

Appendix E: Tūpuna Maunga Values

The following Tūpuna Maunga Values have been developed by Tūpuna Maunga o Tamaki Makaurau Authority. They have been developed in the spirit of partnership that underpins the co-governance arrangement over the Tūpuna Maunga.

The Supplier shall consult with the Mana Whenua and the Maunga Authority partners to ensure the values are upheld.

1.1 Spiritual

The Tūpuna Maunga are sacred places to Mana Whenua. They are taonga tuku iho (treasures handed down the generations) and inspire reverence and aroha.

The Tūpuna Maunga are restorative and nourishing places. This is an expression of the inherent connection between people and place.

Protection and enhancement of the mauri and wairua of the Tūpuna Maunga is paramount.

The tihi is the most sacred part of the Maunga to Mana Whenua and this is to be reflected in the nature of activities that are appropriate on different parts of the maunga.

1.2 Cultural and Heritage

The Tūpuna Maunga are interwoven in Mana Whenua history and whakapapa. Visibility and prominence are to be given to these histories and the connection over the millenia between people and place. Mana Whenua will be enabled and supported to express their Kaitiakitanga over the Tūpuna Maunga (the intergenerational rights and obligations of Mana Whenua to care for the Tūpuna Maunga), and to address the previous cultural and physical separation between Mana Whenua and the Tūpuna Maunga. The ‘footprint’ of the Tūpuna Maunga over which Mana Whenua exercise kaitiakitangi extends beyond the legal boundaries and fence lines.

The Tūpuna Maunga are unique on a global scale and an important part of Auckland’s cultural heritage. They also contain physical reminders of European history and interaction with these landscapes, including military defence facilities. Local communities have a strong emotional connection with, and draw a sense of identity from, the Tūpuna Maunga.

1.3 Landscape

The Tūpuna Maunga are among the most treasured and distinctive natural connected landscape features of Tāmaki Makaurau and creates and contributes to Aucklanders sense of pride, ‘place’ and home.

The ability to view these taonga from all over Auckland – the most populated part of New Zealand – and from other maunga is valued for this reason. The Tūpuna Maunga are a place to see and experience other parts of Tāmaki Makaurau. The significance of the Tūpuna Maunga to Mana Whenua and all Aucklanders creates an opportunity to ensure the protection and enhancement of the physical and visual integrity of these natural features in the surrounding urban environment.

The Tūpuna Maunga are a part of the naturally preserved, young, monogenetic basaltic volcanic field in Aotearoa/New Zealand. They are the most visible reminder to people of the volcanic field on which we live.

1.4 Ecological and Biodiversity

A functional and healthy Tūpuna Maunga ecosystem with strong biodiversity values will enhance the mauri and wairua of the Tūpuna Maunga and adjoining environmental systems.

The Tūpuna Maunga are a connected landscape and ecosystem and there is an opportunity to nurture the ecological links between them. The health and ora tonutanga (intergenerational wellbeing) of the mauri of the Tūpuna Maunga and the people is interdependent. Building layers of ongoing native flora and fauna regeneration in appropriate places is a priority.

1.5 Recreational

People value the Tūpuna Maunga because of the recreational opportunities and spaces on the Maunga. The Tūpuna Maunga are publicly accessible natural spaces to engage in pursuits with whānau, friends or individually, and these qualities are highly valued by people.

To Mana Whenua, the Tūpuna Maunga are not “parks” and the tihi (summits) are the most sacred part of the Maunga and not an appropriate recreational space.

1.6 Living Connection/Experience

The Tūpuna Maunga are a place to host manuhiri (visitors). There are significant opportunities for visual interpretation and education of the history and culture of Tāmaki Makaurau, and for the Tūpuna Maunga to be places of education, understanding and discovery and rediscovery.

A variety of mediums will give expression to the historical and current living connection between the Tūpuna Maunga and the diverse communities within Tamaki Makaurau, including interactive experiences, arts and cultural experiences and technology. A sense of connection between people and the Tūpuna Maunga is also felt and experienced without physically visiting the maunga.

1.7 Economic

Revenue creates opportunities to invest in the Tūpuna Maunga to protect and enhance the Values of the Tūpuna Maunga, independent of funding from Auckland Council.

Strategic partnerships will support the achievement of desired outcomes including creation of economic and employment opportunities for Mana Whenua.