Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā | Date:	Monday, 27 July 2026
Wā | Time:	10.30am
Tauwāhi | Location:	The Orchard, 35 Walton Street, Whangārei
Huihuinga | Gathering	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua John Blackwell (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Debra Brewer, Ngā Māunga Whakahii o Kaipara Greg Sayers, Auckland Council (AC) Guy Wishart, Auckland Council Ivan Wagstaff, Auckland Council Kelly Retimana, Te Uri o Hau Mike Tana, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
Tae Mai | In Attendance	Emma Doré, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi, KMR (Acting Pou Tātaki) Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Natalie Jarufe, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR Moana Fraser, KMR (Observer) Duncan Kervell, Consultant, KMR

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.32am.

KARAKIA | WHAKATAU

TAHITAHI | HOUSEKEEPING

Moana Fraser, a KMR observer was introduced to the Joint Committee. Moana is coming in as parental leave cover for the PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

Moved (Blackwell/Brewer)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the apologies from Members Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Jack Craw and Pita Tipene and note the absence of Member Tracy Davis.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
The Chair also noted apologies from Observers Jonathan Gibbard (NRC) and Aoife Broad (MCERT).

NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 3.0)

NGĀ KŌRERO KUA WHAKAAEA | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ITEM 4.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support.

Moved (Tana / Blackwell)

1. That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 20 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (ITEM 5.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support.

Moved (Wagstaff / Sayers)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Joint Committee Work Programme' by Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, dated
2. Note the Joint Committee Action Tracker – July 2026 (Attachment 1) and Joint Committee Forward Workplan - 2026 (Attachment 2).

Carried

COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE INTERESTS (ITEM 6.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support.

Moved (Sayers / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Note the paper 'Committee and Executive Interests', by Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, dated 27 July 2026.
2. Request that Joint Committee Members provide advice of any new or changed interests to those shown in Attachment 1.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Member Sayers reflected that KMR operates at a senior and, at times, ministerial level, while remaining focused on practical outcomes. He noted that, from a governance perspective, it has been rewarding to see the programme's impact and to receive feedback that KMR is making a difference.
Chair Te Rangi shared kōrero on the importance of understanding the relationships between multiple landowners, and noted that recent pānui examples show the value of discussions across property boundaries. He also referred to the importance of leadership in engaging with remediation at both regional and local levels, noting that practical local examples help demonstrate the influence and change landowners can make. He emphasised that KMR can support landowners to discuss real options across boundary fences, regardless of wider political influences.
Member Tana said it was an honour to be involved in KMR, particularly on returning home and seeing the opportunity the programme provides to enable people to make change. He reflected that the scale of KMR provides a strong platform for change. He acknowledged the previous Pou Tātaki Justine Daw for providing such clarity and purposeful direction.

SIGNED ANNUAL WORK PLAN (2026/2027) (ITEM 6.2)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Wishart / Retimana)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Signed Annual Work Plan 2026-2027' by Emma Doré, dated 27 July 2026.
2. Note the Signed KMR Annual Work Plan 2026-2027 (Attachment 1)
3. Note the final Annual Work Plan budget for the 2026-2027 financial year remains unchanged and totals $21.006 million (total programme value, including the value of co-funding, excluding GST).

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Acting Pou Tātaki Emma Doré noted that engagement with the Crown funding representattives had been different this year due to the transition to MCERT and possible staff changes. Additional detail had been provided in the Work Plan to support handover and advocacy through the transition.
Member Sayers asked about new personnel, how the changes were landing, and the relationship with MCERT. Emma advised that Aoife Broad remained the key contact and continued to maintain a strong relationship with KMR, with continuity preferred through further expected personnel changes. She also noted increased interest from finance staff in KMR's digital systems and their potential commercialisation, with the intellectual property sitting with KMR rather than the Crown.
Members discussed whether Governor support may be needed to maintain Crown relationships through the transition. The Chair emphasised the importance of protecting the value built since 2020, maintaining a positive approach within shifting political landscapes, and supporting the incoming Pou Tātaki.
Member Tana noted the need for clarity on planning and expectations for years seven to ten, including the entity and operational planning beyond the 10-year programme cycle.
Members agreed there would be value in holding a workshop with the incoming Pou Tātaki to brief him on KMR's history, current direction and strategic context, and to support early planning and work programme development. Member Tana also noted the opportunity to draw on the incoming Pou Tātaki's relationships in the rohe.

PARTNER COUNCIL REPORTING REQUESTS (ITEM 6.3)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Blackwell / Brewer)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Partner Council Reporting Requests' by Emma Doré, dated 27 July 2026.
2. Note that year-to-date quarterly KPIs are currently internally collected but not currently reported publicly.

3. Note that KMR currently provides brief monthly reports to NRC on life-to-date KPIs, and Impact and Outcomes Monitoring.
4. Adopt the Member Party Reporting Framework, provided below.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Members discussed the need for reporting to remain consistent across partners.
Acting Pou Tātaki Emma Doré noted that council partners were seeking more information from KMR to support budgets, outputs and delivery, and that reporting requests were increasing. She advised that the proposed framework would make some information public that had not previously been reported, and that the same standard of reporting would be provided to Uri entities to support equity.
Members discussed the purpose, frequency and risks of additional reporting, including whether quarterly information could create a misrepresented sense of delivery due to seasonal peaks and troughs or be misused. Emma advised that requests from councils related to remediation activity rather than finances, and were intended to demonstrate the value of their investment. Members generally agreed that quarterly reporting to all parties appeared acceptable and sufficient.
Chair Te Rangi emphasised that reporting should cover KMR activity across the total catchment, rather than be defined by arbitrary regional boundaries, when the focus should stay on the outcome for the entire Moana and catchment. Emma suggested quarterly catchment-wide KPI reporting for all parties, supported by six-monthly delivery reporting with region-specific information where needed. Member Retimana asked whether the same area-specific data could be made available for Te Uri o Hau and Emma agreed that she would discuss facilitating this request with the Maurikura Operations team. At the request of members, Emma also confirmed she will clarify the existing monthly reporting arrangement with NRC and any related agreement.

