

reno nō laranaki Swi He Whakataukitanga Korero no Taranaki Swi

tenei iwi nō Ekore hoki e taea he mate nō te iwi kotahi nō tēnei iwi nō Taranaki... Tukua atu te hanakeke a Rākeitakiha Te hanakeke tōngai nui o noto o Waiwini - Waiwini Tukua atu te porohe whakatetokatio... Tukua atu Tama kia puta i tua o te tāwhangawhanga le homo Ale putanga aniki nō rongo ki te ata tawina... tokatio... Tukua e au ki te mate Kia rapua te mate o tō tātou kuia a Papatūānuku Ko te mate kia ea, ka hoki ki te ora.... tawhangawhi Whiti, Whano, Hanamai te toki te ata tawira Haumi ee, Hui ee Taiki ee... Nothing can be overcome if we are united...

Release forthwith, the abundance of Rākeitakihā's flax that binds us together

Release forthwith the great white encrusted rocks that we may stand steadfast...

Release forth the people to traverse the great abyss A divine deliverance from Rongo To the gleaming dawn....

I release thus to the challenges ahead

oki ki te ora....

wi ee laiki ee...

To search out the affliction of matriarch mother earth taramai te toki

Let our challenges be overcome....

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Tēnā koe

Whakaangi atu ai taku manu nei kia tiu, kia rere, ki te uru ki te tonga ki ngā pou e whā o te motu. Kei ngā mātārae, ngā pātaka iringa o te kupu rāua ko kōrero kua riro ki ō tua whakarere, tēnei te whakaaraara atu i a koutou i roto i ēnei tāinga kōrero, kia mihia kia tangihia i roto i te wā iti nei. Kia ea te wāhanga ki a koutou mātū atu ki te oroko-tīmatanga i whanau mai ai koutou otira anō tātou te tangata. E ngā uri o te hikanga matua me ngā uruwaka tēnā koutou i ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā, me tō tātou kaupapa e horahia ake nei.

The Taranaki lwi Trust through the Claims Leadership Team has been negotiating with the Crown since 2010 in relation to the settlement of the historical claims of Taranaki lwi.

With the recent signing of the Letter of Agreement on 22 December 2012, Taranaki Iwi now has the opportunity to establish its Post Settlement Governance Entity ("PSGE") and the members of Taranaki Iwi have the opportunity to vote on whether to accept the proposed PSGE. In order to receive any future settlement redress, Taranaki Iwi needs to establish a legal entity that will represent the iwi after our historical Treaty of Waitangi claims have been settled.

We recommend that the proposed PSGE for Taranaki Iwi be named Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust.

The proposed Charter for Te Kāhui o Taranaki is drafted on the basis that there will be a single Taranaki lwi entity and that it will not only be the PSGE but also the Mandated lwi Organisation ("MIO") for Taranaki lwi pursuant to the Māori Fisheries Act 2004. It is the intention to have a single Taranaki lwi entity for obvious reasons.

Adult members (aged 18 years and over) of Taranaki Iwi are therefore being asked to vote on the following resolution (set out on your voting paper):

I, as a member, of Taranaki Iwi, agree that:

- Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will be the Post Settlement Governance Entity ("PSGE") to receive and manage historical Treaty of Waitangi settlement redress on behalf of Taranaki Iwi;
- the PSGE, Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will supersede the Taranaki Iwi Trust as the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) for Taranaki Iwi;
- the Taranaki Iwi Trust will be dissolved by the settlement legislation; and
- the assets and liabilities of the Taranaki lwi Trust will be vested in the PSGE, Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust.

A copy of the proposed Charter for Te Kāhui o Taranaki is available on the Taranaki lwi website www.taranakiiwi.org.nz. Hard copies are also available from the following Te Puni Kōkiri offices:

- Te Puni Kōkiri New Plymouth: 465 B Devon Street East, Strandon, New Plymouth
- Te Puni Kōkiri Lower Hutt: Level 1, Bloomfield House, 46-50 Bloomfield Terrace, Lower Hutt
- Te Puni Kökiri Christchurch: Rehua Marae, 79 Springfield Road, Saint Albans, Christchurch

An analysis of the proposed Taranaki lwi PSGE in respect of the Crown's "20 Questions" is also available on the Taranaki lwi website.

