

MV – Maaori values and Maatauranga Maaori

The relevant area specific zone chapter provisions apply in addition to this chapter.

Values of importance to Maaori

This chapter addresses values of importance to Maaori and the following provides an explanation and description of identified values of importance to Maaori. These values are represented in the objectives and policies of this chapter and particular zone rules. As such this chapter is to be read in conjunction with zone chapters which contain matters of discretion to address the effects of certain activities and land uses on mana whenua values.

Kaitiakitanga

- (1) Mana whenua have a responsibility to protect and nurture the mauri of all living things within their sphere of influence and control. The exercise of kaitiakitanga recognises the intricate balance and integral relationship between and with all natural resources. Mana whenua have learnt and long recognised that, in order for the environment to sustain life, people have a responsibility to protect and sustain the environment.

Manaakitanga

- (2) Mana whenua have an obligation to manaaki all manuwhiri that arrive in the rohe. The ability to care for and support manuwhiri is an expression of the mana and wealth of mana whenua. Waikato is home for many Maaori from other iwi, who live in the region.

Tikanga

- (3) Sustainable management of natural resources provides for the ongoing sustenance of tangata whenua and manuwhiri. Provisions required to sustain natural resources is captured in tikanga. Tikanga ensures that traditional practices observed by mana whenua are given appropriate recognition in resource management and includes acknowledgement of Atua Maaori. Tikanga is a living and evolving concept and embodies all aspects of mana whakahaere. Application of tikanga developed over generations and the exercise of mana whakahaere ensures sustainable resource management in the present day and for generations to come.

Mana whakahaere

- (4) Mana whakahaere is the exercise of authority, access to, and management of resources in accordance with tikanga, within the Waikato rohe by mana whenua. Waikato Iwi mana whakahaere has long been exercised over many generations.

Objectives

MV-OI Recognition of Maaori values.

- (1) Maaori values are recognised and mana whenua are able to exercise kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga tikanga and mana whakahaere.
- (2) Recognise that only tangata whenua can determine effects on their values, traditions, resources, waters, sites of significance, waahi tapu, other taonga and taonga species.

- MV-O2 Hononga.
The connections between tangata whenua and their ancestral lands, water, sites of significance, waahi tapu, other taonga and taonga species are protected or enhanced.
- MV-O3 Kaitiakitanga.
The exercise of kaitiakitanga by mana whenua is recognised and maintained.
- MV-O4 Whakaute ahuraa.
Cultural practices and beliefs of mana whenua are respected.
- MV-O5 Tikanga aa-iwi o Waikato me te takiwaa o Waikato.
Recognise the cultural significance of Waikato Takiwaa (district).

Policies

- MV-P1 Hononga (relationship between tangata whenua and to nature).
- (I) Recognise the hononga (relationship of between mana whenua and nature) with waters, ancestral lands, sites of significance, waahi tapu, urupaa, maunga and other landforms, mahinga/hauanga kai, and other taonga and taonga species (indigenous flora and fauna), which may include:
- (a) Cultural value assessments and/or cultural impact assessments;
 - (b) Accidental discovery protocols;
 - (c) Use of mana whenua traditional place names;
 - (d) Protection, enhancement and restoration of mauri;
 - (e) Use of appropriate locally sourced native plant species where practicable;
 - (f) Use of archaeological information including Maaori archaeological information; and
 - (g) Incorporation of traditional or sympathetic Maaori design elements where practicable.
- MV-P2 Kaitiakitanga (stewardship/guardianship).
- (I) Enable mana whenua to exercise kaitiakitanga where activities have the potential to adversely affect ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga, which may include:
- (a) Providing for early and ongoing engagement with mana whenua;
 - (b) Providing for kaitiaki involvement in land use and subdivision proposals as a means to uphold mauri and taonga inherited from tuupuna;
 - (c) Acknowledging and providing for the appropriate use of maatauranga Maaori and recognise that iwi, hapuu and whaanau are owners and kaitiaki of maatauranga Maaori; and,
 - (d) Providing opportunities for mana whenua involvement in decision-making on resource consents in relation to Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori and issues of cultural significance.

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MV-P3 Aahuatanga Motuhake (special features).

- (1) Recognise and maintain the cultural significance of wetlands, lakes and other waterbodies, including the Waikato and Waipa awa (rivers), coastal areas of Whaingaroa (Raglan Harbour), Aotea, and Te Puaha o Waikato (Port Waikato).
- (2) Recognise the historic and contemporary relationships of Ngaa iwi o Tainui to Karioi, Taupiri, Hakarimata Range, Hunua and Pirongia maunga.

MV-P4 Recognition of Maaori values.

- (1) Recognise Maaori values, including the following:
 - (a) Kaitiakitanga;
 - (b) Manaakitanga;
 - (c) Tikanga; and,
 - (d) Mana whakahaere.
- (2) Recognise that Maaori values will vary across the district and that Maaori values additional to those in (1) above can be identified through engaging with mana whenua at a local level.

MV-P5 Subdivision, land use and Maaori values.

- (1) Manage the effects of subdivision and land use on Maaori values, in particular those arising from the following:
 - (a) Quarrying industry;
 - (b) Waste management facilities;
 - (c) Hazardous waste storage;
 - (d) Intensive farming;
 - (e) Earthworks within the vicinity of the Waikato River and other water bodies within the Waikato River Catchment;
 - (f) Subdivision;
 - (g) Building and structures in water body setbacks;
 - (h) Modification or clearance of indigenous biodiversity within Significant Natural Areas;
 - (i) Activities within identified landscape and natural character areas, on or within the vicinity of maunga and other landforms or sites of cultural significance; and
 - (j) Activities on the surface of waterbodies.
- (2) Manage the effects of subdivision and land use on Maaori values, including by:
 - (a) Providing for the opportunity for engagement with mana whenua prior to undertaking activities or applying for resource consent and addressing the outcomes of that engagement;
 - (b) Providing the opportunity for mana whenua to assess the effects on Maaori values such as through cultural impact/values assessments;
 - (c) Recognising and providing for customary uses of resources including hauanga kai;

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- (d) Recognising and providing for maatauranga Maaori, including as expressed through kaitiakitanga and tikanga;
- (e) Recognising that iwi, hapuu and whaanau are owners and kaitiaki of Maatauranga; and,
- (f) Recognising and providing for tangata whenua relationships with ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga to be maintained or strengthened.

Non-regulatory policies

MV-P6 Iwi and hapuu management plans.

That Council support the creation and review of Iwi and hapuu environmental management plans by Iwi and hapuu.

MV-P7 Partnership and relationship agreements.

(1) That Council establishes formal partnership and relationship arrangements such as Mana Whakahono aa Rohe, joint management agreements or memoranda of understanding with iwi and hapuu.

(2) That Council develops a work programme for the implementation of partnership agreements and memoranda of understanding.

MV-P8 Guidance on understanding Maaori concepts and values.

That Council work with Iwi and hapuu to develop guidance material that sits alongside the Plan and provides district plan users with a foundational understanding of Maaori concepts, tikanga, values and mana whenua of the district.

Rules

Land use – activities

MV-RI	<p>(1) All discretionary and non-complying activities in Part 2 – District-wide matters and Part 3 – Area-specific matters sections of this Plan must address:</p> <p>(a) The effects on values held by mana whenua and the appropriateness to mana whenua of any avoidance, mitigation or enhancement measures including as identified through cultural impact/values assessments and any relevant iwi planning document.</p>
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Advice note: Council, Te Kaahui Maangai, Te Puni Kookiri and Iwi authorities, including Te Whakakitenga o Waikato, hold records and contacts of iwi and hapuu in the District.