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Comments from the Independent Māori Statutory Board for Auckland Council's submission to Heritage NZ

General Comments

Issue: The views and values of Māori will inform decision making, assessments and actions under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act (as opposed to just being taken into account).

Issue: Ensure Heritage NZ has an accurate contact database for Māori to ensure the relevant iwi and hapū are notified as necessary.

Issue: There is no reference to iwi/hapū management plans in the policies. These are significant documents and an important resource for those involved in processes administered by Heritage NZ. This needs to be recognised.

Issue: The policies appear to use Māori, tangata whenua and iwi or hapū interchangeably with no explanation or reason given for the difference. Clarify.

Issue: Generally the policies are repetitive, lengthy, lack clarity, and some policies are worded as methods. Review format and wording.

Issue: There is an expectation that Heritage NZ will provide resourcing (including funding and training opportunities) that support Māori effectively engaging in processes.

Issue: Approval of an archaeologist must include an approval process recognised and supported by Māori.

Administration of the archaeological provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

1.4 Heritage New Zealand encourages applicants for archaeological authorities to take all practical measures to avoid or limit the modification or destruction of archaeological sites, or parts of sites, as a result of proposed activities, prior to submitting an archaeological authority application.

Issue: Policy is unclear and implies that work that modifies or causes destruction of the site may be undertaken prior to a Heritage NZ authority approval. Reword to clarify this is not the intent.

Objective 2: Māori heritage values are respected and taken into account.

Issue: Māori values should be used to inform decision making and actions undertaken through Heritage NZ's policies, not just taken into account. Reword the objective to read 'Māori heritage values are respected and inform decision making and actions undertaken by Heritage NZ.'

2.1 Heritage New Zealand will ensure traditional knowledge associated with archaeological sites is considered alongside archaeological and heritage assessments when archaeological authority decisions are being made, where it has been provided with the application.

Issue: Needs to be made clear that traditional knowledge is of equal (if not more importance) than archaeological and heritage knowledge. The term 'where it has been provided' implies there is discretion for the applicant to provide this. Clarify that traditional knowledge will be included in the assessment of any site application with which Māori have a relationship with.

2.2 Heritage New Zealand encourages iwi and hapū to engage in the archaeological authority process so that their cultural values can be considered in the determination.

Issue: Heritage NZ will be well aware that many iwi and hapū are involved in a number of priority issues including resource consents and Treaty settlements. Heritage NZ has a role in facilitating effective engagement and need to make resources available to iwi and hapū for this to occur including funding.

2.4 Heritage New Zealand promotes early involvement of iwi and hapū in projects and proposals relating to archaeological sites to enable improved outcomes for avoidance and offsetting negative effects on Māori heritage values.

2.5 Heritage New Zealand encourages early and meaningful consultation between applicants for archaeological authorities, and their advisors and iwi and hapū, and requires evidence of the views expressed by iwi and hapū during consultation.

Issue: Policies 2.4 and 2.5 say the same thing. Reword as one policy.

4.6 Heritage New Zealand manages sensitive information by appropriate processes.

Issue: Specific reference to the management of sensitive information from Māori needs to be included in the policy. The process will be determined in agreement with the relevant iwi or hapū.

Objective 5: Historical and cultural heritage knowledge is gained through archaeological research.

Issue: None of the policies under this objective recognise the ability of Heritage NZ to support archaeological research by providing training and upskilling. This needs to be recognised.

6.1 Heritage New Zealand recognises the need for urgency when koiwi tangata are discovered.

Issue: It is unclear what is meant by 'urgency'. Also in some situations, it may be necessary to leave koiwi in-situ for a period of time until arrangements can be made for relocation.

6.2 Heritage New Zealand informs iwi and hapū when discovery of koiwi tangata of Māori origin are reported.

Issue: Reword policy to read as follows: Heritage NZ will notify iwi and hapū when discovery of koiwi tangata of Māori origin are reported.

9.1 Heritage New Zealand encourages applicants, landowners and archaeologists to engage in discussions with Heritage New Zealand at an early stage when planning projects in order to protect and avoid archaeological sites where possible.

Issue: Māori should be included in these discussions as well.

9.2 In order to make informed and effective decisions, Heritage New Zealand requires a sufficient level of information about the archaeological sites and the range of archaeological and heritage values and the effect of the proposed work on them.

Issue: Clarify that this includes values Māori associate with the sites.

9.4 Heritage New Zealand evaluates the effects on heritage through the authority process on a case by case basis but does not support the building of structures on pa.

Issue: In some situations, Māori may wish to build structures on pa for cultural purposes. This needs to be recognised in the policy.

12.2 Heritage New Zealand will seek evidence from iwi and hapū that the archaeologist recognises and respects Māori values and has access to appropriate cultural support for sites of interest to Māori.

12.4 Heritage New Zealand encourages the approved archaeologist to involve iwi and hapū in the authority process and the archaeological work associated with an authority.

Issue: It is unclear what the relationship is between policy 12.2 and 12.4. If policy 12.2 is met, then policy 12.4 is not necessary as that would be implicit in 12.2. Clarify.

