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ENHANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHLAND, MAY 2018

Thank you for your report 'Enhancing Local Government for Northland'. We are encouraged by the Commission's recognition of Tai Tokerau | Northland's already considerable progress towards greater regional collaboration.

Balancing that, we also recognise that we are at the start of the Northland | Forward Together journey. That, under its umbrella, all four councils need to continue to commit to working together, to prioritise and to speak with one regional voice, and that this needs to be done at both governance and senior operational levels.

We are pleased to note one item of progress since the report. In addition to Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA) we now have Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) using a shared service model. We look forward to reporting the development of further shared services as they are rolled out.

Since we last met with the Commission, all four councils have adopted the NTA Procurement Policy at their June Council meetings. The Commission will appreciate that this is a critically important step in moving the NTA forward.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Commission and its staff for their expert advice and supportive approach during the reorganisation process.


Nāku iti noa, na



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