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NEW ZEALAND COASTAL POLICY STATEMENT

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Proposed NZCPS  
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Tena koutou

Please find attached a submission from Ara Tahī on the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

This submission has also been appended to the formal submission submitted by Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Naku noa, na



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**Introduction**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment from a tangata whenua perspective on the proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2008.

Ara Tahi is the iwi representative group made of representatives from the seven iwi in the Wellington Region and have a partnership relationship with Greater Wellington Regional Council. The Chair and Deputy Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council also form part of the Ara Tahi Committee. The tangata whenua groups are represented by the following organisations:

- Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
- Rangitāne o Wairarapa
- Wellington Tenths Trust
- Te Rūnanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
- Te Rūnanga o Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai Inc
- Te Rūnanga o Raukawa

There are a number of issues which are important to tangata whenua in the Wellington region in relation to the proposed statement and we will take this opportunity to express them.

**Aspirations of tangata whenua**

The relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga is identified as a matter of national importance in the RMA. This relationship must be recognised and provided for in the NZ Coastal Policy Statement, regional policy statements, regional and district plans, and when making decisions on resource consent hearings.

**The role of the coast for tangata whenua**

Whether considering the ocean from the high tide mark to 200 kilometres out to sea, the estuaries or the rivers and streams that flow to the sea, tangata whenua view the environment as a whole. The land use and the water quality of the lakes, waterways and marine environment impact on the cultural wellbeing of Māori and their ability to sustain whanau.

It is challenging for tangata whenua to consider the coastal environment in segments. We think and consider the coastal environment as part of a whole. Management by various central and local government agencies does not support the holistic view of the environment. As a result each authority has their own strategy and policies for the coast and many of these do not support each other. The NZ Coastal Policy Statement needs to recognise this. Tangata whenua feel strongly that there needs to be greater collaboration between agencies.

## **The Treaty of Waitangi**

The Treaty of Waitangi needs to be recognised in all current and future activities regarding the ocean. An example is the exploration of the seabed for oils and minerals. Tangata whenua should have drilling rights for such activities.

Tangata whenua support the broad objectives of the proposed statement but point out that these should not impact negatively on the customary rights of tangata whenua.

## **Involvement in Hearing**

Ara Tahi wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

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