



# *Te Ora o Manukau*

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Tena koe

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Bioprospecting Review.

## **Background:**

Te Ora o Manukau is a collective of Maori signatories to the Te Ora o Manukau-Manukau the Healthy City Charter and other Maori organisations that service the Manukau region.

Te Ora o Manukau works collaboratively towards improving health outcomes and reducing health and wellbeing inequalities for Maori and indeed the whole community of Manukau.

Our collective meets monthly to progress Maori health and wellbeing issues as well as contributing to a citywide collective of Maori and non-Maori organisations that meet monthly to progress health and wellbeing issues in Manukau under the umbrella of Tomorrow's Manukau-Manukau Apopo.

The Tomorrow's Manukau-Manukau Apopo framework provides an opportunity for leaders in Manukau City, approximately 70 organisations and members of the community to work together towards agreed community outcomes. This initiative is facilitated by Manukau City Council.

Te Ora o Manukau is representative of the Treaty partner to Manukau the Healthy City. The Healthy City initiative derives from the World Health Organisation. While there are seven Healthy City initiatives in Aotearoa, Manukau is the only Healthy City initiative with a Treaty partner (Te Ora o Manukau) and indeed the only Healthy City initiative nationwide that is a Ministry of Health co-funded partnership with Local Government.

The fourth Te Ora o Manukau-Manukau the Healthy City Charter was recently re-signed on 29/8/07 and boasts a total of 58 organisations including 18 Maori organisations.

The Te Ora o Manukau signatories are:

1. Te Hononga/Family Works – Presbyterian Social Services
2. Hapai te Hauora Tapui Ltd – Maori Public Health Provider

3. Huakina Development Trust – Iwi Development Trust
4. Mahitahi Trust – Maori Mental Health Training Provider
5. Maori Sudden Infant Death Syndrome – Sudden Infant Death Support
6. Mana Whenua i Tamaki Makaurau – Collective of Mana Whenua in Tamaki Region
7. Ngai Tai Umupuia, Te Waka Totara Trust – Legal entity of Umupuia Marae
8. Nga Wahine Atawhai o Matukutureia – Maori Women’s Welfare League
9. Pukaki ki te Akitai Trust – legal entity of Pukaki Marae
10. Raukura Hauora o Tainui – Maori Health Provider
11. Taikura Trust – NASC Solutions Agency (Disability)
12. Tainui MAPO - Iwi Health Contract Management
13. T.A.O.N.G.A – Alternative Education Centre
14. Te Aho Tapu – Maori Psychological Services
15. Te Kupenga o Hoturoa – Primary Health Organisation
16. Te Puni Kokiri – Maori Development Agency
17. Te Roopu Waiora – Maori Disability Service Provider
18. Toi o Manukau – Maori Arts and Culture Trust

The vision of the Te Ora o Manukau-Manukau the Healthy City Charter reads as follows:

*“We, the signatories, are committed to improving quality of life and wellbeing for all Manukau people and to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, by working to make it a healthier place to live, work and play.*

*This includes a commitment to strengthening, fostering and supporting whanau, hapu and iwi development. We acknowledge the essential role of tino rangatiratanga and whanau ora in Maori health and wellbeing.*

*We support the goals of Tomorrow’s Manukau – Manukau Apopo and the role of the Te Ora O Manukau / Manukau The Healthy City Outcome Group within it.*

*We uphold the World Health Organisation’s global vision of ‘Health for All’ and ‘All for Health’ which has initiated and maintained Healthy Cities partnerships in Manukau since the first Charter was signed in 1989.*

*Te Ora o Manukau is a partner with Manukau the Healthy City. It is a collective of Maori committed to: whanau ora (enhancing family health and wellbeing), kotahitanga (working collaboratively), tikanga Maori (preferred practice models for Maori) and tino rangatiratanga (by Maori, for Maori).”*

Te Ora o Manukau-Manukau the Healthy City is a Ministry of Health **co-funded partnership** with the Manukau City Council.

Since 2002 Te Ora o Manukau has worked in partnership with the Manukau City Council in the consultation process, development and implementation of the following policies and action plans namely: Healthy Policy and Action Plan, Maori Development Framework, Maori Economic Development Framework, Disability Policy and Action Plan, Youth Policy and Action Plan, Community Safety Framework and Action Plan, Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy.

Additional to working in partnership with Manukau City Council, Te Ora o Manukau has advocated and made submissions towards the Seabed and Foreshore Bill, amendments to the Resource Management Act and Electricity Bill (in partnership with Manukau City Council Manawhenua representatives), Collaborative Action Plan on Child Poverty, review of Tomorrow's Manukau, ACC Drowning Strategy, ACC Preventing Injury from Falls Strategy, Ministry for the Environment Water for a Sustainable Future Strategy Housing New Zealand's Housing Strategy, the review of the Counties Manukau District Health Board's District Strategic Plan, Maori Health Plan, "Lets Beat Diabetes Strategy", Manukau City Council's Control of Street Prostitution Bill, Therapeutic Products and Medicine Bill and the proposed Deletion of the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill.

Te Ora o Manukau in particular, is an expression of the principle of partnership implicit in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It enables the Ministry of Health and Manukau City Council to implement its responsibilities as agents of the Crown in improving health outcomes and reducing health and wellbeing inequalities.

Advocacy such as this submission is an integral part of Te Ora o Manukau's commitment to reducing health and wellbeing inequalities. This submission and the following recommendations were signed off at a workshop of the monthly meeting of Te Ora o Manukau on 9/10/07.

#### **Recommendation:**

Te Ora o Manukau **does not support** the development of the proposed bioprospecting framework for New Zealand and does not support the New Zealand Government entering into any binding international agreements that could prejudice the development of domestic policies.

Te Ora o Manukau does not believe that the Crown's consultation process in the development of the bioprospecting framework has enabled Maori to be properly and well informed, bringing integrity to the process of engagement between the Crown and Maori.

Te Ora o Manukau has grave concerns regarding the impact of the New Zealand Government signing the International Convention on Biodiversity. To do so asserts that the New Zealand Government has the right to exercise rangatiratanga over Taonga, including Flora and Fauna and Matauranga Maori.

Te Ora o Manukau makes the following recommendations:

1. That the New Zealand Government does not sign the International Convention on Biological Diversity
2. That the current timeframe for consultation and submissions towards the Bioprospecting Framework for New Zealand be extended to the end of June 2008 or longer to receive the findings of Wai 262..
3. That the findings of the Waitangi Tribunal on Wai 262 inform the development of the Bioprospecting Framework for New Zealand.
4. That the New Zealand Government facilitate and resource a process to enable Tangata Whenua to engage with Tangata Whenua to build the capacity of Maori to participate in the biodiversity and bioprospecting decision making processes.

5. That the New Zealand Government facilitate and resource a process to establish a forum where Tangata Whenua select Rangatira to engage with the Crown on their behalf. Representation may be similar to those selected to participate in the Maori Reference Group. An improved engagement process may see this representation change.

**Conclusion:**

Te Ora o Manukau would welcome an opportunity to speak to this submission

Naku noa na

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