)

Ms Amelia Manson (arrived 10.25am, left 12.35pm)	OTS, Senior Analyst (for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa-Tamaki Nui ā Rua)
Mr Phil Holland (3.15pm-3.40pm)	Policy Analyst, LINZ

NZGB Secretariat (2)	
Ms Wendy Shaw	NZGB Secretary, LINZ
Mr Christopher Stephens	NZGB Advisor, LINZ

Minute Secretary (1)	
Ms Nicole Doriguzzi	GBL Personnel

Apologies from NZGB Member	
Associate Professor Rawiri Te Maire Tau	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu nomination

Apology from Te Taura Whiri i te reo Māori (TTWh)	
Kararaina Uatuku	Principal Advisor

Apologies from OTS	
Mr Gordon Smith	Work Programme Manager
Mr Crete Haami-Jones	Analyst, Marine and Coastal Area Team

Apologies from NZGB Secretariat, LINZ	
Ms Ginny Leggett	NZGB Senior Advisor (Treaty Names)
Mrs Jill Remnant	NZGB Advisor

3. Agenda / Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

3.1. Agenda

The Chairperson proposed a re-ordered Agenda from the circulated proceedings to ensure discussions are able to take place to inform the decisions. The NZGB confirmed the revised Agenda order, with an updated copy of the Agenda tabled. The minutes for this meeting will reflect the exact order that Agenda items were considered:

- Jenni Vernon’s paper on reviewing policies was tabled and added as the first item for consideration under item 6 ‘New Policies, Guidelines, etc.’
- Items 5.4, 5.6, 5.7, and 5.8 moved to item 6 ‘New Policies, Guidelines, etc.’

The Chairperson advised that Phil Holland, LINZ Policy, would join the meeting in the afternoon to brief the NZGB on the appointments process.

3.2. Conflicts of Interest

Mr Matanuku Mahuika declared a conflict of interest for Agenda item 7.2. The NZGB agreed with this but that Mr Matanuku Mahuika could stay in the room and that the NZGB may invite him to bring knowledge to the table.

Action Required

- Secretariat to update the ‘Conflicts of Interest Register’ with the matter raised by Mr Matanuku Mahuika (Agenda item 7.2).

4. Previous Minutes; Matters Arising; Action Sheet

4.1. Previous Minutes and Actions for 20 April 2016, with outstanding actions from earlier meetings

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB discussed recording an individual member’s name against procedural Motions. The NZGB noted that it is not usual practice for members’ names to be published unless specifically requested by the individual. The NZGB agreed that as it is a public body, to have their names

recorded in the minutes where they were against motions. In the future the Minutes will record the reason why an individual was against a motion under the 'NZGB Discussion' heading. For these 20 April 2016 minutes, the NZGB agreed to leave in their names under 'Abstained' and 'Against'.

The Secretariat advised that there were some errors in the minutes around name titles which have been corrected (changing 'Mr Michael Roche' to 'Professor Michael Roche').

Resolution

That the minutes of 20 April 2016 be ratified with specified edits to pages 5, 6, 7, 10, 35 and 47.

Moved Mr Garrick Murfitt
Seconded Mr David Barnes
All in favour
CARRIED

Action Required

- *Secretariat to update minutes of 20 April 2016, obtain the Chairperson's signature, and publish an unsigned, updated version on the LINZ webpages.*

4.2. Matters Arising from Minutes of 20 April 2016

The NZGB had no matters arising in addition to those listed above.

5. Deferrals from 20 April 2016 relating to General Policies, Guidelines, etc.

5.1 Protocol/Guideline for Treaty claimants requesting to meet with the NZGB (from item 4.2.1)

In Confidence

5.2 Memorandum of Understanding with TTWh (from item 4.2.7)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2397329). The NZGB noted the information and notes provided on the meeting with TTWh on 20 April 2016 (LinZone ID A2356067). The NZGB noted that the Chairperson, Matanuku Mahuika and the Secretary had met with TTWh who made it very clear that they no longer have the capacity to respond to the NZGB. Therefore the NZGB will not have access to their advice in the future. Connections were made discussing shared goals and the joint benefit of working together. The Chairperson noted that support from NZGB members to cover the shortage through any channels would be appreciated.

