

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti meeting on 15 October 2024

Report 24.437

Unconfirmed Public minutes of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti meeting on Thursday 15 August 2024

Taumata Korero - Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba St, Te Aro, Wellington at 1.01pm.

Members Present

Councillor Ropata (Chair)
Councillor Ponter (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

Te Komiti Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Nīkau Wi Neera, Ngāti Toarangatira, Kāi Tahu, spoke to agenda item 5 – Māori Constituency Matters, and expressed support for the affirmation of Council's resolution to establish a Māori constituency.

Benjamin Wynyard-Terry, Trustee, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust, spoke to agenda item 5 – Māori Constituency Matters, and expressed support for the affirmation of Council's decision to establish a Māori constituency.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti meeting of 10 October 2023 – Report 23.523

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Connelly

That Te Komiti confirms the Public minutes of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti meeting of 10 October 2023 – Report 23.523.

The motion was **carried**

5 Māori Constituency Matters – Report 24.406

Francis Ryan, Head of Governance and Democracy, Brett Cockram, Director Māori Outcomes, and Tania Parata, Director Mana Whenua Partnerships, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Nash

That te Komiti:

- 1 Notes that in 2023 Council voted unanimously to put in place a Māori constituency for the Wellington Region.
- 2 Notes that the unanimous decision by the 13 directly elected regional Councillors reflected the best interests of the Wellington Region as well as the views of the communities represented by those regional Councillors.
- 3 Notes that the unanimous decision of Council came following unanimous support from the six mana whenua groups in the Wellington Region.
- 4 Notes that no formal objection to a Māori constituency was received from the public at the time Council made its decision.
- 5 Agrees that the Government has taken an unfortunate approach with its recent legislative amendment which overrides the Council's democracy and adds significant cost for ratepayers.
- 6 Disagrees with the need for a poll on the Māori constituency that it has already democratically agreed to.
- 7 Affirms its resolution of 26 October 2023 to establish a Māori constituency for the 2025 and 2028 triennial local elections, subject to the outcome of

any further engagement with mana whenua prior to the 27 August 2024 Council meeting.

- 8 Notes that the proposed name of the Māori constituency – “Te Upoko o te Ika a Māui Māori Constituency” has previously been communicated to mana whenua (March 2024) with no alternative name having subsequently been received.
- 9 Adopts “Te Upoko o te Ika a Māui Māori Constituency” as the name of the Māori constituency in its initial representation proposal for the 2025 triennial local elections.
- 10 Invites the Chair, Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti, and the Council Chair to forward a copy of the invoice for the cost of holding the poll to the Minister of Local Government.

With the agreement of the mover and seconder, and the consent of the meeting, part 10 of the motion was withdrawn.

The updated motion was then put to the vote.

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The motion was **carried**.

Karakia whakamutunga

Te Komiti sung a waiata, Te Aroha, and then Te Komiti Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 2.00pm.

Councillor H Ropata

Chair

Date:

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