

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Organisation: Tamatea Pōkai Whenua / Mana Ahuriri Trust

Project Location: Whanawhana

Contract Type: Fixed-term, project-based

Application Deadline: Monday 23 February 2026

Report Due Date: May 29 2026

Payment: To be negotiated with the successful applicant

About the Role

Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and Mana Ahuriri Trust are seeking a skilled and experienced Cultural Report Writer to prepare a Cultural Impact Assessment in relation to the Whanawhana Water Storage Project.

Project Context

Heretaunga Water Security Limited is progressing pre-feasibility studies and preparing applications for resource consent and wildlife approvals for a proposed dam intended to address water security and reliability across the Heretaunga Plains.

The Cultural Impact Assessment will contribute to project design, statutory processes, and ongoing engagement with mana whenua.

Key Responsibilities

- Independently engage with all mana whenua and hapū who hold connections to the area
- Gather cultural insights and perspectives through hui, kōrero, and other appropriate methods
- Prepare a comprehensive Cultural Impact Assessment Report that reflects te Ao Māori, cultural values, tikanga, and any identified impacts
- Attend meetings or site visits as required (with support from TPW if needed)
- Ensure all work upholds the values and integrity of hapū engagement

Ideal Candidate Will Have

- Proven experience writing Cultural Values Reports, Cultural Impact Assessments, or similar
- Strong understanding of te Ao Māori and tikanga practices
- Ability to engage respectfully and effectively with hapū and whānau
- Knowledge of the area and existing relationships with mana whenua (preferred)
- Excellent written communication and research skills
- Ability to work independently and meet fixed deadlines

Cultural Report: Scope

- Identification of culturally significant areas, waahi tapu and features within or near to the site that should inform the design.
- The cultural context and narrative of the general area.
- Opportunities to weave in and promote the cultural narrative of the site and surrounding area & recommendations for any mitigation that may be required with future development of the site to protect cultural values.
- Any further recommendations that reflect the values and aspirations of our hapū and wider whānau.

Support and Deliverables

- A completed CIA report (digital and hard copy)
- Summary of engagement process with Marae representatives
- Map/spatial reference to support cultural site identification
- Recommendations for incorporation & consideration
- The successful applicant will be supported by Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and Mana Ahuriri Trust where needed (e.g., introductions to hapū, contextual background). However, the engagement process will be led by the writer.

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Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and Mana Ahuriri Trust are seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced cultural report writers to prepare a Cultural Impact Assessment for the Whanawhana Water Storage Project

This report will help ensure that the cultural values, historical connections, and environmental concerns of mana whenua are appropriately reflected and respected in the planning and development process.

Please complete this application form and either send to taiao@tpw.iwi.nz or drop off to the TPW office at Level 1/117 Heretaunga Street, Hastings: **EOI closing date – 23 February 2026**

Applicant Details: Full Name: Organisation (if applicable): Email: Phone:	
Relevant Experience: Please outline your experience writing Cultural Impact Assessments, Cultural Values Reports, or similar cultural or environmental reports. Include: • Report titles • Client or organisation • Year completed • Your role (e.g. lead author, sole author, contributor)	

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Engagement Experience: Please briefly describe your experience leading engagement for cultural reporting, including: • The types of engagement undertaken (e.g. hui, site visits, wānanga) • Your role in the engagement process • How tikanga informed your approach	
Understanding of Te Ao Māori and Tikanga: Please outline your experience working within te ao Māori frameworks and applying tikanga in written reports and engagement processes.	
Connection to the Area: Do you have whakapapa connections to, or established working knowledge of, the project area? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please briefly explain:	
Availability & Timeframes Can you commit to completing a draft CIA by May 01 2026? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please explain:	

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Approach to Scope of Works

Please attach a scope of works outlining:

- Your proposed engagement approach
- Research and reporting methodology
- How you will meet the project timeframe
- Any assumptions or dependencies

Please attach the following to your application:

- Your CV
- Your Scope of works
- One recent CIA or Cultural Values Report where you were the lead or sole author. If the report was co-authored, please clearly describe your contribution.

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Assumptions and Notes

Please list any key assumptions, exclusions, or dependencies that underpin this scope, pricing, or timeline.

Confirmation

I confirm that this scope of works accurately reflects my proposed approach, timeframes, and costs for preparing the Cultural Impact Assessment.

Name:

Signature:

Date: