



He Pānui

Ki: TE WHĀNAU WHĀNUI
RE: WASTE MINIMISATION / PARA KORE POLICY
DATE: .../.../...

Like all marae, Tamanuiterā can produce large amounts of waste.

However, it is the aim of this marae to send as little waste as possible to landfill. This will lead to financial savings for the marae, considerable benefits for the taiao / environment / Ranginui raua ko Papatuanuku and many opportunities for our whānau to learn environmentally-sound attitudes and habits.

It is also the aim of Tamanuiterā Marae to use our organic waste (garden waste and food scraps) to create compost for the soils around our marae. This will help us grow our own kai and make our marae less reliant on supermarket kai. This will also save us money and enable us to serve wholesome, healthy, organic foods to our manuwhiri.

Tamanuiterā Marae is committed to a holistic approach to creating a healthy, sustainable marae, of which waste minimisation plays a vital role.

It is the policy of this marae that

- the strategies of reduce, reuse, recycle and compost will be incorporated into the operations of the marae
- glass, cardboard, plastics, cans, paper and organic waste will be separated for recycling or composting
- waste minimisation education workshops will be supported
- recycled products and products that help reduce waste will be purchased where possible.

Te Marae Komiti o Tamanuiterā Marae



Waste Minimisation and Para Kore Policy

Rākau Marae currently produces a lot of waste, just like many marae do.

Here at Rākau Marae we, as a whānau, have decided to start doing things differently.

It is the aim of this marae to become a leader in waste reduction and ultimately in environmental education.

We want to send as little as possible to landfill. This will lead to financial savings for the marae, considerable benefits for the environment/taiao and most importantly many varied opportunities for our whānau to develop ecologically-sound attitudes and habits.

It is also the aim of Rākau Marae to buy products which have the least packaging. This will mean we have less waste to deal with.

Rākau Marae is committed to a holistic approach to environmental education, of which waste minimisation plays a vital role.

It is marae policy that

- The strategies of **reduce, reuse, recycle** and **compost** will be incorporated
- Recycled products and others that help reduce waste will be purchased where possible

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Para Kore / Waste Wise Policy

Background Rationale

Landfills are the easiest yet most expensive means of waste disposal, both to the ratepayer and the environment. **All aspects of landfills are negative.** Choosing the easy option to dispose of an ever-increasing quantity of waste is the most wasteful thinking in society. Waste is a complex issue, which only our commonsense, ingenuity and efforts to change bad habits can solve. Disposal of solid waste to landfills on the other hand does not require any effort or dynamic thinking. And therefore the opportunities to create employment and recover valuable resources are lost. The short-term consequences of landfills are numerous.

Short-term effects associated with disposal to landfill include:

- Noxious gas emissions
- Toxic leachate entering ground water and ultimately adjacent waterways.
- Loss of amenity to communities

Long-term effects associated with disposal to landfill include:

- Centuries of Monitoring
- On-going contamination
- Ever increasing costs of building new replacement landfills

Dumping of solid waste into landfills is **NOT SUSTAINABLE**. Will we be building landfills on top of landfills before we realise there is no alternative but to change the practices of waste disposal away from landfills?

Beliefs

At Kapua Marae we are guided by 'nga korero tuku iho a o tatau matua tupuna', which teaches us to respect and value the natural environment, as through our whakapapa we are related to everything within the living world. One way we respect our taiao is by practising Para Kore initiatives, and promoting a policy of

- **Rethink**
- **Reduce**
- **Reuse**

- **Recycle**
- **Compost**

Goals

In implementing our policy we hope to achieve the following goals

- Develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values
- Teach, demonstrate and reinforce to our whanau how to reduce waste and dispose of waste responsibly
- Educate the marae whānau and our manuwhiri about the Para Kore kaupapa
- Encourage participation in Para Kore by all those that use and visit the marae
- Minimise the amount of waste going to landfill
- Examine and audit the waste collected to reduce and re-educate where necessary
- Encourage smarter, eco-friendly thinking about purchasing of products at our marae and at home
- Enhance the soils, waterways and air (the ecosystem) within which the marae lives

Outline of Plan

1. Arrange waste provider to service our bins of paper, cans, plastics, glass and cardboard.
2. Prepare signage to ensure recycling is easy to do at the marae.
3. Host a Para Kore workshop for the whānau.
4. Set-up compost area as part of the Para Kore Wananga.
5. Buy the necessary bins.
6. Display the Para Kore policy in a prominent place.
7. Enhance the soils of the marae with our own compost
8. Implement a procurement policy.
9. Form a committee to discuss how waste can be avoided on the marae.
10. Reduce the amount of energy used by the marae by encouraging people to switch things off.

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