The Chairperson noted that the Memorandum of Understanding would be parked until TTWh was settled and clear in its reduced role under Māori Language Act 2016. The NZGB noted that TTWh are not service providers, but continue to certify people as orthographic experts/translators.

The NZGB noted that it must proceed on the basis that it does not have access to TTWh advice, and the NZGB must request additional funding from LINZ to be able to perform its duties. The NZGB noted that the Secretariat is negotiating with TTWh accredited providers, and that this is a short term solution for this financial year.

The NZGB considered whether the NZGB member nominated by the Minister for Māori Affairs could be a registered linguist to cover the shortfall.

The Chairperson noted that the transition from TTWh advice may take the entire financial year to work through. The NZGB noted that the OTS staff member who is an accredited translator has worked on goodwill to date and this service may not be accessible in the future. The

Chairperson questioned whether there was an issue of impartiality when orthographic advice comes from OTS. The NZGB agreed that there should be a progress report at a future meeting.

Action Required

- *Secretariat to report on progress with securing TTWh accredited orthographic advice at a future NZGB meeting.*

5.3 Policy on length of names (from item 18.1)

In Confidence

5.5 Frameworks – Dual Naming section updated (from item 18.3)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2406235) and the tracked updated Frameworks document version 8. The NZGB noted that the 30 year time frame relating to transition from a dual name to a sole Māori name should be a natural progression and not forced. The length of time should not be specified. The NZGB agreed that it should state a transition 'may take time as a naturally occurring process'. The NZGB agreed to leave in the Australian 'Uluru' example to indicate how they approached this issue. The NZGB agreed that the strategy of assigning a dual name in the first instance would encourage natural acceptance and uptake of an original Māori name. The NZGB agreed that it was not necessary for a further policy to force the transition within a specified timeframe.

The NZGB noted that the most often cited example of transition in New Zealand is Mount Egmont to Mount Taranaki but this is yet to formally proceed. The NZGB agreed to continue in a reactive role for transitioning dual names, by awaiting any proposals from the public.

Resolutions

*The NZGB **AGREED** to:*

Note the Frameworks document version 8 now includes a long term strategy on transitioning dual names to a single name, without a timeframe.

AND

Note the Frameworks document version 8 now includes other minor updates to table headings and a definition for 'original Māori name' (see report under item 5.8 of the NZGB meeting 14 July 2016).

AND

Ratify version 8 of the Framework document, with edits to bullet 3 in the new section entitled 'Long term strategy to transition from dual names to the original Māori name.'

Moved Mr Matanuku Mahuika

Seconded Mrs Jenni Vernon

All in favour

CARRIED

Actions Required

- *Secretariat to update the dual naming Framework version 8 on page 48, 3rd bullet to: 'Transitioning to the original Māori name may take time, reflecting generational change, natural progression, changed usage and increased acceptance. There is no set timeframe in New Zealand. Australia's Northern Territory naming authority actively changed Ayres Rock to Ayres Rock / Uluru, then Uluru / Ayres Rock, and finally Uluru over a couple of decades.'*
- *Secretariat to publish Frameworks version 8 on the LINZ website.*

Morning tea: 10.25am-10.50am

Three OTS observers, (Sharlene Grounds, Amelia Manson and Ian Hicks) joined the meeting at 10.25am.

6. New Policies, Guidelines, etc.

6.2 Māori generics (not including undersea generics)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2415954). The NZGB noted that increasing the knowledge and acceptance of Māori generics may be a lead or follow situation. The NZGB noted some general considerations where it may have further discretion to apply a Māori generic, such as minor or unnamed features or where existing named features do not have any generics. The NZGB agreed that application of an appropriate Māori generic term should be a case by case basis, and the NZGB should take leadership in promoting the use of te reo Māori.

The NZGB noted there are a variety of ways to communicate the use and meaning of Māori generics to the public. Products should be fit for purpose, eg charts that are for safe navigation. The Chairperson noted that the use of the terms went beyond charts and maps, with the Gazetteer database served to the public for reuse.

