

Memo

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To: Treaty Settlements Political Working Party

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Subject: Auckland Council membership on the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority

The purpose of this memo is to:

- outline the process and criteria for appointing Auckland Council members to the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (the Maunga Authority)
- recommend that council members on the Maunga Authority consist of three governing body and three local board members
- recommend that the Treaty Settlements Political Working Party (the PWP) endorse three governing body members to the Maunga Authority.

Background

The purpose of the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Bill 2013 (the Bill) is to give effect to certain matters contained in the deed entered into by the Crown and Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective (the Tamaki Collective).

The Bill gives effect to certain provisions of the Tamaki Collective, which provides shared redress to the iwi and hapū constituting Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau. The Bill establishes the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (the Maunga Authority) and sets out matter relating to its membership, functions and powers, administration and procedures. The membership of the Maunga Authority will consist of:

- two members appointed by each rōpū entity
- six members appointed by council
- one non-voting member appointed by the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage (for the first three years of the Maunga Authority).

Auckland Council membership on the Maunga Authority

Officers propose that council membership on the Maunga Authority consist of three governing body and three local board members. This composition:

- enables shared representation from the governing body and local boards that reflects council's co-governance model
- allows for governing body members to account for the views from a regional perspective
- allows local board members to reflect views from a local perspective, whilst also being accountable from a region-wide perspective as well
- provides flexibility and changes to the membership structure over time
- enables stronger links between the Maunga Authority and local communities, many of whom are active in the stewardship of maunga

- reflects the discussions and direction between the PWP and local board members.

It is proposed that the following criteria be considered when appointing council members to the Maunga Authority:

- that representatives are appointed from areas of the region where maunga are located
- to ensure an even distribution of Auckland Council membership, that only one member from a particular ward or geographically aligned local board be appointed to the Maunga Authority (e.g. the Orakei ward councillor and an Orakei Local Board member cannot both be members on the Maunga Authority).

This memo requests that the PWP determine and endorse three governing body members to the Maunga Authority. Following the endorsement of the governing body members, staff will begin the process to appoint the three local board members.

The six endorsed Auckland Council members will then be appointed to the Maunga Authority at the February 2014 Governing Body meeting.

Local Board Advocacy group

An opportunity exists to create an additional advocacy group consisting of local boards where maunga are located to provide knowledge and advice on issues relating to Auckland's maunga. The advocacy group will consist of eight members (one member per local board) and may also include governing body members appointed to the Maunga Authority. Their inclusion will also ensure the views of the advocacy group can be considered and reflected at the Maunga Authority meetings.

Recommendations

That the Treaty Settlements Political Working Party:

- A. recommend that council members on the Maunga Authority consist of three governing body and three local board members
- B. note the process and criteria for appointing Auckland Council members to the Maunga Authority
- C. endorse three governing body members to the Maunga Authority
- D. endorse the creation of the Local Advocacy Group provide knowledge and advice on issues relating to Auckland's maunga
- E. note that following the endorsement of the governing body members, staff will begin the process to appoint the three local board members in preparation for the February 2014 Governing Body meeting.

Attachments

- attachment one – draft report to be presented at the February 2014 Governing Body meeting