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Tēnā koutou katoa

The enclosed Mana Ōrite Relationship Agreement was signed on 30 October 2019 by Karen Vercoe, Chairperson on behalf of the Data Iwi Leaders Group (Data ILG), and Liz Macpherson, former CE/GS on behalf of Stats NZ.

It is the first agreement of its kind between iwi-Māori and the Crown. It is an agreement that solidifies the value we place on our relationship and the role data and statistics play in the growth and prosperity of Aotearoa.

Mana Ōrite determines that respective views be heard, considered, and afforded equal explanatory power. This means both parties acknowledge and accept each other's unique perspectives, knowledge systems and world views as being equally valid to decisions made under the relationship.

Signing of the agreement was the culmination of several years of engagement between Stats NZ and the Data ILG, a subgroup of the National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF), operating as Te Kahui Raraunga Charitable Trust. Creating the Mana Ōrite Relationship Agreement was a shared journey where both parties sought an authentic and aspirational agreement to honour our unique relationship.

In recognition that some of the content in the agreement includes mātauranga Māori, gifted to Stats NZ by the Data ILG, it is the wish of both the iwi leaders and Stats NZ that others who are interested, follow a similar pathway i.e., focus on developing the relationship first – to understand the intentions, aspirations and expectations of the parties.

Please contact either party if you wish to reference, quote, or understand the text of our agreement.

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Vercoe

Chairperson, Data Iwi Leaders Group

Mark Sowden

Chief Executive of Stats NZ and
Government Chief Data Steward

MANA ŌRITE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

Mō (Between): Data Iwi Leaders Group (Data ILG)
Me (And): Statistics New Zealand (StatsNZ)
Rā Whakamana (Date of Agreement): October 2019

1. TE KAUPAPA MATUA - PURPOSE

This Agreement embodies the intention of the Data ILG and StatsNZ to establish a mana ōrite Tiriti relationship. The purpose of the mana ōrite relationship is to help create a future that benefits te ora ngā whānui o Aotearoa by realising the potential of data to make a sustainable positive difference to outcomes for iwi, hapū and whānau.

2. TE HOROPAKI O TĒNEI WHAKAAETANGA – CONTEXT

The Data ILG and Stats NZ have chosen to describe this Tiriti-derived relationship as a mana ōrite relationship, in which the parties have equal explanatory power. This means the parties acknowledge and accept each other's unique perspectives, knowledge systems and world views as being equally valid to decisions made under the relationship established by this agreement. This mana ōrite relationship is in addition to, and not a substitute for, the broader relationship between Māori and the Crown. In carrying out any actions or activities associated with this agreement the parties will engage with each other on a mana ōrite basis.

3. TE WHAKAPAPA - BACKGROUND

Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Te Tiriti) underpins this relationship.

The parties' agreed understanding is that Te Tiriti provides for the exercise of kāwanatanga by the Crown in exchange for active protection of te tino rangatiratanga of tāngata whenua over their own lands, forests, fisheries and other natural resources and taonga, including their culture, language and learning processes. As such, Te Tiriti provides the context for this mana ōrite relationship.

The parties have chosen to describe their Tiriti-derived relationship as a mana ōrite Tiriti relationship rather than a Treaty partnership, to acknowledge that one of the most critical parts of Te Tiriti is the enduring relationship.

Mana ōrite is understood within the context of this Tiriti-derived Relationship as the parties having equal explanatory power within the operation of this relationship. Both parties acknowledge that Te Tiriti partners are iwi and hapū, and the Crown. The parties acknowledge that means that iwi have multiple Tiriti-based relationships, and that the primary Tiriti relationship for individual iwi is with the Crown and its representative Minister – in this context, the Minister of Statistics. The parties acknowledge that the relationship between the Data ILG and Stats NZ is a sub-set of the overarching Tiriti relationship that iwi have with the Crown. The parties acknowledge that their mana ōrite relationship is in addition to, and not in substitute for, the broader Crown/Māori relationship.

The parties are committed to investing in the durability of a healthy mana ōrite relationship. Mana enhancing practices will be reciprocated, meaning, the parties will act towards one another at all times, reasonably, honourably and in good faith.

4. NĀ TŌ ROUROU, NĀ TAKU ROUROU KA ORA AI TE IWI

StatsNZ acknowledges:

- The Data ILG brings strategic leadership, knowledge and experience in te ao Māori, and through their technicians, specialist expertise in Māori data and statistics and Māori data governance;
- Data ILG's mandate as part of the National Iwi Chairs Forum, which brings multi-layered relationships and enables collaboration, collective engagement and feedback with and from many iwi;
- Data ILG's commitment to provide strategic input, guidance, constructive challenge and support to StatsNZ to strengthen capability, engagement and relationships with iwi throughout Aotearoa to help ensure the current and future data needs and aspirations of Māori are met.

The Data ILG acknowledges:

- that StatsNZ brings expertise in data leadership and governance, design, methodology, collection, build, analysis and insights, storage and dissemination of data and statistics;
- StatsNZ's statutory roles, functions, and duties including its mandate as the leader and steward of New Zealand's official statistics system;
- StatsNZ's commitment, as Government Chief Data Steward, to work across the public sector data system to improve access to data and increase opportunities for iwi, hapū, whānau and representative Māori organisations to engage and have input into decisions on future system and data design.