The Secretariat updated the NZGB on the line drawings work, which promotes understanding/education of Māori terms for different landforms. The NZGB noted that a contract artist provided 40 line drawings this week and that the written word on the line drawing is the Māori generic not the English. This was demonstrated during the lunch break.

The NZGB noted that acceptance of Māori generics, including where they form part of a name, would help move away from tautologies, eg Lake Rotorua (lake lake). The NZGB agreed that the best approach is by education, and making the information available. There are some features where the English generic must stay but the NZGB must have discretion to exercise its judgement.

The NZGB agreed this topic is developing and the discussion provides good guidance for future application of Māori generics, case by case.

Resolutions

*The NZGB **AGREED** to:*

Note that at its meeting of 20 April 2016 the NZGB requested a policy on moving to Māori rather than English generic terms for Māori place names. This arose from the NZGB's consideration of Treaty names. The NZGB discussed that unless it starts regularly applying Māori generic terms where possible.

AND

Note that the NZGB has statutory functions (including a Treaty clause that represents partnership) and strategic goals, to collect and encourage the use of original Māori place names – this includes the generic part of the name, not just the specific part.

AND

Note that the NZGB may apply various common considerations when deciding whether to use Māori generic terms. These do not limit the NZGB in applying other factors, and exceptions may apply case by case.

AND

Note the Canadian and UNGEGN¹ guidelines on the use of indigenous language generic terms.

AND

Note that for dual names that eventually transition to drop the non-Māori name over time, introduction of the Māori generic term should generally be considered during the final transition (whether separate or composite words). Refer to Agenda item 5.5 'Frameworks – Dual Naming section updated' – updated version 8.

AND

Note that place names are 'not urgent for immediate promulgation' on hydrographic charts and topographic maps. Therefore, along with the specific name, the addition of a Māori generic term

¹ UNGEGN: United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

is secondary. The whole place name (specific and generic components) can, if necessary, be omitted from the chart/map so as not to compromise fundamental chart/map information.

AND

Note that generic terms for undersea feature and Crown protected area names are set in standards NZGBS60000 and NZGBS60001 respectively and these must be used. However Māori generic terms could be included as part of the specific part of the place names for these categories.

AND

Agree that:

- (i) there is need for a separate New Zealand policy on the application of Māori generic terms based on common considerations;
- (ii) discuss further and advise the Secretariat on the proposed Policy's details and content;
- (iii) Secretariat to compile a Policy or Guideline and NZGB to then review and ratify;
- (iv) update the Frameworks guidelines accordingly;
- (v) publish on the LINZ/NZGB webpages; and
- (vi) consider submitting as a paper to the UNGEGN Conference 2017.

Moved Mr Garrick Murfitt

Seconded Mrs Jenni Vernon

All in favour

CARRIED

Actions Required

- Secretariat to compile a policy on the use of Māori generics and discuss further with the NZGB.
- Secretariat to update the Frameworks document (future version 9) once the policy is ratified, and publish on the LINZ website.

7. Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Name Proposals

In Confidence

Mr Harry Waaka and Ms Sharlene Grounds left the meeting at 2.40 pm

6. New Policies, Guidelines, etc.

6.1a Jenni Vernon's paper on reviewing policies to be tabled

NZGB Discussion

Jenni Vernon's paper 'Review and structure of the NZGB' was tabled. The Chairperson introduced the paper, noting that policies and consistency had been previously discussed, and the idea is to have a fresh look at how the NZGB operates. The Chairperson noted that the Minister for Land Information is showing interest in the work of the NZGB and this paper could show the Minister for Land Information that the NZGB is focussing on what matters most to New Zealanders, with strategic direction. The Minister for Land Information has signalled a request to meet with the NZGB in the future and this paper is a good lead up to the meeting.

Jenni Vernon suggested that the primary question was whether the NZGB Act 2008 is still fit for purpose. Depending on the answer, then the conversation can continue. Jenni Vernon noted that the paper did not specifically address the NZGB Act 2008, and it is very high level. The NZGB noted this is a good framework to allow conversations to take place, but asked that instead of seeing terms for review, the statement 'as and when required' should be used to allow for flexibility and to address issues as they happen. The NZGB noted that there is a strong driver to get suburbs and localities named.

