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Please find attached Submission on Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2005-2006

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SUBMISSION ON CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2005-2006

As you are no doubt aware, Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have a very important role in managing the natural and physical resources within the Christchurch City. In our opinion, the Christchurch City Council Council's Annual Plan process is an opportunity for organisations, including Ngāi Tahu, to nominate projects and work areas we would like to see Council make a definite undertaking and financial commitment to for the upcoming year(s).

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga) makes this submission on behalf of the Ngāi Tahu tribal collective, in particular Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga whose takiwā (tribal boundary) is within the City Council District.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri are committed to developing a robust and fruitful relationship with the Christchurch City Council beneficial for all parties and it is with this in mind that we make this submission.

SPECIFIC STATEMENTS:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu would like to re-iterate that the workload for Rūnanga within the area of Resource Management is vast and ever increasing. This workload, coupled with the fact that Rūnanga are often under resourced, impacts on the ability for Rūnanga to participate fully in resource management processes and consultation. The following is a summary of the key facing Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu /Papatipu Rūnanga in our attempts to work with the Christchurch City Council:

Summary of the key issues from a Papatipu Rūnanga perspective:

- There are no formalised consultation mechanisms with Council;
 - Memorandum of agreement/understanding
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 - Rūnanga owned Natural Resources Company / environmental consultancy/cost recovery

- There is no tangata whenua representation on Council decision making forums i.e. Council or sub-committees of main Council body
- There is a lack of Rūnanga representation in specific projects or participation at an operations level (Although recently TRONT, on behalf of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri have provided an input into specific Council plans such as the Biodiversity Strategy)
- There are inconsistent approaches to Rūnanga from different departments within Council
- Rūnanga are over-whelmed with consultation demands
- There is a lack of capacity (people, money & planning resources) within Rūnanga to meet the increasing demands
- Inability to continue as volunteers
- The workload is high and taxing on voluntary workers (working in some cases in excess of 40 voluntary hours per week)
- There is no up-to-date Iwi Resource Management Plan, (notwithstanding Te Whakatau Kaupapa)
- It is difficult for Rūnanga to always respond within statutory time frames (resource consents)
- Lack of basic understanding within Council of tāngata whenua values, history and positions on environmental and natural resources issues
- Changing staff within Council and the necessity to continually repeat core values and policies over and over

Summary of the key needs from a Rūnanga/Ngāi Tahu Perspective

1. A strong relationship with the Christchurch City Council
2. The development of a professional cost recovery model to relieve the workload of volunteers and to provide professional, timely and Rūnanga mandated services
3. A formalised consultation, participation and service level agreement with Council
4. Representation at a decision making level and the ability to participate at an operations level across priority (all or key) areas within Council rather than with just one or two units
5. A consultation/participation model, which can be expanded to include Ngā Horomaka Rūnanga if and when amalgamation occurs with the Banks Peninsula District Council

Summary of the key Issues from a Council perspective, as understood by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Papatipu Rūnanga;

- No formalized consultation mechanism with Rūnanga
- Confusion regarding the most appropriate way to consult with Rūnanga
- Lack of staff & Councillor training regarding tāngata whenua values, history and positions on environmental and natural resources issues
- Requirement to meet statutory time-frames (Consents & Planning) & the difficulties of getting a Rūnanga response or input within these time-frames
- Lack of internal tāngata whenua mandated policy advice to guide Council staff and Councillor decision making
- Lack of Rūnanga representation in specific projects or participation at an operations level
- Lack of Rūnanga input into Council planning documents
- Clarification regarding the mandate and structure of the current council 'Maori Liaison Committee'

Summary of the key Needs from a Council Perspective

1. A strong relationship with Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
2. A Formalised Consultation agreement with Rūnanga
3. Rūnanga representation at a decision making level and the ability to participate at an operations level in order to provide for RMA 1991 requirements
4. Feedback and input from Rūnanga on Resource Management matters within statutory time-frames
5. Training for Council staff and Councillors regarding tāngata whenua values, history and positions on environmental and natural resources issues
6. Clarity regarding Rūnanga representatives and appropriate consultation processes & contact people
7. Capacity Building processes and mechanisms with Maori, which includes TRONT and Papatipu Rūnanga
8. A consultation/participation model which can be expanded to include Ngā Horomaka Rūnanga if and when amalgamation occurs with the Banks Peninsula District Council

SPECIFIC SUBMISSION

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu considers that there is a real overlap between the issues and needs of both Papatipu Rūnanga and the council as highlighted above. To that end, we respectfully request that the Christchurch City Council nominate funding via the Annual Plan process which is dedicated to developing and implementing a mutually beneficial consultation and participation model which addresses the key issues and needs of Papatipu Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Christchurch City Council.

We estimate that the funding required would be in the order of \$150 – 200k and we look forward to providing further information and detail during annual plan hearings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarification. We do wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Noho ora mai,



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