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A statutory acknowledgement is a means by which the Crown has formally acknowledged the statements made by the iwi of the particular cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association of the iwi with the statutory areas.

Purpose of statutory acknowledgements

The purposes of statutory acknowledgements are:

- (a) to require consent authorities, the Environment Court and the Historic Places Trust to have regard to the statutory acknowledgements;
- (b) to require relevant consent authorities to forward summaries of resource consent applications for activities that would affect the area of which the statutory acknowledgement applies to the governance entity; and
- (c) to enable the governance entity and any member of the relevant iwi to cite a statutory acknowledgement as evidence of the association of the iwi with the area to which the statutory acknowledgement relates.

Having regard to statutory acknowledgements

Consent authorities must have regard to a statutory acknowledgement relating to a statutory area in forming an opinion in accordance with section 95E of the Resource Management Act 1991 as to whether the governance entity is a person who may be adversely affected by the granting of a resource consent for activities within, adjacent to, or impacting directly on, the statutory area.

Recording of statutory acknowledgements on statutory plans

Local authorities with jurisdiction in an area that includes a statutory area must attach information recording the statutory acknowledgement to all statutory plans that wholly or partly cover the statutory area. The attachment of information is for the purpose of public information only, and the information is not part of the statutory plan or subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

In summary, the Taranaki Regional Council is required to attach information in relation to statutory acknowledgements to its Regional Policy Statement and regional plans. This document is therefore attached to the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki in accordance with the relevant iwi deed of settlement legislation.