The Chairperson asked that further work sets out the role of the NZGB and the value it can deliver. Then it should show how the NZGB Act 2008 is getting in the way of this. Part of the thinking is that good governance does include ensuring the processes and procedures are

understood and current and fit for purpose. When different Ministers come in it is important the NZGB meets with them to ensure a good working relationship.

The NZGB noted effectiveness can be accounted for in other ways than measurability and is often intangible; this needs to be captured under scale and significance. The NZGB Act 2008 is somewhat scaleless and there will be strategic actions coming out of this piece of work. Balance is key, and there needs to be a mixture of skills across the NZGB members to ensure this. Rolling reviews are a good way of allowing changes and tweaks without rewriting the entire thing.

The question is to how the NZGB can own this piece of work without doing all the work. The Chairperson proposed that a small working group meet to begin the work, and then the Secretariat will document and bring it back to the NZGB at a future meeting. The alternative would be that the entire NZGB meet and look at the high level questions in a workshop.

Resolution

*The NZGB **AGREED** that the Chairperson will form a small working group and they will progress the 'review and structure of the NZGB' piece of work and report at a future NZGB meeting.*

Action Required

- *The Chairperson to form a small working group to work on the high level review of the NZGB and report back a future NZGB meeting.*
- *NZGB members to provide the Chairperson with any further feedback on Jenni Vernon's paper.*

Afternoon tea: 3.15 pm till 3.30 pm

Phil Holland, LINZ Policy Analyst joined the meeting at 3.15pm

8. Other Business

8.3 Board Member Appointment process

Mr Phil Holland noted that the Minister for Land Information has asked for nominations from specific organisations and that all nominations, other than LGNZ, are currently being collated by LINZ Policy. He expected that on 5 August 2016 the Minister for Land Information will make the final decision on the candidates deemed suitable, it will then go to a Cabinet Committee. In September the new NZGB will be gazetted. By law, the current NZGB members will continue until replaced.

The NZGB noted the process for other public sector boards where Ministers ran a process where six months prior to termination a letter to reapply would be sent. The NZGB noted that this is a useful process to follow as those not interested in re-standing for the NZGB would be able to voice this at an early point.

The Chairperson asked if the new NZGB might be in place for the September 2016 NZGB meeting. The NZGB noted that new members are required to be inducted, and that Agenda papers went out two weeks prior to a meeting, leaving little time for any new appointees to come up to speed. The NZGB asked that Mr Phil Holland make a point to the Minister for Land Information that there must be a clear timeframe to transition between NZGB members. The Chairperson noted that this was an opportunity to stress the necessity of diversity and skills on the NZGB. The Chairperson suggested that the current NZGB should continue for the September 2016 meeting, and that the transition take place at the end of the calendar year.

Action Required

- *Phil Holland to put a recommendation forward to the Minister for Land Information that the NZGB not change until the end of the calendar year.*

Phil Holland left the meeting at 3.40pm

5. Deferrals from 20 April 2016 relating to General Policies, Guidelines, etc.

5.4 Minimum Requirements for geographic name proposals (from item 18.2)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2402548). The Chairperson noted that the Minimum Requirements set by the NZGB partly dealt with the issue of focussing on the important matters by justifiably rejecting low-priority or low-quality proposals. The minimum requirements document tabled (LinZone ID A2047475) was edited substantially with the most important additions being to reject certain place name proposals.

The NZGB noted advice that the terms 'trivial, vexatious, and voluminous' had specific legal meaning and were too strong. The NZGB noted that as it is obligated to consider a proposal, it will be included on the Agenda for the September 2016 meeting. The NZGB considered that the NZGB Act 2008 is fundamentally flawed in this area, and it is possible that policy experts may need to be contracted in to work on changing the NZGB Act 2008.