If the proposed PSGE, Te Kāhui o Taranaki is supported by the members of Taranaki Iwi, it will be established by the time the Taranaki Iwi Deed of Settlement comes into effect.

We, the Trustees of the Taranaki Iwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team, strongly recommend that Taranaki Iwi members vote to accept the proposed PSGE structure.

Your ultimate decision will determine the pathway we take into the future. Be guided by the wisdom of our tupuna and our tauheke and we are sure that you will make the right decision.

Nō reira, kei ngā uri o Taranaki Iwi, whāwhāngia, whiriwhirihia, kōrerotia ngā kōrero i roto i te pukapuka nei. Nei rā te kōrero a ngā mātua i te pō, e kore e pau te ika unahi nui!

Noho ora mai

Jamie Tuuta

Chairperson, Claims Leadership Team

Lead Negotiator

Tokatumoana (Kevin) Walden Chairperson, Taranaki Iwi Trust

Negotiator

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED TARANAKI IWI PSGE

The Taranaki Iwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team have undertaken extensive work and sought independent expert advice to develop a proposal for the establishment of a suitable governance arrangement to receive and manage the settlement redress on behalf of Taranaki Iwi.

The Taranaki Iwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team have spent time discussing these arrangements internally since 2012. More importantly, PSGE development hui to discuss and develop the Taranaki Iwi PSGE, based on the Crown criteria and Taranaki Iwi design features, were held with Taranaki Iwi members across the country in March 2013.

Summary of feedback from PSGE development hui

Small group sessions were held at each of the PSGE development hui, to wananga/workshop the following key questions and a summary of feedback received on these questions is provided below:

- a) What does the PSGE do?
- b) What are you passionate about?
- c) What is your role/how do you participate on the PSGE?
- d) What is your preference for a PSGE Structure i.e representation?

(a) What does the PSGE do?

- Manage, grow and develop settlement assets on behalf of ngā uri o Taranaki Iwi
- Reverse the negative impacts on Taranaki Iwi
- Enhance mana motuhake and the identity of Taranaki lwi, reo and tikanga
- Support Education through the establishment of kohanga, kura, wānanga Māori
- Support Taranaki Iwi Rangatahi
- Assist ngā Marae/Pā o Taranaki lwi
- Be good kaitiaki of te taiao and whenua
- Provide Health initiatives within the rohe
- Support pahake papa kainga housing and activities
- Be accountable governors

(b) What are you passionate about?

- Taranaki Iwi Identity
- Mounga Taranaki
- Reo
- Tikanga
- Whakapapa
- History
- Marae/Pā
- Youth/Rangatahi
- Mātauranga Māori and Education
- Presence in the Taranaki region

(c) What is your role/how do you participate on the PSGE?

- Register
- Vote
- Attend meetings/wānanga
- Receive and read information
- Nominate skilled people
- Advocate to non-registered uri
- Ask governors questions, raise concerns and provide feedback
- Stay connected with own marae/pā
- Use technology available to engage
- Network outside of the rohe

(d) What is your preference for a PSGE Structure?

A significant majority of feedback received from the PSGE development hui favoured individual representation and voting on the Taranaki Iwi PSGE, essentially in favour of each individual member of Taranaki Iwi being able to vote and elect all Trustees of the proposed PSGE.

An alternative view was expressed only at the New Plymouth PSGE development hui, where a number of the whanau who attended favoured non-individual representation and advocated in the main for marae representation. This matter has been carefully considered by the Taranaki lwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team and we have decided that on the balance of the feedback received, the role and function of the PSGE and the majority view, that individual representation be proposed at this time.