UPDATE TO KMR JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALLOWANCE POLICY (ITEM 6.4)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

Moved (Retimana / Tana)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report ‘Update to the KMR Joint Committee Members Allowance Policy’ by Sophie Bone and Emma Doré, dated 26 July 2026.
2. Note that KMR has undertaken a review of the policy settings and considered that they were no longer fit for purpose, so are proposing a number of recommended changes to be approved.
3. Note that this policy is applicable to the Kaipara Uri Members of the KMR Joint Committee only, as Council Members are remunerated by their own respective authorities.
4. Approve the changes to the policy as set out in the Analysis and Advice section below.
5. Endorse the amended policy (Attachment 1), to come into immediate effect.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Chair Te Rangi noted that the policy and criteria had been established from the outset. KMR was not seeking to interfere with how signatories manage remuneration, but that an established system was already in place.

CABINET DECISION ON VOTING RIGHTS (ITEM 6.5)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Tana / Wagstaff)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report ‘Cabinet Decision on Voting Rights’ by Emma Doré, dated 27 July 2026.

2. Note the current Cabinet decisions and anticipated legislative process, including the proposed amendments to restrict voting rights and quorum participation for non-elected members of council committees.
3. Note the correspondence items in Attachments 1, 2 and 3.
4. Confirm support for future actions that may be required to seek an exclusion from the proposed amendments to preserve the existing joint governance arrangements pending enactment of future Kaipara Moana settlement legislation.
5. Provide advice on contingency governance arrangements should an exclusion not be granted.

Carried

Emma Doré advised that letters had been sent to Ministers and acknowledged, with further advice pending. Members supported KMR's proactive approach and discussed the anticipated six-month exclusion process. If early exclusion is not granted, KMR will apply through the formal process while continuing business as usual. Members considered future governance arrangements, including legal advice and alternative entity structures should an exemption not be granted. The preferred outcome remains transitioning KMR to a post-settlement entity, although other options may need to be explored depending on the timeframe.
Concerns were raised about maintaining partner and council participation under any new structure. Emma noted participation is expected to be embedded in the Kaipara Moana Framework Agreement (2014).
The Chair emphasised KMR's origins as a partnership between local government, the Crown and Uri, and highlighted the Crown's commitment through Wai 303 to establish a Kaipara Moana body. Members agreed it was prudent to understand legal and governance options while awaiting Crown decisions.
Members discussed obtaining legal advice, with support to be sought from Auckland Council's legal team. It was suggested that the Chair, staff and Auckland Council Members discuss the options further.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE (ITEM 6.6)

Report from Natalie Jarufe, Communications and Governance Lead

Moved (Wishart / Sayers)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the draft update to Kaipara Moana Remediation programme's Communications and Engagement Strategy 2027 – 2029.
2. Provide high-level feedback on draft update to Kaipara Moana Remediation programme's Communications and Engagement Strategy 2027 – 2029.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Natalie Jarufe described the paper, a breakdown of the data analysis, inception and that insights from the Maurikura and Field Advisors would continue to inform the strategy.

ENGAGEMENT AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES SUMMARY (ITEM 6.7)

Report from Galilee Miles, Kaitohutohu / Advisor Monitoring and Evaluation

Moved (Blackwell / Retimana)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Engagement and Future Opportunities Summary' by Galilee Miles and Duncan Kervell, dated 27 July 2026.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Duncan Kervell briefed the paper provided by Galilee Miles who wasn't able to be present.

KMR Engagement: Progress and Future Opportunity (Verbal Presentation) – Duncan Kervell

Secretariat Note:
Duncan Kervell presented analysis of landowner engagement data, including landownership types, property sizes and current engagement activity. Members discussed opportunities to better target engagement, particularly for larger landholdings and areas that may be subject to development. Staff outlined existing communications and field advisor approaches, including efforts to group eligible landowners where appropriate. Members supported a more tiered, outcome-focused approach, with greater emphasis on achieving environmental impact through engagement of the largest remaining eligible land areas. Discussion also covered engagement retention, programme performance measures and the role of landowners using alternative management approaches such as Halter technology.

KŌRERO TUKU IHO – WHAKATAUIRA DELIVERY UPDATE (ITEM 6.8)

Report from Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koawa – Operations Manager

Moved (Sayers / Wishart)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Kōrero Tuku Iho – Delivery Update' report by Lisette Rawson, dated 27 July 2026.

~~2. Note that the delivery of a third case study will no longer be pursued, due to lack of landowner agreement, tangata whenua capacity and resource constraints.~~

The motion and recommendations were amended, as discussion before this hui identified the opportunity to further explore a third case study, with a new locality and available personnel.

3. Note that the delivery of a third case study will continue to be pursued.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Lisette Rawson advised that discussions would be held with Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara to explore whether the third case study could still be progressed. She noted that the expression of interest may be moved to another location, and that success would depend on having the right personnel available. She advised that KMR could begin those conversations and, if the case study was able to be reignited, the aim would be to do so before the end of the calendar year. Emma advised that the work remained within the established budget.

POU TĀTAKI REPORT (ITEM 6.9)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Wagstaff/ Wishart)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Emma Doré dated 27 2026.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Member Sayers asked about the handover process and capacity to support the incoming Pou Tātaki. Member Tana reiterated the value of holding a workshop or handover session to help settle key matters.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm.