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Christchurch City Council submission on Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill

Introduction

1. Christchurch City Council (the Council) thanks the Māori Affairs Committee for the opportunity to provide comment on the *Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill*.
2. The Council notes the significance of this bill in respect to addressing Māori/mana whenua representation within a *Tiriti* partnership context.

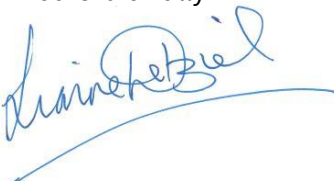
Submission

3. The Council strongly supports a legislative option/model that brings about such representation on the Canterbury Regional Council. We previously confirmed this position in our submission on the Canterbury Regional Council Representation Review in 2018.
4. Mana whenua representation will provide both significant value and strengthen strategic partnerships within Canterbury, not simply for the Canterbury Regional Council but more widely.
5. The passing of the bill will formalise recognition and the full 'parity of membership status' for mana whenua members of the Canterbury Regional Council and will also address inadequacies in the current arrangements.

Conclusion

6. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission. The Council looks forward to the fruition of this bill.
7. Queries or further clarification on this submission may be directed to Shayne Te Aika, Principal Advisor Treaty Relationship, Shayne.TeAika@ccc.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully



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Tēnā koe Chair Jenny

Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 9 July and the attached draft local bill which is intended to secure mana whenua representation on the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury), by giving Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu as mana whenua the right to appoint two councillors.

Christchurch City Council's support for the previous proposed legislation for mana whenua representation at Environment Canterbury was formally noted in our 30 July 2018 submission to the 2018 Environment Canterbury Representation Review. In that submission we noted the following:

4. *Mana Whenua Representation*

Mana whenua representation on Environment Canterbury provides real value and strengthens the strategic partnerships in Canterbury.

The Council strongly supports the proposed legislative approach to ensure a representation model that ensures mana whenua representation.

The Council supports the Environment Canterbury agreement to work with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to progress legislative change to continue to provide for mana whenua representation.

The Council acknowledges that mana whenua representation is being considered separate to this representation review process.

On 4 December 2018 the Te Hononga Council - Papatipu Rūnanga Committee considered and formally endorsed the Christchurch City Council's Support of the previous Local Bill.

I shared your letter and the new draft bill with Councillor colleagues and can confirm that we support the new draft local bill and have no further feedback on it.

Ngā mihi



Hon. Lianne Dalziel
Mayor of Christchurch