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Submission on the Christchurch Ōtautahi Long Term Council Community Plan - 2004

Thank you for seeking input from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu in the above matter.

The Local Government Act 2002 is a new challenge for us all; for Councils, communities, and in our case for Māori. In particular, the Act sets out a number of provisions with respect to Council responsibilities to provide for and meet the needs and aspirations of Māori as part of the wider community.

In response to these new legislative provisions Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have been in the process of developing a Guidelines/Expectations document that will set out the tribal view of how it sees the Act should be implemented and to achieve some degrees of consistency across the 26 territorial authorities that fall with the Ngāi Tahu takiwā.

Unfortunately this document will not be ready before the current round of Long Term Council Community Plans are released for comment and submission. Given that this first generation of community plans is a learning process for us all, we consider that the ability still exists for the following generation to take greater account of the provisions that set out Council obligations to Māori.

In stating the above, we would strongly encourage the Council to consider including provisions in their current draft LTCCP to further strengthen their relationships and processes with Māori, in particular Ngāi Tahu as your tangata whenua. We respectfully request consideration of the following:

- Funding for hui with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga to discuss and develop relationships and processes with regard to Local Government Act requirements including:
 - Processes for involvement in decision making, including potential representation on standing committees etc;
 - MOU establishment
 - Processes for ensuring relevant and appropriate levels of information are provided, including RMA processes (s 81(1)(c));
 - Earlier input in annual and long term planning processes;

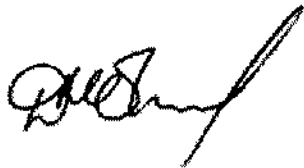
- Ongoing contributions for iwi management plans, including assisting both the preparation and ongoing review;
- Staff time allocated to developing a needs analysis in conjunction with Papatipu Rūnanga of the capacity building requirements of the Māori community (s 81(1) (b) LGA)
- Ongoing budget for regular Councillor and staff training in relevant Māori matters;
- Establishing a reporting system to Māori on matters that of significance to Māori, in particular Papatipu Rūnanga;

Summary

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu recognise that there is a large amount of capacity building that must take place around local government processes and procedures in order to give full effect to the provisions of the new Act. Te Rūnanga therefore respectfully requests that you give full consideration to the above points, and look forward to following these matters up in the near future when it is in a position to release our Guidelines/Expectations document for your consideration and comment.

We do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Heoi anō



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