5. NGĀ WHĀINGA - GOALS OF THE MANA ŌRITE RELATIONSHIP

Through working together and leveraging their respective strengths, the Data ILG and Stats NZ aim to achieve the following goals:

- Data and statistics strategies and policies, including operational approaches, enable the current and future data needs and aspirations of Māori throughout Aotearoa to be met more effectively.
- Stronger engagement and relationships between Stats NZ and iwi and hapū across Aotearoa and the capability to sustain these over-time
- Iwi-Maori have improved access to iwi-Maori data and enhanced opportunities to co-create and co-develop future systems and data design across the public sector data eco-system;
- Key data gaps for Maori are identified and resolved in partnership with Maori;
- Equity of outcomes with respect to iwi and Maori data across the public data ecosystem to support decision-making and investment
- a Te Ao Māori lens is embedded in the way in which decisions are taken across the public sector data eco-system.

6. UARATANGA – RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES

Both parties honour the following principles in the conduct of the relationship:

- **Mana Ōrite.** Respective views will be heard, considered, and afforded equal explanatory power.
- **Whanaungatanga.** Strong transparent relationships through respect, integrity, empathy, and commitment to the kaupapa.
- **Kotahitanga.** A culture of moving together with solidarity towards a common purpose,.

- **Rangatiratanga.** Leadership that focuses on common purpose whilst also respecting the autonomy and independence of the iwi and members of the Data ILG.
- **Whakawhāiti.** Inclusiveness, acknowledging the respective value and roles of the NICF and the individual iwi, hapū and Māori data stakeholders.
- **Kaitiakitanga.** A shared culture of respect, guardianship, care and protection for data as a strategic and valued resource, recognising that for the NICF, Māori data is a taonga and iwi-Maori are kaitiaki over their taonga.

7. NGĀ HUA O TE HONONGA - AGREED DELIVERABLES

The parties agree that it is important that effective mechanisms are in place for meaningful interaction, debate and co-development.

The following agreed mechanisms will provide opportunities to achieve the goals of and strengthen the mana ōrite relationship between the Data ILG and Stats NZ:

- a) Stats NZ and the Data ILG agree to develop a Work Programme that defines the annually agreed outcomes, responsibilities, accountabilities, and activities to give effect their mana ōrite relationship.
- b) Data ILG and Stats NZ Executive Leadership Team (ELT) will meet twice a year, to provide opportunity for:
 - both parties to discuss strategic issues, opportunities and plans, and to strengthen understanding and trust in their mana ōrite relationship; and
 - discussion of collective and common interests, needs and opportunities to improve Māori data outcomes and the sharing of information and feedback on Māori data strategies, initiatives and outcomes;
 - approval and ongoing review of the Work Programme to ensure it continues to meet the requirements of the Relationship;

8. NGĀ WHAKARITENGA O TĒNEI WHAKAAETANGA

He Whanaungatanga Whānui: The parties agree that this agreement does not create an exclusive relationship and each party may develop other appropriate relationships.

Kōrero Muna: The parties will:

- work openly and in good faith; in particular raising and responding to queries or concerns from the other Party regarding privacy or confidentiality;
- treat the information supplied to the other Party with the same care and level of stewardship it applies to its own information;
- respect and comply (where reasonably possible) with requests for constraints upon the disclosure of the other Party's information;
- proactively alert each other to any issues or concerns regarding privacy and confidentiality;
- where subject to a legal obligation to provide information (e.g. under the Official Information Act 1982 or as part of a court order) consult (where reasonably possible) the other party before releasing information that relates directly to this agreement or when information has been provided in confidence by the other party.

Pārongo: To act transparently and in good faith, honouring the intellectual property of each party, while also sharing information to the extent possible, to ensure that the scope and intention of this agreement is achieved effectively.

Arotake: This agreement records a commitment to a mana ōrite relationship. The parties acknowledge that over time the nature and focus of the relationship will evolve to reflect changing circumstances. The parties will meet for the purpose of reviewing this agreement, every three years or otherwise as agreed. The parties will conduct all review processes in a manner that reflects the principles of this relationship agreement.

Panonitanga: The parties may at any time agree to amend this agreement to reflect:

- changes to the goals of the relationship as they reflect changing circumstances; and
- any other changes both parties agree are necessary.

Pūtea tautoko: recognising that this agreement provides access to significant expertise Stats NZ may provide resourcing (including funding) to assist the relationship or to support the work outlined in the Work Programme, the details of which will be agreed on between the relevant parties.

Whakatau Nawe: Any issues or concerns arising out of this agreement shall be resolved through tikanga based kanohi ki te kanohi discussion in the first instance. The parties commit to a resolution process that respects the Principles of this agreement.

Status of Data ILG signatories: This Agreement is entered into on behalf of the Data ILG and they do so in that capacity and not personally (and they shall have no personal liability under this Agreement).

9. KAI HAINA - SIGNATORIES

Signed for and on behalf of Statistics New Zealand

Signed for and on behalf of the Data Iwi Leaders Group

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name LIZ MACPHERSON

Name KAREN VERCOE

Position: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Position: CHAIRPERSON - DATA ILG

Date: 30-10-2019

Date: 30-10-2019

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Signature: _____

Iwi/Organisation: _____

Te Arawa
Kiwhakohiri Mīkaree