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Tēnā koe R. Tait

Thank you for your email of 29 January 2021, requesting information regarding Corrections relationships with mana whenua groups. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Hōkai Rangi represents a new strategic direction for Corrections, with a focus on innovating to find new and alternative ways of doing things to achieve better outcomes for Māori and their whānau. This strategy will underpin transformative and intergenerational change for people in our custody and their whānau. At the heart of the strategy is the concept of oranga, or wellbeing.

In recent years changes in the prison population has challenged us to rethink how we provide services, facilities, and programmes, and how we interact with people in our custody. We rose to those immediate challenges by providing sufficient capacity, hiring a diverse workforce, and providing educational and rehabilitation programmes - but we must do more.

Hōkai Rangi expresses our commitment to delivering great outcomes with and for Māori in our custody and their whānau, so that we can begin to address the significant over-representation of Māori in the Corrections system. This strategy ultimately aims to lower the proportion of Māori in our custody to a level that matches the Māori share of the general population.

Through effective and authentic partnership, we can build towards the elimination of disproportionate imprisonment and re-offending by Māori. Corrections will lead through best-practice Crown-Māori relations and have authentic shared decision-making at key levels, designed alongside Māori.

Further information on Hōkai Rangi is available on Corrections' website via the below link: www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/corrections_strategic_plans/hokai_rangi.

Information regarding our progress with Hōkai Rangi is also available on page 43 of Corrections' 2019/2020 Annual Report:

[www.corrections.govt.nz/ data/assets/pdf file/0018/42273/Annual_Report_2019_2020.pdf](http://www.corrections.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/42273/Annual_Report_2019_2020.pdf).

You have requested:

- 1. Has Corrections undertaken any project of work to identify and communicate with mana whenua groups for each prison? If so, please provide me with all documentation of this project of work.*
- 2. If Corrections has identified the mana whenua groups for each prison, please provide me with a full list of all mana whenua groups identified, broken down by prison.*

Action point 1.6 of the Partnership and Leadership strategy is:

“work with mana whenua at each prison site to define what meaningful partnership looks like locally and confirm the mutual outcomes that we each seek to achieve for and with the people in our care and management.”

Corrections is on track to complete this action point by 30 June 2021. Please see Appendix One – Identified mana whenua groups for each prison and details of engagement undertaken with mana whenua. Please note this information is collated at a regional level, and therefore the level of detail and the format in which this is provided differs by region.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



Topia Rameka
Deputy Chief Executive - Māori

Appendix One – Identified mana whenua groups for each prison and detail of engagement undertaken with mana whenua.

Northern Region:

| Site | Mana Whenua |
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| Northland Region Corrections Facility | Ngāti Rangī |
| Auckland Prison | Ngāti Whātua Te Kawerau a Maki |
| Mt Eden Corrections Facility | Iwi Whānui: Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei Te Akitai Waiohua Te Kawerau a Maki Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Ngāti Te Ata Ngāti Paoa |
| Auckland Region Women’s Corrections Facility | Pūkaki ki te Ākitai Te Ākitai Waiohua Ngāti Te Ata |

| Engagement undertaken |
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| Memorandum of Partnership (MOP) signed in March 2001 by a general manager for the Chief Executive and by the Ngāti Rangī Hapū Development Committee. An updated addendum to this agreement is currently being finalised. The agreement makes provision for kaitiaki involvement in the design and construction of the prison and in their ongoing management and delivery of services. |
| Ngāti Whātua, through Dame Naida Glavish, has been involved in the rebuild of Auckland East. Dame Naida has overseen the original and subsequent designs, organised site blessings including laying mauri stone and the cultural blessing of the new build prior to Corrections’ occupancy. |
| In 1998, Corrections signed a Memorandum of Partnership (MOP) with the Iwi Whānui o Tāmaki Makaurau Project Group to create a relationship with tāngata whenua over the establishment of Auckland Central Remand Prison (ACRP). The MOP was signed on behalf of Corrections by the Chief Executive and by representatives of manawhenua as listed including Huakina Development Trust (a body representing Waikato-Tainui marae in the area from the lower Waikato River to the Manukau Harbour) to sign. The MOP essentially focused on the discovery of koiwi and taonga during the construction of the prison. No further engagement has been undertaken since. |
| A Memorandum of Partnership (MOP) was signed in 2006 by the Chief Executive and Pūkaki ki Te Ākitai to establish a working relationship between Corrections and Pūkaki Marae in respect of ARWCF. Pūkaki ki Te Ākitai Ltd was contracted to provide kaitiaki services from 2007-12 and are also contracted to deliver Te Ihu Waka programme and are part of a co-design working group for development of the new Special Treatment Unit. |
| Tangata Whenua Committee (TWC) established upon the recommendations of the Board of Inquiry when consent was issued for SERCO to build ASCF. The intention was for TWC to work with both Kohuora ASCF and ARWCF on matters relating to the impact of prison activities on Māori. The committee was established and its membership includes Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei, Waikato-Tainui (Te Kauhanganui Incorporated), and the Huakina Development Trust. As a member of TWC, the Huakina Development Trust worked with other TWC members to put together and submit the business case to the Social Impact Fund Allocation Committee which was signed off the by Minister in 2020. Huakina Development Trust will support the design, delivery and evaluation of the 12-month project. The ‘TWC whānau visit project’ aims to record positive and negative experiences of visitors to Auckland Region Women’s Corrections Facility and Auckland South Corrections Facility. The project will provide the TWC with independent information required to robustly assess the visitors’ experiences when they visit their whānau at the facilities. |