We consider that there are other means through which the PSGE if established could support the aspirations of marae/pā, for example, through relationship agreements with those marae/pā who wish to identify how the PSGE might support marae/pā aspirations. It is also considered that the matter of representation can be discussed at the five (5) year review of the PSGE as contemplated in the draft Charter.

General Feedback

While questions on the details of the PSGE structure weren't specifically posed to each of the hui, there were consistent themes received as part of the feedback and there was general consensus on the following matters:

- Private Trust as a preferred structure;
- Preferred number of Trustees ranged from 5-9; and
- Appointments of Trustees should be skill based.

Two distinctive issues were raised only at the New Plymouth PSGE development hui. First, that whanau and kaitiaki of Taranaki Iwi marae/pā should look at ways of leading their own decisions outside of the PSGE. Secondly, a separate statement/representation was made with the support of the three houses on Parihaka, seeking recognition and support from the PSGE of the unique legacy of Parihaka. We consider that the two matters above can be addressed through the strategic planning process and through mechanisms such as relationship agreements.

We were encouraged by the enthusiasm and passion demonstrated by whanau at the various PSGE development hui. It has given great comfort to all who attended that there is a significant amount of interest. We have given careful consideration to your views and we have ensured that the Charter is reflective of these matters. We are confident that this is the case. We also consider that the matters discussed at the recent hui provide a solid platform for the strategic planning work ahead of Te Kāhui o Taranaki once established.

Many of the themes and matters discussed can be adopted and integrated in to the future Taranaki Iwi strategic plan, which will ultimately shape the priorities and goals of Te Kāhui o Taranaki moving forward. We thank all of you who attended hui and provided constructive feedback through various forms over the past months.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSED TARANAKI IWI PSGE

The structure of the proposed PSGE is a private trust, which will be called Te Kāhui o Taranaki.

The term Kāhui is particular to the Taranaki and Whanganui regions and has been used extensively in Taranaki to define a grouping or cluster. It has also been used traditionally to describe pre-migration groupings often referred to as Te Kāhui Maunga. Its intended use for the proposed PSGE recognises our connection to the original inhabitants and the foundation ancestors associated with the mountain and its ranges and looks to reintroduce this term that was formerly used by our tupuna.

This private trust structure has been used in a number of Treaty of Waitangi settlements and it represents the most simple and cost effective structure with both commercial flexibility and flexibility in relation to distributions to its beneficiaries.

The Taranaki Iwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team prefer a private trust structure for the proposed PSGE. First, a trust is a proven legal entity that most people are familiar with and is suitable for looking after assets and money for a large number of beneficial members. Second, a trust will provide an optimal tax position and flexibility for the future.

Te Kāhui o Taranaki will receive and manage the settlement redress on behalf of and for the benefit of the present and future members of Taranaki Iwi in accordance with the Charter. It is also proposed that Te Kāhui o Taranaki will replace the Taranaki Iwi Trust as the MIO for Taranaki Iwi under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004.

Members of Taranaki Iwi are being asked to consider and approve the proposed PSGE - Te Kāhui o Taranaki.

What happens to Taranaki Iwi Trust?

The Taranaki Iwi Trust is the current legal entity representing Taranaki Iwi. The Taranaki Iwi Trust was established as the MIO for Taranaki Iwi pursuant to the Māori Fisheries Act 2004. For many reasons dictated by the Crown, we are unable to use the Taranaki Iwi Trust as the PSGE for Taranaki Iwi to receive settlement assets from the Crown. Instead, Taranaki Iwi is required to set up a new entity to receive our settlement assets, which we propose will be Te Kāhui o Taranaki.

It is proposed that the Taranaki Iwi Trust will be dissolved and the assets and liabilities of the Taranaki Iwi Trust will be vested in Te Kāhui o Taranaki through the passing of our Taranaki Iwi settlement legislation. For a period of time, this means that if the establishment of Te Kāhui o Taranaki is supported, we will have two entities holding Taranaki Iwi assets on behalf of the Iwi, with the associated extra cost and time in managing these entities, until our settlement legislation is passed.

The establishment of the proposed PSGE ahead of initialling a Deed of Settlement is, in part, to secure resources (via an on-account payment), so that such resources can be used to build a strong foundation and assist in shaping an effective PSGE prior to settlement. Critical to this, is ensuring that the roles and functions of Te Kāhui o Taranaki are clearly defined and understood. Furthermore, it provides Te Kāhui o Taranaki with the prospect of identifying and capturing a greater number of opportunities for Taranaki lwi over the coming 6 - 12 months rather than waiting a further 18 months or more for settlement. Further detail on the establishment plan and arrangements can be found under the section titled Te Kāhui o Taranaki Establishment Arrangements.

Principles of Te Kāhui o Taranaki

Te Kāhui o Taranaki will be governed by a charter. Based on feedback from whanau at our PSGE development hui, the Charter for Te Kāhui o Taranaki will reflect the following principles:

- Protect Taranaki Iwi assets, taonga and tikanga;
- Be representative you get to vote for those representing you;
- Will develop relationships with marae/pā and hapū;
- Be accountable to Taranaki Iwi members. In other words, you will be able to raise your concerns with Trustees and Te Kāhui o Taranaki, attend and speak at the annual general meetings, and receive regular reports, plans and financial accounts; and
- Allow for the participation of all Taranaki Iwi this includes those living within the Taranaki Iwi rohe and those living throughout New Zealand, Australia and the rest of the world. It doesn't matter where you live, you can still vote in elections and for special resolutions.

Specifically, the following principles of Te Kāhui o Taranaki are set out in the draft Charter:

- Te Kāhui o Taranaki is to act in the interests of all Taranaki Iwi Ngā uri o Taranaki Iwi;
- Profits of Te Kāhui o Taranaki are to be used for the benefit of Taranaki lwi;
- Te reo ake o Taranaki lwi me hona tikanga are to be fostered;
- The Trustees are to act in accordance with the relevant Taranaki lwi tikanga to achieve the best possible standards of stewardship and business practice;
- Beneficial Members must be Taranaki Iwi; and
- Trustees must be Adult Registered Members of Taranaki Iwi.

Purpose of Te Kāhui o Taranaki

As set out in the draft Charter, the key purpose of establishing Te Kāhui o Taranaki is to receive, administer, manage, protect and govern Te Kāhui o Taranaki Assets on behalf of and for the benefit of Taranaki Iwi. As provided for in the draft Charter, Te Kāhui o Taranaki will specifically:

- Receive, hold and manage settlement property for the beneficial members;
- Receive, hold and manage Taranaki Iwi Trust assets and functions;
- Make distributions in order to carry out the purposes of Te Kāhui o Taranaki;
- Promote, grow and enhance Taranakitanga;
- Promote amongst Taranaki Iwi the educational, spiritual, economic, social and cultural advancement or well-being of Taranaki Iwi and its whanau;
- Maintain and establish places of cultural or spiritual significance to Taranaki lwi;
- Act as the Mandated Iwi Organisation for the purpose of the Māori Fisheries Act 2004;
- If Taranaki Iwi is to have an Iwi Aquaculture Organisation, act as the Iwi Aquaculture Organisation for the purpose of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004; and
- Any other purpose that is considered by Te Kāhui o Taranaki from time to time to be beneficial to Taranaki Iwi.

Trustees of Te Kāhui o Taranaki

There will be seven (7) trustees for Te Kāhui o Taranaki. Trustees will be adult registered members of Taranaki lwi. The Taranaki lwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team consider seven (7) trustees as an appropriate number to ensure effective governance into the future.

The trustees will be responsible for the overall governance of Te Kāhui o Taranaki. They will act on behalf of all members of Taranaki Iwi in managing the settlement redress received by Taranaki Iwi, through robust decision-making.

The Trustees will be responsible for:

- receiving the settlement assets;
- setting the vision and strategic direction of Te Kāhui o Taranaki;
- reporting on the nature and scope of the activities proposed by Te Kāhui o Taranaki or its subsidiaries on an annual basis; and
- preparing short, medium and long-term plans for governance of post-settlement assets.

