

Community commissioning engagement summary

Round 3 Turanganui a Kiwa / Gisborne

Introduction

This report summarises feedback received through the Round 3 Tairāwhiti Community Commissioning (TCC) engagement hui undertaken within Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Gisborne during May and June 2026.

Round 3 engagement focused on sharing the draft TCC proposal and Expression of Interest (EOI) for review and feedback, providing an update on progress since Round 2 engagement, presenting the proposed shareholding and governance arrangements, and seeking final feedback prior to submission to the Social Investment Agency.

This report reflects the views and perspectives shared by those who attended the engagement hui. Attendance at a hui did not imply support for, or endorsement of, the TCC proposal unless that support or endorsement was specifically offered.

Purpose

The purpose of the Round 3 engagement hui was to:

- Report back on feedback received during Round 2 engagement and how it had informed the development of the proposal.
- Present the draft TCC proposal and Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Present the proposed shareholding and governance arrangements, including the Board establishment process.
- Seek final feedback prior to submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Social Investment Agency.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions, share their views and provide feedback on the proposal.

Who we have engaged with?

Round 3 engagement involved approximately 43 participants across five engagement activities, including community members, social service providers, representatives of iwi and hapu, representatives from the Pacific Islanders Community Trust (PICT) and Pacific churches, and representatives from the disability and philanthropy sectors.

Attendance at a hui should not be interpreted as participation in, support for, or endorsement of, the TCC proposal. Some attendees chose to attend primarily to receive information, ask questions, or better understand the proposal.

What methods of engagement have we employed?

Round 3 engagement was undertaken through a series of targeted engagement hui across Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Gisborne during May and June 2026. Hui were held at a range of venues and times to support community participation and were promoted through TCC Working Group and partner organisation networks, websites, Facebook pages and community notices.

Engagement activities included:

1. Tairawhiti Community Voice (TCV) and Violence Free Tairawhiti Network (VFTN) provider hui (26 May 2026)
2. Public community hui – Gisborne District Council (28 May 2026)
3. Public community hui – Te Poho o Rawiri (28 May 2026)
4. Written feedback submission (10 June 2026)
5. Pacific Islanders Community Trust Gisborne (PICT) hui (18 June 2026)

The engagement activities provided an opportunity to report back on feedback received during Round 2, present the draft TCC proposal, discuss the proposed shareholding and governance arrangements, and seek final feedback prior to submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI).

What information was presented during Round 3?

Participants were provided with an update on the development of the TCC proposal and the progress made since Round 2 engagement.

Presentations and discussions focused on:

- The draft TCC proposal and Expression of Interest (EOI), including the opportunity to provide final feedback prior to submission.
- Progress with the proposed community-owned charitable company, shareholding process and shareholder invitations.
- The proposed governance arrangements, including the Board appointment and election process.
- Feedback received during Round 2 engagement, including the key themes raised and how this feedback had informed the development of the proposal.
- The SIA Pathway Three process, timelines and next steps.
- The distinction between shareholding, governance and future commissioning decisions.

What are the key questions and themes raised by our community?

Governance and Shareholding

Participants continued to raise questions about the proposed shareholding and governance arrangements, including the balance of representation between iwi and providers, the Board appointment and election process, and how conflicts of interest would be managed.

Discussion also focused on how smaller organisations and non-shareholders could have a meaningful voice and contribute to the proposed model without being overshadowed by larger organisations. This was also raised through written feedback, which sought greater clarity on how smaller non-shareholder NGOs could engage and contribute.

Funding, Commissioning and Service Delivery

Participants sought further information on funding, commissioning and how the proposed model would operate in practice.

Discussion focused on whether community commissioning represented new funding or a different way of directing existing funding, how future commissioning arrangements would operate, and how local priorities would inform commissioning decisions.

Participants also sought clarification on opportunities for providers outside existing provider networks to participate and whether a community commissioning approach could reduce bureaucracy and improve service delivery.

Ngati Porou Participation

Participants continued to seek clarification regarding Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou's decision not to participate in the proposal at that time.

Discussion focused on what this meant for Ngati Porou and East Coast whanau and communities, whether Pathway Three and any future Ngati Porou-led approach could coexist, and the level of engagement with Ngati Porou whanau, hapu, marae and communities.

Presenters reiterated that the opportunity remained open for future participation.

Feedback on the Proposal

Participants expressed a range of views on the Tairāwhiti Community Commissioning proposal.

The majority of participants were positive about the proposal and its focus on greater local decision-making and community-led approaches to improving outcomes for whānau. Participants also sought further clarification on aspects of the proposed governance, shareholding and commissioning model, particularly how these arrangements would operate in practice.

Feedback reflected strong interest in the proposal and appreciation for the opportunity to provide input prior to submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI).

Appendix – Round 3 Engagement Activity

Date	Engagement Activity	Attendance
26 May 2026	TCV + VFTN Provider Hui	18
28 May 2026	Public Community Hui – Gisborne District Council	3
28 May 2026	Public Community Hui – Te Poho o Rawiri	11
10 June 2026	Written Feedback Submission	1
18 June 2026	Pacific Islanders Community Trust Gisborne (PICT) Hui	10
	Total	43