

25 March 2026

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**Official information Request: Iwi representation across council governance and advisory bodies**

I am writing to you in response to your request received 19 March for information a complete and up-to-date record of iwi representation across all council governance, advisory, and operational bodies, including but not limited to boards, committees, subcommittees, working groups, steering groups, and reference groups.

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A spreadsheet containing the requested information has been provided along with this letter.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā



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Question	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Name of the board, committee, or group	Māori Partnership Committee	Recovery Governance Board	Council	Council	3 Waters (operations)	Organisation support
2. Purpose or function of the body	Refer to ToR <a href="https://swdc.govt.nz/your-council/committees/">https://swdc.govt.nz/your-council/committees/</a>	provides strategic oversight and leadership for recovery arising from the	Māori Ward Councillor	Councillor	Cultural Impact Assessment Facilitator	N/A
3. Whether iwi representation is formally provided for (e.g. statutory, co-governance, advisory, or informal arrangement)	Advisory - Committee of Council under LGA 2002	Informal arrangement	Statutory	Statutory	Advisory	Advisory
4. The name(s) of iwi, hapū, or Māori organisation represented	Two representatives from each of the three South Wairarapa Marae (Kohunui Marae, Papawai Marae and Hau Ariki Marae). Two representatives from Pae Tū Mōkai o Tairā. One representative from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. (formal appointment pending) One representative from Rangitāne o Wairarapa.	Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Dev Trust	Councillor at large	Greytown Ward Councillor	Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Dev Trust	Papawai Marae & ngā hapū o Wairarapa ki te tonga
5. The name(s) of appointed representatives (where not withheld for privacy reasons)	a) Gillies Baker from Papawai Marae (Chair); b) Whitu Karauna and JD Smith from Hau Ariki Marae; c) Memory Te Whaiti and Denise Riwai from Kohunui Marae; d) Karen Milkaera and Mark Fenwick (Deputy Chair) from Pae tū Mōkai o Tairā Inc Soc; e) Dottie Whittaker from Rangitāne o Wairarapa Iwi.	[REDACTED]	Andrea Rutene	Simone Baker	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
6. The appointment mechanism (e.g. ministerial appointment, council appointment, iwi nomination, election, or other process)	Appointed by Iwi and Marae Trustees, ratified by Council	Council invitation	Election	Election	Contracted	Informal arrangement
7. Term of appointment (start and end dates, if applicable)	Triennium 2025-28	4-6 wks from mid March 2026	Triennium 2025-28	Triennium 2025-28	16 wks until end of May 2026	Ongoing
8. Whether the position is voting or non-voting	Voting	Voting	Voting	Voting	Non voting	Non voting
9. Any remuneration or support provided to representatives (e.g. fees, reimbursements)	Sitting fee	No remuneration	As per Elected Members Remuneration policy: <a href="https://swdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/PI-GLS-001-Members-Remuneration-and-Allowances-Policy-October-2025.pdf">https://swdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/PI-GLS-001-Members-Remuneration-and-Allowances-Policy-October-2025.pdf</a>	As per Elected Members Remuneration policy: <a href="https://swdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/PI-GLS-001-Members-Remuneration-and-Allowances-Policy-October-2025.pdf">https://swdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/PI-GLS-001-Members-Remuneration-and-Allowances-Policy-October-2025.pdf</a>	As per contract	No remuneration
10. The council unit or team responsible for administering the body	Corporate Services - Governance / Pou Māori	Emergency Management - Recovery Officer & Wairarapa EOC controller	Governance, Corporate Services	Governance, Corporate Services	3 Waters - Principle Engineer	Māori Partnerships - Pou Māori