

POUNAMU

A NEWSLETTER FROM PAPA POUNAMU

MĀORI AND PACIFIC PEOPLES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
OF THE NEW ZEALAND PLANNING INSTITUTE

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We hope you take time to relax & rejuvenate with whanau over the summer break.

You may need it for what's in store for 2024!

NGĀ MIHI O HINE RAUMATI

FROM THE KOMITI PAPA POUNAMU

2023 was a big year...on the one hand we faced unprecedented weather and climate related disasters; on the other we are seeing a new coalition government take power and commit to 100 actions in 100 days, set to undo a lot of progress made to strengthen our system's resilience in relation to future events and planning challenges. The change of government means *"a change of policies and a change of approach"*.

Particularly relevant changes include:

- Repeal the Spatial Planning and Natural and Built Environment Act;
- Introduce a fast-track consenting regime
- Cease implementation of new Significant Natural Areas and seek advice on operation of the areas; and
- Stop all work on He Puapua.



WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2024

Papa Pounamu in 2024 will focus on strategic national and regional representation and influence.

Papa Pounamu will seek to align with and support other Māori interest collectives and forums, including:

Ngā Aho - national network of Māori design professionals

Te Pū Oranga Whenua - kaupapa Māori Agribusiness collective redesigning land use and development in a way that works for whānau.

Ngā Kairapu - Regional Sector Special Interest Group.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A KOMITI MEMBER FOR YOUR REGION? LET US KNOW!

Increased focus on ensuring Aotearoa-based planning and practice does put Papatūānuku first, and is fit for OUR purpose.

Sharing and celebrating Embodying Kaitiakitanga

This month we're recognising Dr Wiki Walker-Hockey who received her Doctorate this year and contributed significantly to our online wānanga series on RM reforms. **Read** her thesis 'Te mana o te Ao Turoa hei tupu i te koru.' **Listen** to the haka composed by Dr Wiki Walker-Hockey for our collective.



**WANT TO SHARE SOMETHING?
PLEASE DO!**



This graphic was designed to support “enabling Kaitiakitanga and ecosystem-based management” (Desna Whaanga-Schollum, Lara Taylor, and Dan Hikuroa - Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge, 2023).

AHAKOA HE ITI HE POUNAMU

This simplified illustration conveys the potentiality of a **dual planning paradigm**, which has been advocated for by Māori planning scholars such as Professor Hirini Matunga for decades. Kaitiakitanga is much more than a discipline or practice. This graphic is a small reminder of the depth and power of Te Ao Māori and the immense value and significance of our ethics of care (i.e. ‘kaitiakitanga’).

Take pride and confidence in being a Māori practitioner or an ally that honours Te Tiriti and works alongside us. Te Ao Māori is a koha that has the potential to benefit all Aotearoa.

Western science has the potential to operate alongside mātauranga and tikanga, where the two co-exist in shared spaces within Te Ao Mārama. Planning and practice that is respect-full, care-full, and operates in aroha has transformative power.

Only Tāngata Whenua can draw on our whakapapa and the deep mātauranga and tikanga evolved over time, specific to people and place, and to inform contemporary management and innovation today.

[Further reading here](#) includes a summary of The Concept of a Dual Planning Tradition, and 5 key assumptions for planners to recognise and provide for.

A SUMMARY OF

2023

We were relatively quiet on the comms this year, but busy engaging and influencing all over the motu, and online!

**EVENTS INCLUDED**

WAITANGI DAY - stall

PAPA POUNAMU HUI -
Pre NZPI

ONLINE WANANGA SERIES

- exploring how 'fit for OUR purpose' the RM system is. This series included a session with Tina Porou, Poipoia Ltd and another with the Ministry for the Environment - summaries are available on request.

