

Position Description for Tangata Whenua Representative on the Wastewater Management Review Committee

Position purpose

The Tangata Whenua Appointees are selected and recommended by their relevant iwi and endorsed by Tauranga City Council. The Tangata Whenua Appointee is expected to bring their understanding of Te Ao Māori alongside their relevant expertise and experience to contribute to the decision making of the Wastewater Management Review Committee (WWMRC).

The role of the WWMRC is to monitor and provide advice to Tauranga City Council as the consent holder of Bay of Plenty Regional Council Coastal Permit # 62878 and ensure wastewater operations are in accordance with the Wastewater Management Plan. The scope of the WWMRC is set out in appendix 1.

The role has full voting rights for this committee.

Competencies

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Governance Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands Local Government obligations to consider and support the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in their decision-making and action and to provide for Māori participation in local authority decision-making processes. • Understands and respects the differing roles of the Tangata Whenua representatives, the Commission, Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, Mayor and Councillors. • Recognises that the external appointee role does not extend to operational matters or to the management of any implementation. • Develops and maintains a working knowledge of Council wastewater services, the powers, duties and constraints of the Wastewater Management Review Committee's delegated areas of responsibility. • Familiar with and complies with the statutory requirements of a committee member including appropriate recordkeeping in accordance with the Public Records Act 2005 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
Te Ao Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is recommended by their iwi as a Tangata Whenua representative to the Committee. • Brings and maintains a strong understanding of issues relating to Māori in Tauranga Moana. • Demonstrates an ability to apply a Māori lens to issues placed before the Committee, bringing to the attention of the Committee those aspects that may not usually be considered well or with strong understanding. • Takes into consideration the wider Tauranga community when advising how to recognise Te Ao Māori.
Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of, or a commitment to develop capability, with respect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. • A commitment to demonstrating strong relationships as intended by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of the Local Government sector. • Knowledge and understanding of the Resource Management Act 1991. • Proven experience in reviewing and analysing reports. • The ability to ask relevant and pertinent questions and evaluate the answers. • Understanding of the development and oversight of wastewater management issues.

Personal Attributes

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Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High organisational ethics, accepts collective responsibility, respects confidentiality. • Identifies, is aware of and declares any potential personal conflicts of interest, whether of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listens actively and accurately, encourages input from others, debates in reasoned and calm way. • Ability to communicate complex and technical information appropriate to the audience.
Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophisticated, analytically based decision making, intellectual rigor. • Broad perspective - both short and long term, fully considers options.
Teamwork/ Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participates in and facilitates team effectiveness of the Committee • Works productively and openly with colleagues. • A proactive approach to advising the governing body and Chief Executive of matters that require further attention. • Supports the decision of the Committee outside the Council environment.