



# Ngāi Tahu in the Resource Consent Process

a guide for applicants



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU



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Canterbury**  
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*Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha*

***Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Environment Canterbury have prepared this advice, in partnership, for the purpose of assisting resource consent applicants.***

***Collectively, our intention is to facilitate conversation between applicants and Ngāi Tahu, to ensure that matters of importance to Ngāi Tahu are identified and addressed in resource consent applications.***

## Ngāi Tahu in Canterbury

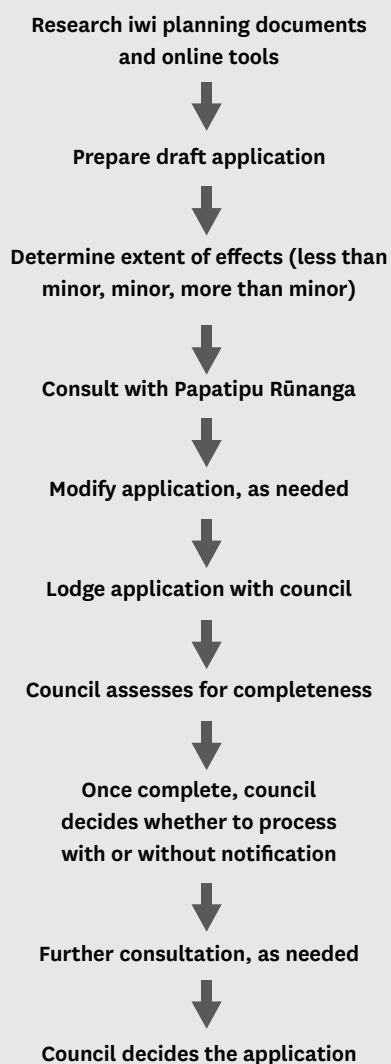
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is the statutory authority representing iwi members and includes ten local rūnanga within Canterbury, known as Papatipu Rūnanga. 'Papatipu' refers to ancestral land. Local Papatipu Rūnanga have the status of mana whenua with kaitiaki status (guardianship) over land and water within their takiwā or territory. For that reason, local Papatipu Rūnanga offices are the primary points of contact in the resource consent process.

Depending on where the activity is to occur within Canterbury, the values of one or more Papatipu Rūnanga may be affected.

Iwi interests as a whole may also be affected where an activity is to occur within, adjacent to, or affecting an area recognised in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 as a Statutory Acknowledgement Area. In those circumstances, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu will be involved in management of the area.

Depending on regional dialect, iwi members may refer to Kāi Tahu rather than Ngāi Tahu. Southern regions in the South Island sometimes exchange the 'ng' with a 'k' in pronunciation and in spelling of words where the 'ng' occurs in dialects used in the north of the South Island and in the North Island.

### Process for Applicants



### Questions to answer when drafting an application

1. Which Papatipu Rūnanga cover(s) the site where the activity is to be located? (see overleaf for Papatipu Rūnanga details)
2. Is the activity within, adjacent to, or likely to affect a Statutory Acknowledgement Area?
3. Is the activity within a silent file area?
4. What matters of importance to Ngāi Tahu are likely to be affected by the activity?
5. What is the best way to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on Ngāi Tahu values?
6. How does the activity fit within Part 2 of the RMA?
7. Is the activity consistent with policies and objectives of iwi and council planning documents?

### Statutory Acknowledgement Areas

Statutory Acknowledgement Areas are listed in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (NTCSA), Schedules 14 to 77, as areas of particular significance to Ngāi Tahu. A description of the relationship of Ngāi Tahu to each area is included in the Schedules, which are attached as Appendix 1 to the proposed Canterbury Regional Policy Statement 2011.

Further information about Statutory Acknowledgement Areas and the RMA is provided by the Ministry for the Environment at [www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma](http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma). There are 25 of these areas in the Canterbury region, from the Waitaki River in the south to Uerau (Mount Uwerau) in the north. They are identified on the online GIS mapping system (at [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz)) within the 'Base Layers' menu, labeled 'Ngāi Tahu Treaty Settlement Areas'.

