

Remit to the NZILA AGM

Proposing that the name of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects is changed to the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects Inc, Tuia Pito Ora.

This remit arises from the annual meeting between Nga Aho/Te Tau-a-Nuku and the NZILA Executive last July at which Te Tau-a-Nuku suggested the NZILA should adopt a te reo Māori name as part of the upgrade of its web page. The NZILA then asked Te Tau-a-Nuku to advise it on a suitable name, and over the following seven months Te Tau-a-Nuku undertook a wide-reaching round of emails and hui with its members, with the te reo experts its members work with, and more recently and quite extensively with respected kaumatua Haare Williams, whose help was instrumental to the development of the name.

Early on it was agreed that the name should capture Māori meaning not just Māori words, so it would be rooted in Māori concepts of design and Landscape Architecture, rather than merely a direct translation of the English. There followed several rounds of draft names, sourced from both within Te Tau-a-Nuku and from language experts, each building on the other and discussed and refined over time. The end point of this came earlier this year, when Te Tau-a-Nuku agreed on a final name, sought endorsement from Nga Aho - which it gave, and then recommended the name's acceptance by the NZILA Executive - which it gave at its February meeting. The final step in this process is for this remit to be passed at the AGM accepting the proposed name.

The proposed te reo Māori name for the Institute is **Tuia Pito Ora**.

The name is richly nuanced, but it can be thought of as 'a line that binds', referring to the pivotal link between land, people and well being; and it can also be taken as 'the umbilical chord, that honours the past, redefines the present and protects the future'. Taking a less holistic view, tuia refers to binding or sewing together; pito means the centre and also a line on the ground connecting people and land, and ora is the day-to-day practicalities of living.

Whichever way you look at it though, this is a complex and meaningful name that will add depth, richness and cultural resonance to the Institute's existing moniker, while at the same time helping to meet the NZILA's obligations under its Bi-cultural strategy and under its MOU with Nga Aho. Like all names Tuia Pito Ora signals intent, values and aspirations, in this case both as a step towards acknowledging Māori values in the landscape and the creation of a culturally shared Aotearoa/New Zealand, and as a statement about the way the Institute sees Landscape Architecture practice in the 21st Century.

MOVED - It is therefore moved that the NZILA Constitution, clause 1.1 is changed by the addition of Tuia Pito Ora as follows:

1 Introduction

1.1 Name

The name of the Institute is the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects Incorporated, *Tuia Pito Ora*, hereinafter called 'the Institute'. [italics only to highlight the proposed new text]

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