

**Governance Charter for Te Rōpū Taiao Otago**  
**Kāi Tahu ki Otago and the Local Authorities of Otago**

**Background and intent**

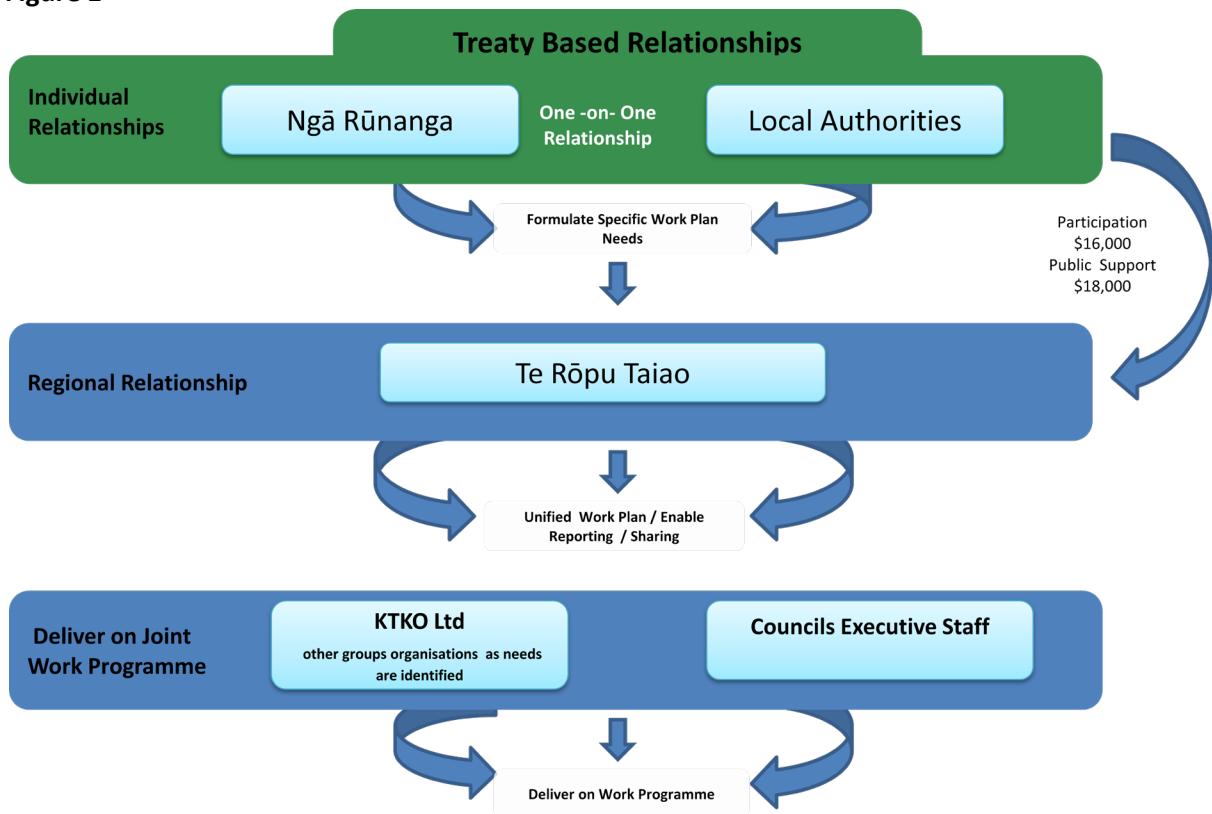
This document formalises the relationship between the Papatipu Rūnanga of the Kai Tahu ki Otago Takiwa and the Local Authorities of Otago Region.

This governance document should be reviewed at the start of each triennium.

Te Rōpū Taiao Otago is structured within the context shown in Figure 1. This structure allows for more effective coordination of work load and work programmes for Kāi Tahu ki Otago to fulfil the needs of the Councils.

The structure retains the one-on-one relationships of each Council and Papatipu Rūnanga, but fosters the development and resourcing of a work programme covering the matters of individual and collective needs of Members.

Figure 1



## Membership

Membership of the Te Rōpū Taiao Otago is:

Otago Regional Council	Hokonui Rūnanga
Dunedin City Council	Ōtākou Rūnanga
Clutha District Council	Kati Huirapa Rūnanga ki Puketeraki
Central Otago District Council	Te Rūnanga o Moeraki
Waitaki District Council	

## Funding

Members will meet their own costs of representation, but for the financial year 2014-2015 the Member Councils will provide a “subscription” to KTKO Ltd for assisting the Papatipu Rūnanga to be able to resource their contributions to Te Rōpū. The “subscription” levels are proposed to be in two parts as:

Council	Public Support	Participation	Total
Otago Region	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$12,000
Dunedin City	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Central Otago District	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Clutha District	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Waitaki District	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000

## Objective

The primary objectives of Te Rōpū Taiao Otago are:

1. To create an Otago Takiwa-wide collective forum between Kāi Tahu ki Otago and the Local Authorities of Otago to facilitate better mutual understandings; improve efficiency of lwi engagement and resourcing for Council oriented business; and foster and grow lwi capacity in local government activities, processes and governance.
2. To develop a combined work programme that will help establish stable resourcing levels and avoid duplication of effort for lwi participation with local authorities; establish priorities of work demand; and move work demands into a medium term perspective in which future needs can be planned.
3. Assist fulfil Local Authority obligations to lwi under all relevant statutes.

## Meetings

Te Rōpū Taiao Otago will meet at least three times per year. Because of Council administrative processes one meeting should be held in October/November (ahead of Annual Plan preparation), one meeting should be held in February (ahead of finalisation of draft Annual Plan notification) and one meeting in July (when Council budgets and work programmes are finalised).

## Review

Te Rōpū Taiao Otago is an exploratory forum and shall be reviewed annually as to its effectiveness and its membership.

**Agreed and signed** .....  
(Date)

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Chairman Otago Regional Council

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Chairman Hokonui Rūnanga

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Mayor of Dunedin

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Chairman Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou

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Mayor of Clutha District

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Chairman Kati Huirapa Rūnanga  
ki Puketeraki

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Mayor of Central Otago District

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Chairman Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

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Mayor of Waitaki District