Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Agenda

Rā | Date:	Monday, 19 October 2026
Wā | Time:	10am
Tauwāhi | Location:	Parirau Marae, 87 Tana Road Mata Kohe 0594
Ngā Mana Whakahaere | Members	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Debra Brewer, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Guy Wishart, Auckland Council Ivan Wagstaff, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Michael Tana, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Emma Doré, Pou Tātaki KMR Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa KMR Moana Fraser, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support KMR Natalie Jarufe, Ringa-Pārongo KMR Galileee Miles, Amo Pākihi KMR Joeseph Hammon, Consultant, KMR Iraia Maxwell, Consultant, KMR

The Chair declared meeting open at 12:07pm

KARAKIA / WHAKATAU | POWHIRI AS PER PARIRAU MARAE TIKANGA

TAHITAHI | HOUSEKEEPING

Handover to Mike Tana for housekeeping and evacuation procedure.

Ms Tui Hammon, a member of the public, was present for the duration of the meeting.

NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

Moved (Georgina Curtis Connelly / Wishart)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the apologies from Members Pita Tipene, Kelly Retimana & Greg Sayers.

Carried

NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA | DECLARATION OF INTEREST (ITEM 3.0)

Carried

Secretariat Note:
The Chair to Mike Tana stated that he must declare any interest in matters relating to Parirau Marae, noting that he has previously held discussions with Mike regarding the marae. The declaration was recorded for transparency and governance purposes.

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

Report from Moana Fraser, PA to Pou Tātaki & Governance Support

Moved (Tana / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2026

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (ITEM 5.1)

Report from Moana Fraser, PA to Pou Tātaki & Governance Support

Moved (Craw / Brewer)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the Joint Committee Action Tracker from 27th July 2026

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORKPLAN (ITEM 5.2)

Report from Moana Fraser, PA to Pou Tātaki & Governance Support

Moved (Blackwell / Wishart)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 2026 Joint Committee Forward Workplan

Carried

FINAL ANNUAL WORK PLAN (ITEM 6.1)

Report from Emma Dore, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Craw / Curtis Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Final Annual Work Plan (2026-2027)', by Emma Doré dated 19 October 2026.
2. Note the unaudited Final Annual Work Plan budget for the 2026-2027 financial year which totals $22.662 million (total programme value excluding GST).
3. Delegate to the Joint Committee Chair power to approve the Final Annual Work Plan, following any changes due to audit or Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT) feedback.
1. Motion: Receive and adopt the Final Annual Work Plan (2026–2027) and delegate authority to the Chair to approve any minor editorial amendments prior to publication.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Jack referred to the Ambitious Nature Targets section on page 40 and acknowledged the positive progress being made across projects. He noted the success achieved to date and sought clarification on how staff intend to meet future targets and deliver on projected outcomes. Galilee Miles advised that projected targets include engagement already undertaken with landowners who have expressed interest but are not yet contracted. It was noted that a number of new projects are currently under development and remain under discussion with potential participants. Members were advised that updated analysis has been completed using current information and engagement data. This work is being used to inform planning, assess future opportunities, and support achievement of programme targets.

ANNUAL REPORT (ITEM 6.2)

Report from Natalie Jarufe, Communications Lead

Moved (Curtis Connelly / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Annual Report (2025-2026)', by Natalie Jarufe dated 19 October 2026.
2. Adopt the final draft of the Annual Report 2025-2026 for provision to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport.
3. Delegate to the Joint Committee Chair power to approve the final Annual Report, with the ability for the Pou Tātaki to make minor editorial changes prior to publication if required.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Members expressed strong support for the report, noting that it was well presented, visually appealing, and maintained a high standard of quality. Positive feedback was provided regarding the report's readability, with members encouraging others to review the document in detail. Particular praise was given to the inclusion of data and KPI reporting, which members considered valuable and informative. John specifically commended the photographs included in the report, particularly on page 58, noting that they effectively showcased project outcomes. Members discussed privacy considerations relating to report imagery, acknowledging that some landowners prefer not to have their faces shown in publications or reporting materials. Emma advised that, where required, photographs and related content was amended to accommodate landowner preferences and ensure appropriate privacy considerations are maintained.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT) AMENDMENT ACT 2026 (ITEM 6.3)

Report from, Emma Dore Pou Tātaki

Moved (Craw / Curtis Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Local Government (Systems Improvement) Amendment Act 2026' by Emma Doré, dated 19 October 2026.
2. Note the date for the legislative clauses impacting the KMR Joint Committee come into force on 18 March 2027.
3. Note that a request for exception must be submitted by 18 November 2026 and decisions are intended to be made and communicated in early 2027.
4. Agree that an exception from the Act be sought to preserve the voting rights of non-elected KMR Joint Committee members.
5. Agree that KMR staff work with partner organisations to build the case and ensure appropriate support including a council resolution is obtained ahead of the deadline.
6. Endorse and provide direction on contingency governance arrangements should an exception not be granted.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Members discussed the Ministerial correspondence and the requirement for KMR to provide a formal submission confirming its position seeking exception from the Act. It was noted that both Northland Regional Council (NRC) and Auckland Council may require a draft KMR submission letter before reaching their resolution. Emma advised that draft documentation should be prepared as a priority. Jack offered to assist connection with Auckland Council to draft a letter of support, with members noting that correspondence should be circulated as soon as possible to support timely decision-making. Discussion focused on the changing political environment and the need to ensure KMR remains prepared to meet upcoming requirements and deadlines. Members acknowledged the importance of considering existing agreements, including the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Crown funding arrangements, and other governing documents. Tame raised the need for further consideration of legal advice and the potential engagement of external legal expertise should that be necessary in future. Members agreed that seeking an exception based on existing agreements should be explored before any decisions are made regarding changes to governance arrangements. Members agreed that Recommendation 6 should be deferred pending government response. It was noted that if an exception is not granted, KMR will need to develop an alternative pathway that remains consistent with the existing MOU and partnership arrangements. Discussion highlighted the importance of obtaining advice from Auckland Council to support the exemption request as they have not been as closely involved as Northland Regional Council as this point. Emma advised that updated correspondence will be required and sought direction on whether authority should remain with the Joint Committee or a smaller working group. New resolution was proposed by Guy Wishart That the Joint Committee establish a small working group, including representatives of Kaipara Uri and both councils, to oversee the preparation and submission of an exemption application by 18 November 2026, and direct staff to obtain legal advice on contingency governance options to protect the partnership arrangements should an exemption not be granted before 18 March 2027. Members supported the establishment of a working group comprising, John Blackwell, Tame Te Rangi, Greg Sayers and Emma Doré to coordinate actions, manage timeframes and progress documentation in consultation with both councils. Members acknowledged the tight timelines for obtaining council approvals and discussed the processes required by both Auckland Council and NRC. Emma advised that discussions are underway within both councils regarding the requirements for resolutions and supporting documentation. It was agreed that KMR should engage directly with legal representatives from both Auckland Council and NRC, ensuring relevant representatives are included in all correspondence. Members emphasised the importance of directing communications to the correct decision-makers given the approaching deadlines and upcoming election-related considerations.

POU TĀTAKI REPORT (ITEM 6.4)

Report from Emma Dore, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Blackwell / Brewer)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Emma Doré dated 19th October 2026.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Members discussed programme delivery and confirmed that the $8.7 million currently committed through existing contracts remains on track to contribute towards the overall $22 million delivery target. Discussion focused on the impacts of increased plant costs, drought conditions and anticipated El Niño weather patterns on planting success. Members noted that some planting projects may need to be deferred until conditions improve, while fencing and site preparation work can continue to maintain project momentum. Emma advised that contractual KPIs remain achievable despite potential delays. Members considered climate-related risks, including drought, frost, flooding and other weather events. Tame highlighted the importance of capturing replacement planting costs and contingency data, while Lisette noted that information from Cyclone Gabrielle and previous weather events is available to support future reporting and planning. Discussion also considered the inclusion of contingency allowances within project budgets to better account for plant losses and replacement costs. Members acknowledged that existing contracts already contain provisions outlining landowner responsibilities and project flexibility where required. The importance of landowner engagement and participation was also discussed. Members agreed that clearly communicating project benefits, expectations and incentives from the outset would improve uptake and strengthen programme outcomes. Mike emphasised the need to effectively demonstrate environmental benefits, including erosion control, land resilience and long-term sustainability outcomes. Potential changes to landowner contribution requirements were discussed, including reducing third-party contributions from 50% to 30% where appropriate. John identified a potential farm suitable for showcasing programme outcomes, while Natalie advised that a list of potential case-study properties could be compiled for circulation to Joint Committee members.

LOCAL STREAM HEALTH MONITORING PROJECT UPDATE (ITEM 6.5)

Report from Darren Van Bek, Kaiārahi Whakaora Whenua Koawa – Remediation Programme lead

Moved (Wishart / Wagstaff)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Local Stream Health Monitoring Project – Delivery Update' by Darren Van Beek, Kaiārahi Whakaora Whenua Koawa -Remediation Programme Lead and dated 19 October 2026.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
Members discussed the robustness of the data being collected and how statistical validity could be demonstrated given the number of variables involved. It was noted that data should support the stories and outcomes being reported, while acknowledging the ongoing challenge of balancing storytelling with meaningful metrics within the SHMAK framework. Discussion was held regarding the purpose of SHMAK and how the results align with KMR's work and objectives. Members sought clarification on the relationship between SHMAK outcomes and KMR activities, with Debra questioning how results generated through SHMAK can be matched and attributed to KMR programmes. Lisette advised that KMR collects much of the same data as the Northland Regional Council (NRC), prompting discussion on whether additional data sets may be required to provide more meaningful reporting and stronger evidence of outcomes. Members noted that further information relating to data collection requirements can be found on page 126. Jack acknowledged the Auckland deposition programme, noting that it is producing exceptional results and is supported by monitoring staff from Auckland Council. Emma provided an update regarding funding opportunities, advising that MCERT is exploring accessing additional funding during the mid-term period and is keen to discuss how this may support KMR research initiatives. Further discussion focused on the relationship between data, risk, and programme outcomes. Members agreed that reporting should clearly communicate the scope and limitations of monitoring activities. Tame recommended that a clear disclaimer be included within future reports to ensure readers understand that monitoring efforts are supported through government funding and that KMR is not actively seeking to become a research or environmental monitoring organisation. It was noted that monitoring activities undertaken in streams and waterways are programme-driven and should not be misconstrued as an extensive scientific monitoring. Guy agreed with the need for greater clarity around funding limitations, noting that the number of monitoring sites sampled is restricted by available resources. Members acknowledged that sampling a relatively small number of sites can limit the statistical significance of findings and that this context should be clearly reflected within reporting documentation. The discussion concluded with members acknowledging the importance of

ensuring monitoring activities continue to support community interests and wellbeing, including consideration of local school engagement and welfare where relevant.

2- YEAR POST PLANTING EVALUATION (ITEM 6.6)

Report from Galilee Miles, Advisor – Monitoring and Evaluation

Moved (Craw / Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'KMR Two-Year Post-Planting Monitoring Analysis' report by Galilee Miles, dated 19 October 2026.

Carried

Secretariat Note:
The Chair led a discussion on data management, monitoring, and measuring the success of catchment initiatives. The Chair noted the importance of establishing a clear direction for KMR's data management approach, including the development of a catchment-wide survey to better understand community engagement, contributions, and the value participants bring to the overall success of projects. Mike advised that analysis of data collected from monitoring sites could provide a useful baseline for measuring outcomes and tracking progress over time, noting that initial reporting does not need to be overly detailed. Discussion focused on how success should be measured, including indicators such as growth and survival rates, and the timeframe required before meaningful results can be demonstrated. Mike further highlighted opportunities to utilise existing council monitoring programmes within the Kaipara, particularly for sediment monitoring, potentially reducing the need for additional funding. Members also discussed opportunities for councils to support marae through training initiatives that would enable kaitiaki to undertake environmental monitoring activities and contribute to an improved understanding of catchment health. The importance of developing clear and consistent metrics was emphasised to ensure cultural and environmental outcomes can be measured and communicated in a way that resonates with whānau and encourages ongoing participation. The Chair also raised the future governance direction of the Joint Committee, noting the importance of having an appropriate structure and mandate to support long-term objectives while maintaining a strong focus on sediment reduction and catchment outcomes. Emma highlighted KMRs work with Auckland Council in developing a digital impact measurement tool and its potential to assist with modelling, forecasting environmental trends, and understanding future impacts to support informed decision-making.

JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MAURIKURA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - DISCUSSION PAPER (ITEM 6.7)

Report from Emma Dore, Pou Tātaki

Moved: (Wishart / Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the paper, Joint Committee and Maurikura Connections to Support Engagement
2. Discuss opportunities to strengthen connections between the Maurikura and the organisations, communities and networks represented across the KMR partnership and provide guidance on any potential next steps arising from the discussion

Carried

Secretariat Note:
The Chair facilitated a discussion on strengthening community engagement, participation, and information sharing. Members discussed opportunities to engage with local schools through Waitangi-related initiatives and recognised the importance of involving rangatahi in community conversations.
There was discussion on understanding community interests and identifying ways to expand engagement with whānau and the wider community. Members noted the importance of providing accessible information and agreed that a KMR presentation at partner organisation AGMs would help improve awareness and participation.
Members acknowledged that communities are seeking greater access to information and more opportunities to contribute to meaningful action. It was noted that bringing whānau together can help identify shared priorities and support collective decision-making.

The role of the marae as a central community hub was emphasised, particularly as a place for leadership, support, and connection during times of need. Members also highlighted the importance of creating pathways that encourage participation, support collective wellbeing, and increase rangatahi involvement in leadership and decision-making.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutuanga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2:30pm