

Te Kahui Mahi

He waka eke noa, Kei te haere ki whakamua ia Tatou Tahī
A canoe which everyone may embark to go forward together as one
– Alby Ellison, Te Atiawa Ki Kāpiti, Ngai Tahu

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Trust wishes to communicate its commitment to the restoration of their whenua and the future of the Kāpiti Coast Airport.

This strategic intent is underpinned by hapū aspirations to return the whenua to its original land owners, the restoration of the whenua, and the development of a commercial entity that enables economic independence for hapū, iwi partners, and whānau—while opening the door for significant economic, social, cultural and environmental growth for the community of Kāpiti.

“Key to our vision is the clarification of revenue streams and tangible benefits that the airport can provide to our community. We see the airport as an integral role in Kāpiti’s identity and regional interconnectivity story.”

Tony Jackson, Puketapu hapū ki Paraparaumu, Chair.

The hapū have a viable vision and proposition as a multi-use entity. By modelling the financial structure around this strategy and current operating costs, they can ensure a path to profitability under the appropriate investment structure—and are mobilising investment to make it happen.

“As our hapū has decided on its future direction, this has meant our hapū trust and whānau are now focussed on the future. We envision significant potential benefits from the assets the whenua brings, including opportunities to develop housing, enable and grow sustainable regional aviation and avionics innovation, and encourage commercial ventures leading to higher value employment for our community.”

Tony Jackson, Puketapu hapū ki Paraparaumu, Chair.

The airport and adjacent land are valuable assets that can benefit the community, region, and hapū. This proposition aligns with established districtwide priorities and should be seen as complementary, not conflicting.

“It is hard to overstate the potential financial benefits that could flow through if we create a framework and capital structure that enables widespread participation in the solution. Ngāti Toa wishes to support the whānau in reclaiming their whenua and to pursue developmental opportunities for our people and the community.”

Helmut Modlik, Chief Executive Officer at Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated.

Kāpiti Airport is recognised as a regional airport of significance in the Greater Wellington Regional Economic Development Plan, ratified as an important regional infrastructure asset.

This statement seeks to help address the uncertainty surrounding the land and establish a clear strategic intent for the airport's role in our community's growth. Kāpiti residents and whānau want assurance that a workable model

for enhancing our regional identity and economic development exists—one that does not require funding from ratepayers and ensures these possibilities are viable, visible, and well understood.

“Don’t be deterred by concerns about airport operations. Many hear about the regulatory aspects and think it’s daunting. It’s not as complex as it seems. Finding a good partner to manage airport operations can simplify the process. It’s essential to carefully integrate a commercial viability narrative into the functioning of the airport.”

Duane Emeny, Chief Executive Officer, Air Chathams.

Ratepayers and residents don’t necessarily connect how an airport supports economic development and domestic growth. They may not advocate for keeping an airport but will express a desire for better jobs, a sustainable environment, and alternative sources of rate revenue.

“For example, Kāpiti faces a notable challenge of insufficient quality accommodation. A viable airport paired with a large hotel development presents a compelling economic development opportunity that creates jobs, attracts ventures, and enhances our ability to reach new markets. We are actively exploring this viability story alongside the hapū.”

Scott Houston, Board Member, Kotahitanga Economic Development Board.

By communicating this aspiration, the hapū wishes to support growing stakeholder confidence, community participation, integrated town planning, and commercially viable partnerships.

“Following our recent hui with central government, local Council authorities, and private investment advisors, we are now developing a financially viable proposition for the land’s potential and buyback. There is a strong collective determination to realise this opportunity.”

Tony Jackson, Puketapu hapū ki Paraparaumu, Chair.

The hapū has established a working committee with public and private entities and funders to detail the airport’s operational requirements, explore commercial and housing opportunities, and ensure financial viability.

“There is a significant opportunity for the Council to engage in this initiative, and we support the aspirations of our iwi partners. We have committed to integrating the aspirations of our iwi partners into Kāpiti Vision 2060 and our district’s future long-term plans. In that respect, the Council can contribute through aligning plans related to broader town centre planning in the district, promoting responsible growth—while facilitating broader community participation and engagement - and early and upfront engagement in regulatory and consenting processes.”

Kris Pervan, Group Manager, Strategy & Growth, Kāpiti Coast District Council.

In attendance:

- Tony Jackson, Chair, Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Hapū
- Takiri Cotterill, Deputy Chair, Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Hapū
- Neil Mackay, Kotahitanga Economic Development Board (EDKB), Chair
- Helmut Modlik, Ngāti Toa, Chief Executive Officer at Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated
- Tiwana Tibble, General Manager, Te Rūnanga o Raukawa
- Alby Ellison, Trustee, Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Hapū
- Milton Lake, Trustee, Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Hapū
- Matthew Love-Parata, Trustee, Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Hapū

- Scott Houston, EDKB, Board Member
- Kris Pervan, Group Manager Strategy, Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC)
- Darryn Grant, Strategic Development Director, KCDC
- Peter Merwood & Diego Acevedo, Kāpiti AeroClub
- Lewis England, Independent—Māori Economic Investment / Property Advisor
- Duane Emeny, Chief Operating Officer, Air Chathams
- Marcel van den Assum, Independent Growth + Tech Investor / Kāpiti Air Urban
- Guy Royal, Director, Ngāti Raukawa, Tuia Group / Kāpiti Air Urban
- Claire Mance, Communications Director, TALK Communications / Kāpiti Air Urban
- Shayne Hunter, Independent Business Management Director / Kāpiti Air Urban
- Terrence Curran, Regional Lead, Kānoa

