



TANGATA WHENUA - Summary of Community Feedback

Issues

- Consultation and engagement with tangata whenua was an issue, with some feeling councils needed to consult and engage with tangata whenua on relevant issues (eg sites of significance, cultural values and customary activities).
- The extent of consultation by councils with tangata whenua was queried.

It was considered that people from other iwi/tribes living in Southland need to be recognised.

- Several comments were received about the SILNA and other Māori owned lands in Southland.

Some thought Council planning documents needed to recognise the purposes/different types of Māori owned lands.

Options

- Agreement for ongoing utilisation of the SILNA (South Island Landless Natives Act 1906) lands, the need for both commercial and sustainable development, assistance for landowners and in some situations rates remission were also sought.
- The use of iwi planning documents in Council planning processes was supported.
- Council plans should provide for Māori environmental health and whānau ora.
- There needs to be an explanation about the jurisdiction of mātaihai customary fishing reserves.

Councils' Commentary

Environment Southland and the Southland District Council should update the planning documents based on the matters contained in the Tangata Whenua Issues and Options paper (ie Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act matters, sites of significance, legislative changes, customary tools, iwi planning documents).

The updates should also be based on feedback from the community, including Māori environmental health and whānau ora.

The councils should continue to consult with groups representing tangata whenua to clarify and confirm the resource management issues of significance to the iwi authority and relevant matters from iwi planning documents.

