

KARAMEA COMMUNITY

And

INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Te Tari Taiwhenua

COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PARTNERING AGREEMENT

This agreement documents the commitment of the Department of Internal Affairs and Karamea Community to work together to support Community-led Development in Karamea and contribute to achieving Karamea's vision, which is:

Karamea is a hospitable, safe and productive community where members of the community can live, share, play, celebrate, prosper and welcome others

THE PERIOD OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE FOR A 5-YEAR PERIOD

FROM: 11 SEPTEMBER 2017
TO: 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. The Parties

Karamea Community

The Karamea Community extends south from the Kohaihai end of the Heaphy Track to the Karamea Bluffs. It is enveloped by the Kahurangi National Park and sealed in by the Tasman Sea.

and

The Department of Internal Affairs *Te Tari Taiwhenua* ("the Department")

2. Background

Karamea Community and the Department have jointly agreed that participation in the Department's Community-Led Development Programme (CLDP) will be beneficial and have agreed to partner together to realise the locally-led aspirations of Karamea Community.

3. Karamea CLDP Community Governance Structure

Karamea Community Incorporated (KCI) is the applicant to the Department's CLDP and a key community-led development body in the Karamea area. KCI has community support to provide a leadership role in the establishment of CLDP in Karamea and act as fundholder. KCI is committed to forming an appropriate community-led governance structure that supports transparency, accountability, effective engagement and decision making to ensure that established and emerging local action plans and projects are community-led.

4. Shared Vision and purpose

Karamea Community and the Department jointly acknowledge that Community-led Development (CLD) is working together in a place to achieve and sustain locally owned visions and goals. We both agree to uphold and pursue the five core principles of CLD:

- Shared local visions drive action and change;
- Using existing strengths and assets;
- Many people and groups working together;
- Building diverse and collaborative local leadership;
- Adaptive planning and action informed by outcomes.

5. Principles for working together

In partnering together, Karamea Community and the Department agree to build our relationship on the following principles:

We will respect Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- We recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the foundation document of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- We respect all commitments that parties make under Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- We will weave Te Tiriti through the work we do.

We have a collective responsibility to hear and respond to the voices of all

- We will reach out to those who are not usually included and respond to the diversity in our community;
- We will take account of the people whose daily lives are affected by our work;
- We will endeavour to enable the community to determine their own destiny for the betterment of all;
- We will increase opportunities for people to participate and flourish in their community.

We will act in good faith

- We honour our commitments and communicate this to everyone;
- We will work cooperatively to resolve conflicts ;
- We will act compassionately towards each other;
- We will share our knowledge, celebrate success and learn from our experiences.

Our work together will be built on trust and mutual respect

- We will be honest and open;
- We will develop and promote effective communication;
- We will be responsive to each other's guidance and advice;
- We will respect the different roles and responsibilities we have.

6. Roles and responsibilities

The Department will:

- Use an asset and strengths-based approach in supporting Karamea Community;
- Operate from a base of trust that the community knows what it needs and wants to do;
- Work with Karamea Community in the spirit of partnership;
- Encourage a whole of government approach by advocating and requesting support from other Government agencies where the work of such agencies is relevant to any activity under this Programme.
- Support the development of leadership capacity across the community;
- Focus on community process rather than just outcomes;
- Share learnings gained from the Department's support of other CLDP partners and of other communities;
- Actively facilitate and support collective processes that enable learning across the communities partnering in the CLDP;
- Support Karamea Community to develop a monitoring, learning and evaluation framework that is appropriate for the community's aspirations;
- Independently evaluate the CLDP overall;
- Provide relevant and appropriate advisory support and meet with Karamea Community and its CLDP Community Governance representatives at a minimum on a monthly basis ;

- Facilitate a broad co-investment approach to securing any funding investment required to support the progression of the community's aspirations, including actively supporting the process of submitting any requests to access CLDP and other funding administered by the Department;
- Recognise the linkages between individual action and community projects into a broader local community action plan.

Karamea Community, through its community governance structure will:

- Focus on strengths and assets to progress the community's aspirations;
- Work with the Department in the spirit of partnership, meeting together on a mutually agreed arrangement;
- Drive the CLD process and resource investment, including:
 - engaging as many people from the community as possible
 - setting up and managing processes to identify the community's aspirations
 - working with the community to develop and implement a plan to progress the community's aspirations
 - working with the community to develop a monitoring, learning and evaluation framework that is appropriate for the community's aspirations
 - reporting regularly to the community and seeking agreement on what will happen next
- Identify current and potential leaders and provide opportunities to develop their leadership skills;
- Identify and engage with a diversity of stakeholders with an interest in the community's aspirations, including tangata whenua, local government other government departments, businesses, service providers and the like;
- Actively contribute to collective processes that enable learning across other communities partnering with the Department in the CLDP;
- Take a broad co-investment approach to accessing any funding investment required to support the realisation of the community's aspirations;
- Provide monitoring, evaluation and learning information to support the Department to meet its reporting requirements and contribute to the overall evaluation of the CLDP;

7. Confidentiality and Information Sharing

Karamea Community acknowledges that the Department:

- May publish information about this Agreement and Karamea Community;
- Is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and may be required to release information relating to this Agreement to the public.

The Department acknowledges that Karamea Community may:

- Reference this Agreement and participation in the CLDP in a newspaper, magazine, journal or other advertising medium; or
- Broadcast on radio or television.

Both parties agree to advise each other in advance of the intent to publish or provide information to the public.

Both parties agree that neither partner is permitted to represent the other without prior agreement.

8. Duration and review

This agreement will evolve as the relationship between the two parties develops and the Partnering Agreement will be reviewed regularly and updated to reflect key changes. Any changes will be agreed in writing by both parties.

9. Disputes

In the first instance, disputes will be honestly and openly discussed between DIA's Partnering Advisor and Chairperson of KCI, with the view to resolve in good faith.


In the event of any unresolved dispute between the parties, a mediation process will be agreed to.

10. Termination


Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving a minimum of one month's notice in writing.

11. Signatories

Signed for and on behalf of Karamea Community:


PETER MOHNIHAN, 
Name Signature

11/9/17
Date

Rarawai Adcock, 
Name Signature

11/9/2017
Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Department:

Ona de Rooy, 
Name Signature

19/9/2017
Date