



## Resilience to Nature's Challenges – Urban Theme Tikanga



### **Our research is innovative, excellent, responsive and inclusive**

*Our kaupapa is informed by theoretical and empirical knowledge, as well as existing and emergent context-specific research priorities in addressing Nature's challenges.*

In addition to producing innovative, excellent and creative research outputs, we also commit to lobbying, consistent with our tikanga, for change in research agendas through the way we conduct ourselves, our publications, our peer-reviewing, our networks and professional time servicing our field. We will deliberately and consciously make an effort to be inclusive with both people and approaches.

### **Our kaupapa extends beyond research**

*We are committed to open, transparent and creative sharing of knowledge and engagement at all stages of the research cycle.*

It is essential that our research provide maximum benefit to the communities we work with, within and for. Our research publications should ideally be published open access (we will support the payment of your publication fees). In addition to academic publications, all our projects will include publications, presentations and activities that address (and are accessible for) local and stakeholder audiences - this includes outputs in te reo Māori. These may take the form of hui, wānanga, policy briefs, posters and flyers, technical reports, frameworks, articles for the popular media, even waiata or other forms of expression.

### **Our kaupapa is ethically sound**

*Our research will not harm any relevant parties or the environment. We, the researchers, do not assume the role of sole "expert" and we commit to thinking beyond Eurocentric and enlightenment-based ontologies and epistemologies. We will not design kaupapa solely based upon knowledge gaps identified in the international literature.*

Instead, we provide space for local people experiencing risk to tell their own stories and develop their own methods, in their own ways, for their own purposes. We commit to developing kaupapa that reflect local realities and priorities and that build upon locally appropriate, culturally relevant perspectives and epistemologies while recognising the diversity of local views and interests. Fostering local leadership in driving our kaupapa entails that our local research partners are central to designing proposals, collecting and analysing data, as well as authoring publications and outputs.

### **Our kaupapa is always underpinned by our commitment to:**

- Grow internal capability and confidence in te ao Māori, te reo Māori and tikanga Māori
- Foster meaningful, respectful and mutually beneficial relationships with iwi, hapū, marae and other Māori stakeholders
- Involve and support Māori researchers and students in research opportunities
- Understand the role of Mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori to inform research

**Our Tikanga is informed by the following:**

- The overarching goals of the Resilience National Science Challenge (Table 1)
  - [The Urban Theme Introductory Workshop/Values Hui 8 August 2019](#)
- L. Tuhiwai-Smith's book 'Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous People'
  - [Power, Prestige & Forgotten Values: A Disaster Studies Manifesto](#)

Priority Areas	Organisational Goals
<b>Science Programme Delivery</b>	Ensuring relevant, excellent science, adding value through integration across RNC Themes and other programmes
<b>Partnership for Greater Impact</b>	By appropriately engaging Māori, agencies, the public, and businesses and communities in our work, RNC will build trust and ensure research relevance and higher uptake and impact of our research findings  Improved Māori partnerships will enable RNC to better understand Māori needs and expectations and deliver on the aspirations of Māori
<b>Mātauranga Māori</b>	Enhanced VM capability and mātauranga embedded across the Challenge
<b>Governance and Management</b>	The Challenge has the governance and organisational capability, capacity and culture it needs to be a world-leading collaborative, co-produced, integrated science programme
<b>Communication/Awareness</b>	Improved awareness of Challenge science and engagement activities, through effective, coordinated science communication

**Table 1:** Priority areas and associated goals of the Resilience to Natures Challenges National Science Challenge. From the Resilience Challenge Business Plan 2020.