You need to consider whether the activity is within, or adjacent to, one of these areas, or whether the area could be affected even though the activity is outside the immediate area (through cumulative discharge effects for example).

## Silent File Areas

Silent files are areas identified by Papatipu Rūnanga as requiring special protection due to the presence of significant wāhi tapu (sacred places) or wāhi taonga (treasured possessions) in the area. Papatipu Rūnanga protect the specific location and nature of the site within a silent file, holding knowledge of the site as kaitiaki (guardians). Where activities occur in silent file areas, consultation with Papatipu Rūnanga is particularly important in order to identify effects of the activity and avoid, remedy or mitigate those effects. Silent file areas are shown on the online GIS mapping system (at [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz)) within the 'Nat resources' menu, labelled 'Silent Files'. Absence of a silent file area on GIS does not mean there are no wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga sites in the area. Rather, presence of a silent file indicates presence of a significant wāhi tapu or wāhi taonga site.

## Effects on Ngāi Tahu values

Ngāi Tahu has produced planning and reference documents which are available to help applicants identify matters of importance to iwi. These are called Iwi Management Plans (IMP). These also provide direction on how best to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on cultural values.

Further guidance material for applicants on IMPs is located online at [www.ecan.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/engaging-with-ngai-tahu/Pages/guidance-material-applicants.aspx](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/engaging-with-ngai-tahu/Pages/guidance-material-applicants.aspx)

Copies of the IMPs listed below are available online at [www.ecan.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/engaging-with-ngai-tahu/Pages/guidance-material-applicants.aspx](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/engaging-with-ngai-tahu/Pages/guidance-material-applicants.aspx)

Note: The term takiwā refers to territory.

- Te Pōhā o Tohu Raumati – Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura Environmental Management Plan (Kaikōura takiwā)
- Te Taumutu Rūnanga – Natural Resource Management Plan (Taumutu takiwā)
- Kāi Tahu ki Otago – Natural Resource Management Plan (Moeraki takiwā)
- Te Waihora Joint Management Plan – Mahere Tukutahi o Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere)
- Tiaki Para – a study of Ngāi Tahu Values and Issues Regarding Waste
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Freshwater Policy
- Te Whakatau Kaupapa – Ngāi Tahu Resource Management Strategy for the Canterbury Region
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Policy Statement 2008.

Also available online (at [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz)) are copies of Ngāi Tahu planning evidence that can be referenced for specific catchment values.

Complex projects, activities affecting culturally sensitive areas or precedent setting activities are likely to require a cultural impact assessment (CIA). Preparation of a CIA

involves specialist knowledge and technical expertise relevant to the impacts of activities on cultural values.

Mana whenua endorsement for the writer of a CIA is important. Starting early in the process of project planning (pre-application stage) is also key to ensure that impacts of activities are addressed and mitigation identified that works for both parties.

Further guidance material for applicants on CIAs is located online at [www.ecan.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/engaging-with-ngai-tahu/pages/canterbury-iwi-management-plan.aspx](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/engaging-with-ngai-tahu/pages/canterbury-iwi-management-plan.aspx)

## The RMA and planning documents

Part 2 of the RMA, through Sections 5 to 8, makes specific reference to cultural values, the relationship of Māori to land and water, kaitiakitanga (guardianship by mana whenua), and the Treaty of Waitangi. An application must meet the purpose of the RMA, which incorporates these elements for consideration. Iwi and council planning documents provide guidance, through policies and objectives, about what needs to be considered in relation to Ngāi Tahu values, in order to satisfy Part 2 of the RMA.

## Affected party status

Ngāi Tahu as an iwi, and specifically Papatipu Rūnanga representing mana whenua, are considered an affected party where effects on cultural values are minor or more than minor, in accordance with Section 95E of the RMA.

Papatipu Rūnanga will have affected party status for activities in their takiwā that have potentially minor or more than minor effects. Written approval from Papatipu Rūnanga is needed for such activities. Without approval, applications to undertake those activities with minor or more than minor effects are notified, which means they are open to submissions and may result in a hearing.

