



Councils have a statutory responsibility under the Resource Management Act 1991 to consult and work with tangata whenua in the management of natural resources.

Continuing to work closely with local iwi to recognise values and perspectives will enable improved decision making processes.



TANGATA WHENUA

Issues

Some of the issues needing to be addressed in the review of the Regional Policy Statement and the Southland District Plan are:

- Outcomes of the Ngāi Tahu Treaty Settlement, including:
 - iwi legal identity/tribal structure.
 - statutory acknowledgements.
 - pounamu, tribal properties.
 - nohoanga/temporary camping entitlements.
 - dual place names.
- Taking into account iwi planning documents.
- Protection of heritage sites, cultural values and customary activities across all landscapes.
- Consultation between tangata whenua and local authorities.
- Provision of mataitai.
- Sustainability practices on SILNA Māori land.
- Commercial development of natural resources by iwi.



Options

Some options for addressing the issues regarding Tangata Whenua are:

- Ongoing and robust consultation during the review of the Regional Policy Statement and Southland District Plan.
- Review the Tangata Whenua sections of the Regional Policy Statement and Southland District Plan.
- Make no change to the Manawhenua/ Tangata Whenua sections in the existing documents.
- Protect and recognise heritage sites, cultural values and customary activities.
- Assist SILNA landowners to establish sustainable management practices.

What do you think?

What are the significant resource management issues for Tangata Whenua in Southland?

What are the best ways of addressing these issues?

Should distinct Tangata Whenua sections be included in the reviewed Regional Policy Statement and Southland District Plan, or should matters concerning Tangata Whenua be woven throughout the documents?



Comments & Feedback

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