



# National Catchments Forum

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# IKHMG



## Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG)

- Vision – “A Heathy and Productive Kaipara Harbour”
- Initiated in 1996, formalised in 2005 underpinned by Treaty legislation provisions
- Ecosystem approach – catchment wide
- Partnership – working together, initiated by mana whenua

## Guiding Principles

- Kaitiakitanga
- Manaakitanga
- Co-management
- Ecosystem based approach

## Multiple challenges

- Declining fish stocks and biodiversity
- Increasing sedimentation, poor water quality, resource use and development pressure
- Limited socio-economic opportunities and opportunities to practice kaitiakitanga
- Climate change impacts
- Lack of integrated management and coordination of action





Kaipara Moana Remediation builds on IKHMG, with practical application.



A formalised Deed of Funding and Memorandum of Understanding



Establishment of KMR, with financial and personnel resources



Urgency to scale up & out Kaipara Moana Remediation project



Reflects a Te Ao Māori worldview



# Building the relationship

## Jointly Created Business case for Crown Funding

- Auckland Council
- Northland Regional Council
- Te Uri O Hau
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whatua
- Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara

## A Formalised Co-Governance Committee

- Subcommittee of Council
- Equal representation from Kaipara Uri & Elected Members
- A steering group of senior Iwi officials to guide operational establishment

## Formalising partnerships

- MoU with Te Uri o Hau
- Kōrero Tuku Iho
- Development and training of local kaitiaki
- Accreditation & development of iwi led nurseries and contractors



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# Key takeaways

- These things take time (25+ years in this case)
- It's about starting with the willing, and building the programme together
- Local knowledge, local people & local leadership is key
- Local capability takes time to build

## AND

- To work successfully at large scale, new approaches are needed
- Working with - and through - others is critical to scaling up (and out)
- KMR's catchment requires us to work in partnerships & high-trust delivery models
- For example, KMR works with Fonterra, and we are exploring a similar partnership with Beef + Lamb NZ

## TO COME

- We will spatially target high risk (areas and landowners)
- Our investment tools are maturing & becoming more targeted to achieve KMR goals



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