



Māori Agribusiness: Pathway to Productivity Programme - Tunapahore 6 Horticultural Project

<p>The challenge</p>	<p>The Trust has 3.62 hectares of unproductive land that is suited to horticulture but requires further investigation to identify the best crop species that will optimise returns. The land is not currently in productive use. This project will assist to identify best land use options for the land, to understand what the optimum level of production and mix of options is for the use of the land and support progress towards a state of becoming business ready to sustainably increase productivity and profitability of the land.</p> <p>Our specific challenges are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water availability and access to sufficient store - TTP funded a hydrologist to explore the availability of water on T6. The hydrologist has confirmed the availability of water on the block. We now need more information about how much water is available, flow rate and to appreciate the cost and process required to secure utilisation rights. • Lack of information and access to expertise about feasible options (irrigated and non-irrigated horticultural opportunities) specific to our land block(s). • Limited access to capital for investment.
<p>Purpose of the project:</p>	<p>This project is focused on supporting the Tunapahore 6 Trust to lift the productivity and profitability of its undeveloped land by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting a feasibility study for kiwifruit, berries and non-irrigated crops • Develop a Business Case for planting • Develop an Implementation Plan (If budget extends to this output, scope for services for Milestone 1 and 2 to determine actual costs).
<p>Project outcomes:</p>	<p>The project outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear direction and detailed requirements for the Trust to achieve growth and transition of the land from unproductive to productive. • Improved capital spending with greater assurance that the right developments are being prioritised. • Improved ability to make decisions. • Optimise returns. • Improved ability to attract investment • Increased capacity and capability for the Trust to establish a horticulture business <p>There is also potentially an additional 3.85 hectares that could be developed as a result of this project.</p>

Key Facts:

MPI's involvement (when did this contract/agreement start):	January 2016 – September 2016
MPI funding or support:	\$40,000 (Gst exclusive) Tunapahore 6 Trust in-kind contribution for this project is Advisory Trustees time, travel costs, catering and cultural expertise. Te Tumu Paeroa is providing capacity and in-house expertise and cash contribution (total \$24,000). Associated water development costs will be shared by TTP and T6, pending outcomes of the project.
Partners (who is the project with):	Tunapahore 6 Trust and Te Tumu Paeroa
Proposed benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased ability to make informed decisions• Increased ability to attract investment• A clear pathway to establish the business• Increased economic returns
Tribal Affiliation:	Te Whanau A Apanui (Tunapahore 6 Trust)

