

TAINUI TARANAKI KI TE TONGA

Ngāti Koata, Ngati Rārua, Wakatu, Ngāti Tama, Te Ātiawa

Interim Steering Committee
Panui No 2—24 June 2005

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Tihei Mauri Ora

He honore he korōria ki te atua
He maungārongo ki te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa
Honore ki to tātou Arikiniui
Te Atairangi kaahu
Torōna matua tupuna
Te whare ariki katoa
Me mihi o tātou tini aitua
Haere haere haere atu rā
He panui tēnei kia tātou whanau
He tono kite karauna kia whai utu mo te whenua raupatu
Tēnā tātou katoa

Information Hui Update

A successful Information Hui was held at Whakatu Marae in Nelson on Saturday 11 June 2005. Whanau members present at the hui were given an overview of the claims process which included an update on discussions with the Office of Treaty Settlements and the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (Claimant funding). In the next several weeks we should receive confirmation from the Office of Treaty Settlements, formally recognising our Roopu, and confirmation of our funding from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust for conducting Information and Mandating Hui later in 2005. Below is a summary of objectives for our Roopu;

- Deed of Mandate in 2006
- Negotiations in 2006 and 2007
- Agreement in Principle in 2007 and 2008
- Draft Deed of Settlement in 2008
- Ratification to Settle in 2008
- Settlement Passes into Law in 2008

He Ingoa Mo Tatou Roopu?

The Information Hui voted in favour of a new name for our Roopu as recommended by the Interim Steering Committee. The name is:

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This name recognises the origins and whakapapa of the four tribes (No Tainui me Taranaki) to our Roopu who maintain Manawhenua in the top of the South Island (ki te Tonga). The significance of the term "ki te Tonga" is important as this also recognises our geographical claims to the south and not just in Te Tau Ihu (e.g Te Tai Poutini - West Coast). The Interim Steering Committee were also clear in that they did not want to lose their unique Iwi identities and so it was decided to incorporate each of the principal claimant groups as a sub-heading to the full name. The name "Wakatu" is an abbreviation for the Wakatu Incorporation. To date some Kaumatua have been consulted and initial comments have been very positive to this name.

The Status of the Wakatu Incorporation (WAI 56)

The matter of the Wakatu Incorporation and its status as a principal claimant (with same standing as the Iwi) was also discussed in depth at the Information Hui at Whakatu Marae. It was explained that the Wai 56 claim was lodged by Kaumatua, on behalf of the descendants of the original owners of the Nelson Tenths Reserves and that the

Wakatu Incorporation are Kaitiaki of this claim. Discussion also took part as to the status of Whanau and Hapu claims and it was resolved that representation of those claims would need to go through each respective Iwi Trust. Please contact us, if you need to discuss any of your Whanau or Hapu claims, and we will put you in contact with your Iwi representatives.

Claims Structure

Following much healthy debate, the Information hui also resolved to form a Limited Liability Company to move the claims process forward. The new Company will have a Board of Directors comprising ten members with each Iwi Trust putting forward two nominations and Wai 56 (Wakatu Incorporation) putting forward two nominations. The new Directors will oversee the claims process, ensuring the best people are appointed to provide support. For any important issue that may have impact on a claim it is the intention of the Directors to hold Hui to get direction from the people however, normal Governance decisions will be retained by the Board for day to day management activities.

Iwi Representatives

The current members of the Interim Steering Committee to "Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga" are;

Ngati Koata – Roma Hippolite and Dion Paul
Ngati Rarua – Molly Luke and Barry Mason
Wakatu (Wai 56) – Rore Stafford and Waari Ward-Holmes
Ngati Tama – Fred TeMiha and John Mitchell
Te Ātiawa – Dawn McConnell and Harvey Ruru

Communications Strategy

Several Communication Strategies will be used to keep our people informed throughout the Settlement process. These will include;

- Regular Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Panui
- Information Booklet (Issued later in 2005)
- A new Website (later in 2005)
- 0800 Toll Free Number (refer to below)
- Regular Iwi and Wakatu Panui
- Presentations at Iwi and Wakatu AGM's
- Newspaper and Television Advertising
- An Information and Mandating Hui Programme

More Information Hui!

Five more Information Hui are planned throughout New Zealand. These will be held during late July 2005 in Blenheim, Wellington, New Plymouth, Te Kuiti and Auckland. Watch-out for advertising of these in your local Newspapers.

Mandating Hui

A Mandating Hui programme is currently being finalised for various locations (approximately 15 in total) around New Zealand and these will be held in September and October 2005. Watch-out for advertising of these in your local Newspapers and in your next Panui.

New 0800 Toll Free Number

To make sure you have easy access to us, we have installed a 0800 Toll Free number. If you have any queries at all please call. If you ring this number during normal working hours you can talk to Jo Crane our Administrator. Outside of normal working times (after hours and Week-ends), you can leave a message and we will get back to you on the next available working day.