**IN-PERSON WANANGA AT
MAKETU**

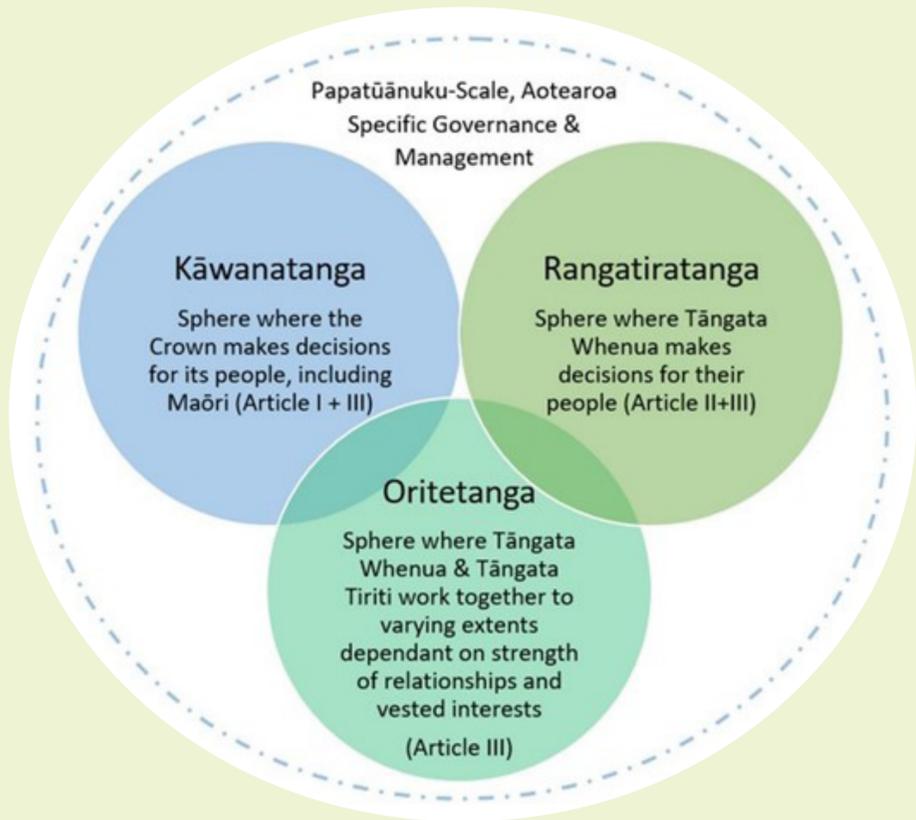
- regarding the Parliamentary inquiry on community-led retreat and adaptation funding. [Watch this video](#) summary: *He Ekenga Ngaru - Māori community solutions to climate retreat and adaptation* and refer the submissions linked.

SUBMISSIONS

[Click here](#) to access submissions.

- Natural and Built Environment Bill
- Spatial Planning Bill
- Draft National Adaptation Plan
- Community-led Retreat & Adaption Funding (+ input into NZPI submission; Human Rights Commission submission; with endorsement from the Resilience National Science Challenge)

PUTTING PAPATŪĀNUKU FIRST



In hindsight, while the reformed system remained less than ideal for giving effect to the mana and rangatiratanga of iwi and hapū, the Natural and Built Environments Act and the Spatial Planning Act did offer greater impetus for putting Papatūānuku first, particularly via the overarching purpose to uphold Te Oranga o te Taiao.

Similarly the Water Services Entities Act offered greater potential for addressing the complexities of three waters, and the inclusion to give effect to Te Mana o te Wai in both the Water Services legislation and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management seemed promising.

We acknowledge Jade Wikaira (a former PP Chair) and her involvement in the Randerson Panel; the work of Tina Porou, Maia Wikaira, and the Iwi Chairs Forum; and our many Māori planning members and allies, who worked tirelessly for adequate recognition and provision for Tāngata Whenua and a Tiriti-based system...

There's still more work to be done and we look forward to working together in 2024.

Regardless of 'politics' or the government of the day's position, **we see a Tiriti-based future that celebrates our pluralism.**

The planning profession has work to do to realise a

much-needed whole systems approach for Aotearoa, aligned with the Spheres of Influence framework imagined in the Matike Mai Constitutional Transformation Report 2016 (informed by 252 Hui across Aotearoa): the Rangatiratanga, Kāwanatanga, and Oritetanga Spheres of Influence.

Our policies, plans, and practices must acknowledge and enable rangatiratanga, mātauranga, and tikanga - all three simultaneously comprise and activate kaitiakitanga. To see a more hopeful trajectory for our planet and mokopuna, they can not be applied piecemeal or adhoc.



PAPA POUNAMU HUI

New Zealand Planning Institute Conference 20 March 2024, Kirikiriroa Hamilton

Conference Theme **BETTER TOGETHER**

Facing Climate Change Together | Co-Governance, Māori
in Decision- Making & Tino Rangatiratanga | Planning for
Diversity & Inclusion | Bridging the Central and Local Divide

Papa Pounamu are still finalising speakers and programme for the annual Papa Pounamu Hui. Information on speakers and their kaupapa/kōrero will be released soon.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

8am	Pōwhiri at Te Kōpū Mania Marae
10am - 11:30am	Morning Speakers
11:30- 12:30pm	Special Acknowledgements
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Afternoon Speakers

We have speakers from the Raukawa Settlement Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Tauranga Moana, and Waikato.

*Thanks to our primary
sponsors of the event Buddle
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Māori resistance is critical to Māori resilience.

Water | Food | Energy security and sovereignty are critical.

Ensuring Rangatiratanga, Mātauranga, and Tikanga at the appropriate scale is critical (a-iwi/hapū/whānau).

Aotearoa needs a **planning framework that puts Papatūānuku first**. Councils, corporates, and communities can do this regardless of the provisions (or lack of) in the system of the day.

Te Oranga o te Taiao is inseparable from and critical to the health and wellbeing of our communities and whānau.

Te Mana o te Wai exists whether the government recognises it or not. We will continue to operate in aroha and mana-enhancing ways.

What's good for Māori is good for everyone. But what is good for everyone is not necessarily good for Māori.

We will continue to **say no to the status quo**.

SEE YOU FOR MORE IN 2024!