

Tuesday 17 November 2021 PC 54 Hearing at WDC.

Section 5. of the s42A officers report for PC 54.

Kia ora Mr/s Chair, fellow commissioners. I wish to make a statement in relation to Section 5 of the s42A officers report and in particular section 5.5 of that report: Cultural Assessment Report – Te Rūnanga Ō Tūpoho

5.5 In answer to issues raised, the overriding approach is that future development is addressed in partnership by Te Rūnanga Ō Tūpoho and Whanganui District Council. A recent example of this is the consultant agreement formalised between Whanganui District Council and Te Rūnanga Ō Tūpoho:

o “(with the procurement of a PDP Maatauranga Maori Civil Engineer) to collaborate in the development of the Whanganui Integrated Water Plan through a Tangata Whenua lens, giving effect to the RMA, Tupua Te Kawa, Te Mana o Te Wai and Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles”

The information and services to be provided by the Client (WDC) are:

GIS mapping, climate change strategy, green roof designs, daylighting streams, stormwater reuse, BPO for integration into freshwater ways.

Adding to this also is fish passage, rain gardens, pervious surfaces, appropriate fauna and flora to rejuvenate the whenua and effective sustainable waste disposal solutions.

So my plug here is for a concentrated mind shift by all business owners, to give Papatuanuku and Ranginui the highest weighting on decision-making, for all architectural designs for all new developments, be it residential, industrial, commercial, agricultural. When the whenua and the wai are well, so too then are the people.

By appropriating these indigenous and community actions through your architectural designs, you are giving back to Papatuanuku and Ranginui, for the use of their resources (land, water, air) and supporting a sustainable environmental community which is Uniquely Whanganui.

Mauri whenua, mauri wai, mauri tangata. Mauri ora.