Where there are adjoining takiwā, approval is required from each Papatipu Rūnanga. In addition, written approval from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is needed for activities with minor or more than minor effects within, adjacent to, or affecting, Statutory Acknowledgement Areas.

Obtaining written approval is an important step for an application to proceed without notification, and requires direct consultation with Ngāi Tahu.

## Costs

If iwi consultation is required as part of your application, you may be charged by Papatipu Rūnanga on a cost recoverable basis for the time involved in providing advice or approval in relation to your application. You can expect to be advised regarding any costs and timeframes when you make contact.

## Nga Rūnanga

Following are contact details for Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. The takiwā (territory) is described for each of the Papatipu Rūnanga. They are listed north to south. Rūnanga boundaries, showing the principal Papatipu Rūnanga within a particular area for RMA consultation processes, are shown on the online GIS mapping system (at [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz)) within the 'Base Layers' menu, labeled 'Rūnanga Boundaries'. Keep in mind that neighbouring Papatipu Rūnanga may have an interest in adjoining takiwā, or share kaitiakitanga.

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**Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura  
Takahanga Marae  
P O Box 39  
Kaikōura**

Contact: Raewyn Solomon  
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Takiwā: Hurunui River catchment and all areas north to Marlborough.

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**Te Rūnanga o Tūāhuriri  
Tuahiwi Marae  
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Kaiaipoi 7691**

Contact: Marae office  
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Phone: (03) 313-5543  
Fax: (03) 313-5542

Takiwā: Hurunui Catchment southwards to Hakatere (Ashburton) and Rakaia, inland to the alps, adjoining Arowhenua and Taumutu takiwā.

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**Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki)  
Te Wheke Marae  
P O Box 107  
Lyttelton**

Contact: Rewi Couch or Christina Henderson  
Email: [rapaki@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rapaki@xtra.co.nz) or [rewi.couch@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:rewi.couch@yahoo.co.nz) or [christina.henderson@cdhb.govt.nz](mailto:christina.henderson@cdhb.govt.nz)  
Phone: (03) 328-9415  
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Takiwā: Rāpaki, Whakaraupō (Lyttelton Harbour) and Kaituna.

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**Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata (Port Levy)  
P O Box 3187  
Christchurch 8140**

Contact: Marae office  
Email: [koukourarata@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:koukourarata@ngaitahu.iwi.nz)  
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Takiwā: Koukourārata (Port Levy), Kaituna and Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere).

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**Wairewa Rūnanga (Little River)  
Wairewa Marae  
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Christchurch 8140**

Contact: Liz Maaka  
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Takiwā: Wairewa catchment (Lake Forsyth) and adjoining Koukourarata (Port Levy), Ōnuku (Akaroa/Horomaka Banks Peninsula) and Taumutu takiwā.

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**Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku (Akaroa/Horomaka  
(Banks Peninsula))  
PO Box 18-796  
New Brighton  
Christchurch 8083**

Email: [onuku@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:onuku@ngaitahu.iwi.nz)  
Phone: (03) 960-3476  
Takiwā: Akaroa/Horomaka (Banks Peninsula) and adjoining Koukourarata (Port Levy) and Wairewa takiwā.

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**Taumutu Rūnanga (Leeston)  
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Takiwā: Taumutu (Leeston, Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere) and adjoining Tūāhuriri and Arowhenua takiwā south to Hakatere (Ashburton).

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**Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua  
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Takiwā: Temuka, from Rakaia Catchment to Waitaki Catchment, inland to the alps, and adjoining Tūāhuriri, Waihao and Moeraki takiwā.

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**Te Rūnanga o Waihao  
Waihao Marae  
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Contact: Steve Boyd  
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Takiwā: Waihao catchment and Waitaki Catchment, inland to the alps, adjoining Arowhenua and Moeraki takiwā.

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Takiwā: Waitaki Catchment, inland to the alps, adjoining Waihao and Arowhenua takiwā.

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