



VALUE ADDED PROPOSITION

Papa Pounamu comprises a collective of individuals that are active in Māori and Pacific Peoples environmental resource management and western planning paradigms as applied in managing New Zealand's natural resources. This collective represents a wealth of expertise, experiences, networks and learnings in the New Zealand environmental resource management framework aimed at improving environmental, social and cultural outcomes that reflects the mana and aspirations of Māori and Pacific peoples. Papa Pounamu is a vehicle for promoting cultural practices and indigenous approaches in managing our natural resources, and advancing a greater presence of Māori and Pacific Peoples in the planning profession. With new institutional arrangements to manage resources in New Zealand being established through legislation in partnership with Iwi, we believe the time and need is greater now, and more relevant, than ever.

Papa Pounamu seeks to complement the strategic and planning initiatives undertaken by New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) by providing a fully informed Māori and Pacific perspective so that the NZPI are capable of responding to the issues and challenges that will arise in the planning profession in NZ. The co-existence of two paradigms in managing New Zealand's natural resources will need leadership, and with the important role planners perform in managing these resources, the NZPI, through the support of Papa Pounamu, will be capable and well positioned to support those practitioners. We seek to lift the bar in terms of the effectiveness of local planning and environmental resource management practitioners in New Zealand. We aim to work in collaboration with NZPI to promote and enhance Māori and Pacific people's capacity and provide opportunities for information sharing, networking, debate and discussion.

The Māori economic landscape has changed considerably in the last decade and will continue to do so as more Iwi settle their treaty claims and their economic base grows. Also, Treaty settlements are seeing the emergence of new institutional arrangements, specifically co-governance, with co-management entities and joint management agreements being established to support decision makers and sharing duties and functions with local authorities in managing New Zealand's resources. Relationship and partnership agreements between organisations and Iwi are also increasing and becoming common practice.

There currently exists a wide network of grass roots practitioners (tāngata whenua and/or kaitiaki) working at the marae, community, iwi, hapū and runanga level. Invariably these practitioners have a broad range of planning and resource management experience and juggle other responsibilities. Many do not have formal planning qualifications as recognised by NZPI but play a significant role in the planning scene. Ultimately they all seek similar outcomes, namely practicing kaitiakitanga within their respective rohe (traditional iwi and hapū boundaries) through the application of tikanga and kawa, which is sourced from mātauranga Māori. Alongside our role in the NZPI, Papa Pounamu will seek to target these grass roots practitioners, to ensure that there are opportunities for information sharing, networking, debate and discussion.

Papa Pounamu will work alongside NZPI to be the home of the planning profession in NZ, by promoting excellence, supporting grassroots practitioners and its members. We see a future where consideration and awareness of issues for Māori and Pacific Peoples is a simple matter of business as usual. Papa Pounamu will assist Māori and Pacific Peoples and the planning profession by raising the collective capacity and capability in NZ's planning and resource management profession.