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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation

Which organisation are you submitting on behalf of?

Aukaha (1997) Ltd.

Which age category are you in?

40-64 years old

Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?

Yes

Which bus fare structure option would you like to see trialled?

I don't have a preference

Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?

Don't know

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

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SUBMISSION	
TO:	Environment Canterbury
DATE:	3 April 2022
PLAN:	Draft Annual Plan – Mahere ā Tau 2022/23
KĀI TAHU PAPATIPU RŪNAKA	Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Te Rūnanga o Waihao
Summary: Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and Te Rūnanga o Waihao seek confirmation that the Environment Canterbury Annual Plan – Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 will include funding specific to a Treaty partnership arrangement.	

Introduction

1. Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and Te Rūnanga o Waihao (Kā Rūnaka) are the two papatipu rūnaka who hold mana whenua status in the Canterbury region that are represented by Aukaha (1997) Ltd. ('Aukaha') as their regional consultancy.
2. The takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki centres on Moeraki on the Otago coast, extending from the Waitaki to the Waihemo, and inland to the Main Divide. The interests of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki are concentrated on the Moeraki Peninsula area and surrounds, including Rakahineatea Pā, Koekohe, and Te Kai Hinaki with its boulders. In addition, the interests of the rūnaka extend north and south of the Moeraki Peninsula, extending to the boundaries of their takiwā.
3. The takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Waihao centres on Wainono, extending to the Waitaki at their southern boundary, and inland to Ōmārama and the Main Divide. The name Waihao refers to the hao, a species of short-fin eel, an important food resource obtained from the Waihao River.
4. This submission relates to the Environment Canterbury (ECan) Annual Plan – Mahere ā Tau 2022/23.
5. Kā Rūnaka request that ECan allocate funding under the Annual Plan to establish a partnership protocol between the Council and Kā Rūnaka through Aukaha as their regional consultancy, in recognition of their status as partners under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Proposal for a Treaty partnership

6. Kā rūnaka see opportunities to achieve their aspirations through a dedicated partnership relationship with ECan, recognising their status as partners under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
7. Kā rūnaka have a strong desire to action their roles as kaitiaki whenua, as an expression of their rakatirataka, and their status as mana whenua in their respective takiwā. A partnership protocol will provide a platform to build the Treaty partnership, while also sufficiently resourcing Aukaha to deliver across the policy and consents workstreams with dedicated resourcing.
16. Partnership funding will enable Kā Rūnaka to effectively engage in the significant programme of policy work that ECan has planned over the next two years, encompassing the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, Land and Water Plan, and Coastal Environment Plan, which are signalled to be notified in 2024.
8. An existing partnership agreement between Rūnaka and the Otago Regional Council (ORC) via Aukaha is facilitating a higher level of mana whenua engagement in council workstreams. A significant outcome of this partnership has been the co-design of significant planning documents, including the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (notified in 2021), and the Otago Land and Water Regional Plan (currently under development).
9. The partnership relationship with ORC has enabled more meaningful engagement with mana whenua, allowing the Council to meet their requirements in terms of Māori consultation and engagement under the Local Government Act 2002 and Resource Management Act 1991. Engagement in the pre-notification phase of plan drafting has contributed to a greater level of engagement from Rūnaka and Māori communities.
10. Mechanisms to support the relationship at the governance, executive, and operational levels are key component of the partnership protocol. These practices are fundamental to keeping the partnership on track, by providing regular contact, and opportunities for robust discussion, reporting, and collaborative decision-making.
11. Staff from Aukaha have worked productively with ORC staff on a range of recent projects. Dedicated partnership funding would enhance our capacity to engage in these activities to the

benefit of local communities. A partnership agreement would allow Aukaha staff the opportunity to prioritise this work as part of their dedicated workstream. Recent activities funded by the ORC partnership protocol include:

- Renewal of deemed permits
- Cultural Impact Assessments and Cultural Values Statements for regulatory enforcement
- Cultural health monitoring in FMUs
- Otago Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Otago Regional Policy Statement
- Otago Land and Water Regional Plan
- Freshwater Action Plans
- Catchment Action Plans
- Three Waters notifications
- Pollution notifications
- Consent processing where the Council is not the applicant
- Reporting and relationship processes to support the partnership at the governance, executive, and operational levels

13. Other significant workstreams are undertaken under individual service agreements based on current work underway, the priority and scope of the work proposed, and the capacity of Rūnaka and Aukaha to undertake the work.
14. Aukaha staff work with people in the takiwā of their papatipu rūnaka owners, providing services that aim to make our region a better place to live by bringing mana whenua perspectives to the fore. Staff in the Mana Taiao team support rūnaka aspirations in resource management and environmental kaupapa, and include professional planners, consents staff, and an ecologist.

Conclusion

15. This submission is focused on ensuring that effective provision is made for funding to support a partnership protocol between ECan and Kā Rūnaka, being Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and Te Rūnanga o Waihao, under the Annual Plan – Mahere ā Tau 2022/23.

16. Partnership funding will support Kā Rūnaka and Aukaha staff to deliver on the significant work programme planned by ECan over the next two years, working towards the notification of the integrated plan encompassing the Land and Water Plan that is agreed for the Waitaki.
17. Kā Rūnaka look forward to building a stronger relationship with ECan based on a genuine partnership agreement, which will be outlined further via an oral submission.