

Working Together in Partnership

Since signing the Tuia Relationship Agreement between Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury in December 2012, the nature and extent of the relationship continues to grow and develop. Investing in the relationship by bringing capacity and capability to bear, ensures all parties continue to move closer to achieving partnership in the management of the region's natural, physical and freshwater resources. The cultural values return, from mana whenua engagement and participation in the CWMS collaborative process, will continue to be challenged by the inevitably slow and incremental pace of any real or tangible improvement at the flax roots level in terms of mahinga kai and customary use.

Targets

From 2010: Formally recognise Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Freshwater Policy and, in each zone, work towards resolving issues related to Ngāi Tahu policies.

By 2015: Target 1: Protocols for the recognition and exercise of mana, including kaitiakitanga within the Ngāi Tahu rohe, are implemented.

Target 2: Iwi Management Plans (IMP) are in place for north and mid Canterbury. A separate Waitaki IMP has been drafted but is still waiting sign off from the iwi authority before it can be lodged with the Councils. No formal IMP for area between Ashburton and Waitaki.

Target 3: Institutional capability within local government to adequately recognise and provide for the principle of kaitiakitanga in water management.

Target 4: A formal co-governance arrangement (developed in partnership by Ngāi Tahu, the Crown and Canterbury local government) for the active management of Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere) and its catchment.

Target 5: A system for appointing Ngāi Tahu tangata tiakiwai (water guardians) who have formal recognition and support from local government is established.

By 2020: Target 6: Further co-governance arrangements (developed in partnership by Ngāi Tahu, the Crown and Canterbury local government) for the active management of nominated waterbodies in North and South Canterbury.
Target 7: Integrated Ki Uta Ki Tai environmental management philosophies into zonal and regional management planning.
Target 8: At least one Ngāi Tahu tangata tiakiwai is appointed within each zone.

By 2040: Kaitiakitanga is a normalised and an integrated practice of water management.

Progress to 2020

	T5,6,8	T2,7	T1,3	T4	
	Not started	Started	Progress	Good progress	Achieving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target 1: The Tuia Relationship Agreement between Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury recognises the mana whenua status of ngā rūnanga and provides for the development of operational protocols for any of Environment Canterbury's functions, powers or responsibilities, including for specific parts of the region or specific kaupapa. For example guidelines have been developed on resource consent processing to support rūnanga in their role in providing advice. Target 2: Iwi Management Plans (IMP) are in place for the northern and middle parts of the region. The Upper and Lower Waitaki Zones do not have complete IMP coverage and work is continuing on an IMP for the Waitaki catchment, which may be extended to the rest of South Canterbury. Target 3: The Tuia Joint Work Programme has resulted in changes in organisational culture, processes and engagement practices and improved relations and interaction with Ngāi Tahu, particularly at a rūnanga level. Zone Delivery teams are supporting the principle of kaitiakitanga on the ground and the Selwyn Waihora Zone recently appointed a Cultural Land Manager Advisor to work with land owners. Target 4: Whakaora Te Waihora (a joint programme of work between Environment Canterbury, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the Ministry for the Environment and Papatipu Rūnanga) arose from a formal co-governance arrangement – Mahere Tukutahi o Te 					<p>Waihora. Whakaora Te Waihora brings together the tikanga responsibilities of Ngāi Tahu and the statutory responsibilities of Environment Canterbury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target 5 & 8: A system for appointing Ngāi Tahu tangata tiakiwai (water guardians) is not yet in place but is being considered. To date there has been strong leadership around the Zone Committee table by rūnanga representatives which has seen the emergence of greater understanding of tikanga across the committees. Target 6: No further co-governance initiatives are being considered across Canterbury at this stage. Target 7: Ki uta ki tai environmental management philosophies are integrated into zone and regional planning through the active committee membership of rūnanga representatives and an emerging understanding by all community members of these principles. Feedback from rūnanga representatives signals strong support for their role in being 'at the table' in water management issues and there remains broad support for the demanding but rewarding CWMS process. Ngā rūnanga are represented on each zone committee and supported by two tangata whenua facilitators. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu has increased its support for the rūnanga representatives providing service support to CWMS rūnanga representatives and working directly with representatives on sub-regional planning.