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Matthew is the CEO of The Māori Carbon Collective, Executive Chairman Australia's peak body, Suicide Prevention Australia, Chairman of the National Māori Authority of New Zealand, Nganga and Chairman of social investment business, the sustain group.

“When asked about climate change the other day I made clear my belief - that we must move to protect our Maori infrastructure from Marae to Papakāinga, from Kura to Kōhanga Reo and more - especially in areas where we know coastal erosion and increasing king tides will be present - we must restore our waterways and increase our focus on the regeneration of native flora and fauna - all of this can be done as a result in investing in our organisations and communities - while also investing in our people. I'll be saying much more in a few weeks about a new Maori Infrastructure Development Fund - and it all starts with planning and adaptation ...”

We must move to protect and ensure our Maori infrastructure from our Marae to our Papakāinga, from our Kura to our natural resources. Climate change and the impact on the Te Ao Maori world will be significant – planning and investment is essential”.