The NZGB requested that wording be added to show the alternative process for rejected proposals, and to remove the word 'recorded' on page 2 so it reads 'the NZGB may decline processing as official certain place name proposals'.

Resolutions

The NZGB **CONFIRMED** the updated version 3 of the NZGB's 'Minimum Requirements for Proposals' policy, which incorporates feedback from the NZGB meeting of 23 September 2015. Subject to two amendments noted by Matanuku Mahuika, to be circulated to the NZGB for final ratification.

AND

AGREED that it will be **PUBLISHED** on the LINZ website subject to the agreed amendments.

Moved

Mr Matanuku Mahuika

Seconded

Mrs Jenni Vernon

All in favour

CARRIED

Action Required

- Secretariat to amend the Minimum Requirements document for geographic name proposals and circulate to the NZGB for final ratification.
- Secretariat to post final version on the LINZ website.

5.6 Discussion paper on approving recorded names (from item 18.4)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the report provided (LinZone ID A2406351) and the draft Discussion Document (LinZone ID A2406319). The NZGB noted that it has not received any feedback from the Minister for Land Information to date. The NZGB requested that the title of the draft paper be changed to read 'Approving recorded geographic names as official'. The NZGB agreed that suburbs with recorded names should be treated with caution. The NZGB noted that it will have an opportunity to consider approving recorded suburb names at the upcoming September 2016 meeting under the s.24 fast track process.

The NZGB agreed that the Secretariat should continue working through several map sheets at a time. The NZGB agreed that the focus is to establish what the priorities are (eg Minister's or Government's) that would drive where the NZGB focused its work. The NZGB discussed the impact of approving recorded names on other areas of work such as Treaty names, and the impact on TPK and TTWh for processing the Māori names.

The NZGB discussed the new LINZ priority of flood plain areas and noted that Councils have already mapped some of this information.

The NZGB asked that further work be done on the order of the questions: for example question 7 in the draft Discussion Document might be the first question ('How important is the accuracy of official names to you/your organisation?'). The inclination would be to ask a series of questions where the answers would be helpful to build up the case. The Chairperson noted this Discussion Document was a first step to getting the thinking down. The NZGB noted that the NZGB Act 2008 may require changes to facilitate an easier process for better outcomes.

Action Required

- *The Secretary is to update the title of the Discussion Document on approving recording names.*
- *Chairperson and Secretary to continue developing this initiative.*

5.7 LINZ Strategic Plan and how the NZGB can contribute (from item 18.5)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2406418). The Chairperson noted this strategic discussion was to help gain support for NZGB initiatives by aligning with the host agency. The NZGB noted LINZ's three new main objectives, and the opportunity for the NZGB to show real leadership to help meet these. The NZGB identified that linking property information and address will be an important component, as place naming is one of ten key data themes that feed into the system.

The NZGB noted there is a fine line as the NZGB has its own Act, which is separate, and it is an independent decision making body. The NZGB noted that it must not become an instrument of LINZ or the government. The Chairperson noted that the NZGB has its own goals and LINZ has separate goals, and the common goals are the ones where work will take place together.

The NZGB noted the difficulty and potential for issues when carrying out work on localities and suburbs. The NZGB noted that because of past growth developers have named suburbs, which have become default names with no cultural significance. The NZGB agreed that it needs to be aware of this and prevent it.

Mr Rikirangi Gage left the meeting at 4.10pm

5.8 Definition of 'Original Māori place name' (from item 18.6)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2320969). The NZGB noted this was a good discussion report but the definition of 'prior to European settlement' may be problematic. The Chairperson asked if it is would useful to change it to prior to 1840, but the response was no. The NZGB noted there will be some names that date to the first half of the 19th century, for example, the top of the South Island the Chatham Islands. The NZGB noted that a pre-1840 definition would not capture much of the migration in the mid 19th century. The NZGB agreed the paper is generic enough to capture the definition for an original Māori name.

The NZGB questioned whether an original Māori name even needs defining, the question is what is original and how. If it is not an original name then what is it? The Chairperson noted that the NZGB Act 2008 refers to it, so it is a key criteria for the NZGB's operational work that needs to be defined.

