

Kiwi to head To Tatou Vai

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The board of To Tatou Vai Ltd has appointed a chief executive.

To Tatou Vai is owned by the Cook Islands Investment Corporation and was set up to manage the assets of Te Mato Vai project once it has been completed.

It is expected that legislation will be passed, and To Tatou Vai Ltd will either be incorporated into or replaced by a statutory corporation.

The person chosen to lead the management of the single largest infrastructure project in the Cook Islands in 50 years, is civil engineer Brent Manning.

A CIIC spokesman said Manning is a member of Water New Zealand and a chartered member of Engineer New Zealand. He has extensive experience in the management of water and waste water.

He has been involved in significant capital works in New Zealand including the Oakura sewage scheme and the management of the New Plymouth District Council's \$17 million Water Augmentation Project. He is familiar with and sensitive to issues relating to the environment and engagement with Maori in water projects.

The board was delighted to welcome Manning as the company's chief executive, tasked with setting up the infrastructure and team to manage and supply water for decades to come, the spokesman added.

"Manning has a broad background which includes serving in the New Zealand army overseas in an engineering role. However, his greatest experience and expertise lies in the very skill we need most – water."

Manning will take up his role in December.

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