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Kaipara Moana Remediation

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Since the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme was formalised in October 2020, there's been a huge behind-the-scenes effort to lay strong foundations, so work on the ground can begin across Kaipara Moana.



He aha te kaupapa? What is the programme about?

The decade-long Kaipara Moana Remediation programme aims to restore the health and mauri of Kaipara Moana, New Zealand's largest harbour.

The programme acknowledges the special nature of Kaipara Moana and aims to restore its vitality by halving sediment loss from land to sea. This is a vital first step to ensure Kaipara Moana is protected environmentally, and able to benefit present and future generations.

The programme recognises that wellbeing for Kaipara Uri and local communities is deeply connected to the wellbeing of Kaipara Moana.



Pēhea te whakaora ā te moana o Kaipara? What needs to be done to restore Kaipara Moana?

While work to support the environment has been undertaken for decades by landowners across the Kaipara, this programme aims to deliver focused remediation at a scale that's never been seen before in Aotearoa.

Working together with mana whenua, landowners, communities and many organisations, the programme will support and enable initiatives such as farm

environment plans, riparian planting and fencing, stabilising highly erodible land, wetland restoration, and targeted afforestation.



Ko wai ngā rōpū e kōkiri ana i te kaupapa? Who is leading the programme?

On 9 October 2020 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed at Waihāua Marae, Arapaoa, by the government, Kaipara Uri, Northland Regional Council and Auckland Council. It marks a significant new way of working together, in equal partnership between Kaipara Uri and councils, to undertake the activities of the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme.



At the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding aimed to restore the health and mauri of Kaipara Moana.

The programme is led by a 12-member joint committee, made up of six Kaipara Uri representatives and six council representatives (three each from Northland Regional Council and Auckland Council).

Kaipara Moana Remediation joint committee members	
• Chair – Tame Te Rangi, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua	• Jane Sherard, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara
• Deputy – Penny Smart, Northland Regional Council	• Joce Yeoman, Northland Regional Council
• Amy Macdonald, Northland Regional Council	• Malcolm Welsh, Te Uri o Hau
• Cherie Povey, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara	• Phelan Pirrie, Auckland Council local board chair
• Daniel Newman, Auckland Council	• Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
• Greg Sayers, Auckland Council	• Willie Wright, Te Uri o Hau

Along with decision-making for allocating funding, including support to landowners, the joint committee is responsible for helping establish an operational entity to deliver the programme. The joint committee will oversee this entity once it's established.



Ko wai ngā uri o Kaipara? Who are Kaipara Uri?

Kaipara Uri can be translated as 'Descendants of the Kaipara'. This is the name adopted by the group involved with negotiations with the Crown and local government, and includes Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara, Te Uri o Hau, Te Roroa, and Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua. There are also hapū and marae in the upper catchments of Kaipara Moana who identify separately from Kaipara Uri.



Pēhea te ahunga pūtea o te kaupapa? How is the programme funded?

The government has committed \$100 million for the first six years of the \$200 million programme (overall, the programme is expected to run for a decade, at an estimated cost of \$300 million). Government funding will be paid out six-monthly, with certain

requirements being met before each year's contribution is approved.

As part of securing government funding, Northland Regional Council and Auckland Council need to confirm their own contributions to the programme. Both councils are consulting on that as part of their Long Term Plan processes, which are running over March-June this year.

Landowners are also expected to contribute to the cost of work on their properties, so that overall the council and landowner contributions will match the Crown's contribution.



Āhea te pūtea tautoko o te Kāwanatanga e timata ai? When does the government's funding kick in?

The member parties have signed a Deed of Funding with the government that sets out the obligations for using the government's \$100 million contribution.

In the meantime, Auckland Council and Northland Regional Council have been supporting the programme financially for its formation and set-up, alongside Kaipara Uri.





He aha te kaupapa o te tau tuatahi? What's happening in Year One?

Much of the work happening in Year One (which ends 30 June 2021) is about getting the foundations in place to support remediation works on the ground. It includes:

- establishing an efficient, effective operational delivery entity
- completing capability and workforce strategies to make sure the right people and nursery supplies are available
- ensuring the right knowledge is available to underpin and inform the programme
- completing an engagement and communications strategy to support the programme and its delivery.

In addition, the programme has also supported several initial remediation implementation projects, including:

- funding support for 42 North Kaipara farms with existing Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) to fence waterways
- funding a waterway wetland remediation project with Forest Bridge Trust in the Hōteo catchment, and a remediation project in the Waiotū catchment
- working to partner with Fonterra to deliver FEPs and remediation work on supplier farms.



Āhea te pūtea tautoko e wātea ai ki ngā kaupupuri whenua? When will financial support be available for landowners?

Support for things such as riparian planting and fencing for landowners across the Kaipara catchment will be rolled out soon. Details on criteria for funding are being confirmed and a new grants scheme will likely be in place by July this year.

In the meantime, you can register your interest in funding support by:

- emailing info@nrc.govt.nz with “Kaipara Moana Remediation” in the subject line, or
- contacting Northland Regional Council’s land management team on 0800 002 004.

You will be contacted once funding is up and running.



Ka taea e au te whiwhi pūtea mai te kaunihera? Can I still get funding support through the council?

Because landowner support will be available under the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme, Northland Regional Council and Auckland Council will not be offering things such as landowner grants for water quality improvement initiatives in the Kaipara catchment area (though they’ll still be available elsewhere).



He pūtea anō mo ngā kaupapa ake? Will there be money available for other projects?

The joint committee is currently considering how best to support and enable a range of remediation activities such as marae and hapū restoration aspirations, community planting projects, a nursery strategy and others.

Once it has done this, the committee will communicate how it will prioritise expenditure over

the next few years and how others may participate in the work that needs to be carried out. It is expected that its work programme will be published in July of this year.

 **Kei hea ngā kōrero atu i te kaupapa? Where can I find out more about the programme?**

You can find out more about the programme online, in the Kaipara Moana Remediation joint committee meeting agendas and minutes. These are all available on Northland Regional Council’s agendas and minutes portal: <http://northland.infocouncil.biz/>

 **Ka taea e au te noho ki ngā hui komiti? Can I come to a meeting of the committee?**

Yes. The joint committee’s meetings are open to the public. The committee is committed to engaging with whānau around the catchment, so its formal meetings are rotated from place to place within the catchment – where possible, these meetings are held on marae.

Meeting dates are listed on Northland Regional Council’s website: www.nrc.govt.nz/meetingdates



Please note that some of the information in this pānui is correct at date of publication, but may change as the programme moves forward.