The NZGB agreed that criteria for assessment would be more useful rather than a definition. The NZGB agreed that the summary in the report is all that is needed for the criteria, which will be used as the starting point.

The NZGB questioned whether the final bullet point under the summary was appropriate and it agreed to remove the words 'set by TTWh' and to add at the end of that sentence 'as commonly

accepted by the home people'. The NZGB noted that this was included to address the common perception and objection that 'original' meant just how a name was first written down. The NZGB noted that TTWh's approach to standardised orthography had changed over time to be more deferential to regional/local dialects and spellings.

Resolution

*The NZGB **AGREED** to **DEVELOP** criteria for what might constitute an original Māori place name from the summary, rather than publish a definition in the NZGB's Frameworks document.*

Moved Mr Matanuku Mahuika
Seconded Mrs Jenni Vernon
All in favour
CARRIED

Actions Required

- *Secretariat to develop original Māori place name criteria from the summary with amendments as stated above, to the last bullet point.*
- *Secretariat to re-submit at a future NZGB meeting for confirmation.*

6. New Policies, Guidelines, etc.

6.1 Populated places – changes in size (growth and decline)

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2416287). The NZGB noted this could be covered by the wider policy review and noted the need for a spatially aware society.

Action Required

- *Secretariat to include this topic with the wider policy review.*

6.3 Discontinuing official names – when to apply

NZGB Discussion

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A2416186). The NZGB discussed when to apply the process to discontinue official geographic names. The NZGB noted that there are two aspects:

1. Just because the NZGB ceases to have jurisdiction that is no reason to discontinue a name. The reason to discontinue a name should only be because it 'no longer has currency'.
2. The second aspect is if the NZGB doesn't have jurisdiction, then legally it cannot discontinue that name.

The NZGB noted while a feature may no longer exist or a name might no longer be used, it has a history and heritage, such as the Tongariro Pools, which it considered at its April 2016 meeting. The NZGB noted that the same reasons apply where iwi want history retained, and there is culture and stories not just for Māori but also non-Māori.

The NZGB noted that it must be conscious of the changing geospatial world and the demand for useful, current information. The NZGB noted that all the names it had previously discontinued are still discoverable in the Gazetteer, and that 'discontinued' is one of the NZGB's historical categories. The NZGB questioned whether an alternative word to 'discontinued' should be used. The NZGB noted that this is the term and process in the NZGB Act 2008.

8. Other Business

8.1 Annual Report 15/16

The NZGB noted that the Annual Report will be circulated in August 2016, and it will have only one week to comment. The NZGB agreed that the Annual Report should be published in te reo Māori.

Action Required

- *Secretary to circulate in August the draft Annual Report to the NZGB for comment.*

8.2 Minister's request to meet with NZGB

The Chairperson noted the date of this meeting is not yet known, and asked for Wellington based NZGB members to support the meeting. Mr Matanuku Mahuika noted he is happy to do this, depending on his availability. The NZGB noted the meeting request email, which asks to meet with the NZGB's Wellington based members, and agreed that approving minor spelling mistakes is not a good use of the Minister for Land Information's time.

The NZGB noted the Minister for Land Information's final decisions on some place names that she had made at the beginning of the month. The NZGB noted that the Minister for Land Information had assigned alternative names 'Maunga Kākaramēa' or 'Rainbow Mountain', which the NZGB had not recommended for Maunga Kākaramēa in Rotorua. The NZGB noted that the Minister for Land Information has been asked to explain her reasons behind the alternative name selection as the local iwi will want to know.

Action Required

- *The Chairperson to accept the Minister for Land Information's request to meet with some NZGB members.*

8.4 Other

Mrs Jenni Vernon expressed her thanks and appreciation to staff and fellow members of the NZGB and noted it has been a fantastic six years on the NZGB. The Chairperson informally thanked the NZGB but held his formal thanks for the September 2016 meeting, pending reappointments.

9. NZGB Actions from this meeting

None discussed.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm with a karakia from Mr Matanuku Mahuika.

Certified as a true and correct record of the meeting:

Mr Mark Dyer, Chairperson

Date