



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

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Iwi Forum Hui - Whakatu Marae in Nelson

Iwi members attended an Iwi forum at Whakatu Marae back in May 2006 which was in follow up to an earlier hui held at Waikawa. The kaupapa for the Whakatu hui was to take a further step towards discussing overlapping claims of our constituent Iwi. However as a first step, it was thought prudent to compile and agree on a number of guiding principles that could help Iwi through the negotiation process in order to resolve and seek agreement for the various cross claims. The agreed guiding principles were;

TE WAWATA (OUR PURPOSE)

To obtain the best "Treaty Settlement" result for each of our Iwi while maintaining and enhancing the mana of our Iwi, hapu and whanau.

TUHONOHONO (UNDER PINNING PRINCIPLE)

We are all whanau.
We will adhere to the Tikanga and Kawa of our Iwi members.

NGA KAUPAPA (OUR PRINCIPLES)

Whakawhitiwhitinga korero (The principle of Communication)

The onus is on our Iwi Trusts and our Directors to feed information back through their hapu and whanau.
We must ensure that two-way, clear, open and transparent communications are maintained at all times between Iwi, hapu and whanau, and the Board of Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga.

Manaakitanga (The principle of Respect)

We should always remember that the fight is with the Crown, and not with other Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga members or other Iwi.

Rangatiratanga (The principle of Independence)

We should acknowledge that on some occasions we will "agree to disagree".

Oritetanga (The principle of Consistency)

Our Iwi will honour the honourable Deeds of Agreement signed by our Tupuna.
We acknowledge that negotiations with the Crown must remain commercial.
We must always demonstrate "Te Kotahitanga" before the Crown.

Kawenga (The principle of Responsibility)

We commit to reconciling any differences between Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga members in private and amongst ourselves. Fundamental decisions will always belong with the uri, our Iwi members whereas Management decisions belong with Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga which must be unanimous before moving forward.

Iwi Forum Hui – Te Awhina Marae in Motueka

In September 2006 Iwi members from Ngāti Rarua, Te Ātiawa and Ngāti Tama descended onto Te Awhina Marae to discuss a number of cross claims brought by whanau of Ngāti Tama

descent concerning land interests in Motueka. Discussions surrounded land reserves that were set aside by the Crown to whanau during the mid to late 1800's. Robust and direct discussions took place at the Hui, in what was clearly, a very sensitive issue for Motueka whanau. Whilst no clear resolution was evident afterwards, it nonetheless provided the opportunity for whanau to put their "take" down on the Marae and korero to it in the proper manner, that is; Kanohi ki te Kanohi.

Mandate Recognised by the Crown

At long last on the 3 October 2006, we received recognition of our Deed of Mandate from the two Crown ministers responsible. The Deed was submitted on 15 December 2005 and was publically notified by the Office of Treaty Settlements in March 2006. We had planned to receive the Mandate recognition by July 2006 and so the several months of delays have caused us to have to reassess our planning and timing for negotiations yet to come.

Waitangi Tribunal Report

We were notified by the Waitangi Tribunal last month that there would be a further delay in the release of their full report for the Northern South Island region. They have now said that the full report may not be released until late 2007 which is 12 months later than they indicated earlier this year. The Tribunal also stated that they will be able to issue a preliminary report within the next 6 months which they say may assist claimants with negotiations. Nonetheless we see these delays as another set back because we had been counting on getting the full report by Christmas 2006. This would have given us good preparation time for negotiations which are planned to proceed soon. The final hearings in Te Tau Ihu were Feb 2004 and therefore if the full report comes out in late 2007, then almost 4 years would have lapsed.

Judicial Conference

A judicial conference of the Waitangi Tribunal was recently held at Pipitea marae in Wellington. The main theme related to "alleged failures by the Crown in terms of its policy and practice for settling Treaty claims". Over 40 claimants from around the motu brought this to the Tribunals attention which are substantially about dissatisfactions with the negotiations process. No doubt we will be keeping a watching brief on this issue.

Next step is Terms of Negotiation

Shortly we will begin the process of discussing and agreeing on the format for reaching a Terms of Negotiation document, that will get signed off by both our Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Directors and Crown representatives. The Terms of Negotiation document is a precursor to proper Negotiations and will explain the format and process for formal Negotiations yet to come.

Update Hui planned for 2007

We are planning to hit the road again during late 2007. Similar to the 14 Mandating Hui that we conducted in late 2005, we will be visiting you again. This will be the opportunity to update you on the latest activities relating to our claims as well as receive feedback from you on any matters of importance.

Its Christmas time again!

Yes, its that time again and we hope you and the whanau have an awesome, safe and meri kirihimete me te tau hou.

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