Central Region:

| Site | Mana Whenua |
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| Spring Hill Corrections Facility | Ngāti Naho |
| Waikeria Prison | Ngāti Raukawa Ngāti Maniapoto |
| Tongariro Prison | Ngāti Tūwharetoa |

| Engagement undertaken |
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| <p>Ngāti Naho:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have co-designed a staff training package, which formally commenced October 2020 and rollout is expected to be completed by June 2021. The staff training package is about the kaitiaki role they have towards delivering services to the people in our care and management. • are working alongside other agencies to develop a Ra Tapuae a Atawhai compassionate footsteps Strategy to develop the '0800 Kaitiaki' phone service, which is part of the remand responsivity initiative led by Ngāti Naho. Work in progress with Ngāti Naho and Ngāti Mahanga alongside the site leadership. The partnering component is resourced and potential for remand interventions with other partners/iwi. • have worked together to provide an interim location of the Tai Aroha intervention programme at Hukunui a Muri Marae • Are developing the Te Mauri Paihere ki Mangakootukuku Resettlement Centre with the Kīngitanga office |
| <p>Raukawa and Maniapoto:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are developing the Te Mauri Paihere ki Mangakootukuku Resettlement Centre with the Kīngitanga office • Are co-designing the Waikeria Prison Mental Health and Addition Services facility - development of the "Ahi Kaa Document " as the founding document under a tikanga Māori framework for the new build footprint (alongside other agencies and groups) • Working with kaumatua roopu to provide advisory services • Working with kaiwhakamana to support Maniapoto whānau in custody |
| <p>Ngāti Tūwharetoa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a collective agreement with 10 Crown agencies and the office of Te Āriki Tā Tumu te Heuheu • Pou Tikanga position selected by Tūwharetoa, which provides cultural support and is responsible for supporting staff and the people in our care and management to ensure that the appropriate tikanga relevant to their rohe is adhered to • Formal secondment with Tūwharetoa to help complete five local marae refurbishment projects • Re-introducing Kaumatua roopu • Iwi Involved in small projects across the site • COVID-19 responsivity plan to support the needs of the Hāpori. |

Lower North Region:

| Site | Mana Whenua |
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| Whanganui Prison | Ngāti Tūpoho Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa |
| Manawatu Prison | Rangitāne o Manawatū Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga |
| Arohata Prison and Rimutaka Prison | Taranaki Whānui ki te Ūpoko o te Ika Ngāti Toa Rangatira |
| Hawke's Bay Regional Prison | Ngāti Pōporo Ngāti Pahauwera |

| Engagement undertaken |
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| <p>In 2007 the then Minister of Corrections signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Te Rūnanga o Tūpoho. The purpose was to set up an ongoing relationship between the parties with regard to 'the Corrections services and facilities in the Whanganui rohe'.</p> <p>Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Apa, and Tupoho have aligned themselves to the Wanganui Land Settlement Trust wanting a formal gateway with the Crown. The new Whanganui Land Settlement Trust have requested a meeting with Corrections on the late March 2021. Corrections expect clarity about how iwi dynamics will continue in the district and whether the 2007 Memorandum of Agreement with Tūpoho will still be applicable.</p> |
| <p>Partnering agreement with Ngāti Pōporo in regard to the establishment and operation of Whare Oranga Ake. Ngāti Pōporo are also consulted informally over important events at the Te Tirohanga unit.</p> |
| <p>In 2004 Corrections established Memorandum of Partnerships (MOP) with Rangitāne o Manawatū and Te Rūnanga o Raukawa to provide advice over the delivery of community probation services. A Wairarapa-Manawatu Māori Leadership Board was established in 2013 and is still currently in operation. Membership: 2x representatives from Rangitāne, 1x representative from Kahungunu ki Tamaki a Rua, 1x representative from Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, representative from the Muaupoko Tribal Authority.</p> |
| <p>As part of its treaty settlement, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST) entered a whole-of-government accord in 2011. This included a Corrections Portfolio Agreement signed by the chairman of the PNBST and the Chief Executive of Corrections. This provided for the pursuit of matters of mutual interest, including offender rehabilitation and reintegration and a right of first refusal over Corrections' land within the Port Nicholson Block boundaries. This includes Rimutaka Prison.</p> |
| <p>Corrections has a close, ongoing relationship with Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Ngāti Toa Rangatira meet jointly with Te Rūnanganui o Te Atiawa every week. Parties are considering a potential joint Memorandum of Understanding between Corrections and Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Te Rūnanganui o Te Atiawa with an expected sign-off by the Chief Executive Corrections.</p> |

Southern Region:

| Site | Mana Whenua |
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| Invercargill Prison | Kai Tahu ki Murihiku, Te Runanga o Waihōpai |
| Otago Corrections Facility | Kai Tahu, Ōtākou Runanga |
| Christchurch Women's Prison, Christchurch Men's Prison and Rolleston Prison | Kai Tahu Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki, Tuahiwi Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Taumutu |

| Engagement undertaken |
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| In Southland, Mana Whenua groups are currently supporting the leadership teams and staff through cultural capability training and advice. |
| Christchurch Men's, Christchurch Women's and Rolleston Prisons are supported by Regional Māori leadership boards, which are facilitated by the Regional Māori Partnerships team. |
| The Mana Wahine Pathway is a project in the Māori Pathways programme, being designed in partnership with mana whenua and kaupapa Māori service providers in Canterbury. Taumutu and Tuahiwi have been closely involved along with the Te Pūtahitanga Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency. |