

Terms of Reference:

Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group

1. Purpose

To consider the governance and management issues associated with establishing a Park incorporating Lake Wairarapa, Lake Onoke and their surrounding wetlands and public land.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the Establishment Group are to:

- (a) Facilitate the re-designation and transfer of the lakes and surrounding land from the parties to a future governance structure
- (b) Establish a long-term governance structure by agreeing its composition and developing its Terms of Reference
- (c) Develop a draft management plan
- (d) Develop and implement a work programme including:
 - Obtaining funding for sustainable ecological and recreation development
 - Promotion and communication of the lakes ecological, cultural and historic values to local regional and national communities of interest.

3. Composition

The Establishment Group shall be comprised of representatives from:

- (a) The Department of Conservation (DoC)
- (b) Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
- (c) Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
- (d) Rangitāne o Wairarapa
- (e) South Wairarapa District Council
- (f) Wairarapa Moana Hapu.

4. Role

The role of the Establishment Group will be to:

- (a) Organise and coordinate work programmes that will eventuate in the development of a long term governance and management arrangement
- (b) Recommend work programmes, and management strategy for adoption by the eventual governance body
- (c) Apply for interim funding to enable work programmes to start
- (d) Develop work groups to develop relevant programmes.