The trustees will be responsible for the day to day management of Te Kāhui o Taranaki settlement assets and will be accountable to members of Taranaki Iwi.

Election of Trustees

Adult members (aged 18 years and over) of Taranaki Iwi will be entitled to nominate people for election as a Trustee and will also be entitled to elect the trustees of Te Kāhui o Taranaki.

Elections will be held as required when the term of a trustee ends or a vacancy arises and voting will be by way of secret ballot conducted by post and electronic methods. The term of office for the trustees will be three (3) years. Trustees will be eligible for re-election.

Te Kāhui o Taranaki will provide at least three (3) months' notice of an election of trustees, the nomination process and how votes may be made. Notice will be given by post or email, by newspaper, or through the Taranaki Iwi website.

Subsidiary Entities

Te Kāhui o Taranaki will establish subsidiaries to assist with the management of Taranaki Iwi assets. Any subsidiary must manage Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi assets it holds solely for the benefit of Taranaki Iwi. The directors or trustees of any subsidiary will be appointed by Te Kāhui o Taranaki and the majority of board members on any subsidiary will be Taranaki Iwi. The seventh schedule to the draft Charter sets out the manner in which Board Members will be appointed to subsidiaries including the following required collective skills:

- A knowledge of Taranaki Iwi tikanga and Taranakitanga;
- Proven business experience, skills and expertise that are required of a Board Member on the relevant board of that Subsidiary including:
 - Finance: Commerce: Operational management; Law; Communications;

Transparency and accountability to the members of Taranaki Iwi

Te Kāhui o Taranaki will be accountable to members of Taranaki lwi. The Trust will prepare an annual plan each year covering, among other things:

- the annual objectives of the Trust;
- the nature and scope of activities proposed by the Trust;
- the ratio of capital to total assets;
- the performance targets and measurements by which the performance of the Trust may be
- judged:
- the proposed manner for dealing with projected income; and
- any proposals for ongoing management of the Trust's assets.

The Trust will also prepare a Five Year Plan, to be updated at least every two years, setting out the longer term vision of the Trust.

The Trust will be required to hold an annual general meeting ("AGM") for the members of Taranaki iwi. At each AGM the Trust will be required, among other things, to:

- report on the operation of the Trust (and any subsidiaries) during the previous year;
- present the annual report and audited consolidated financial statements; and
- present the proposed annual plan;
- announce any newly appointed trustees;
- approve trustees remuneration;
- conduct any other notified business; and
- undertake any other general business.

Rights of Taranaki Iwi adult members

The draft Charter sets out the rights of adult members of Taranaki Iwi as follows:

- (a) Members of Taranaki Iwi shall have the right to, among other things:
 - i) Receive reports and information from Te Kāhui o Taranaki;
 - ii) Attend annual and special general meetings; and
 - iii) Attend meetings of Te Kāhui o Taranaki (on notice and at the discretion of the Chairperson); and
- (b) Adult Members of Taranaki Iwi shall have the right to, amongst other things:
 - Put forward proposals for amendments to the Charter for the consideration by Te Kāhui o Taranaki;
 - ii) Call a special general meeting;
 - iii) Inspect the Taranaki Iwi register;
 - iv) Vote in elections;
 - v) Be nominated for election and hold office as Trustee subject to he or she being eligible;
 - vi) Vote on ordinary and special resolutions of members; and
 - vii) Receive any notice relating to a major transaction.

Adult members of Taranaki Iwi will also be entitled to vote on resolutions to approve the remuneration of the trustees and entitled to vote on any special resolutions.

A special resolution will be required to approve:

- a major transaction (which is a transaction that deals with more than 20% of the value of the Trust's assets or any transfer or exchange of fisheries settlement quota);
- amendment of the Charter;
- a resettlement of the Trust's assets;
- the termination of the Trust; and
- the disposal of fisheries settlement assets.

TE KĀHUI O TARANAKI ESTABLISHMENT ARRANGEMENTS

If the proposed PSGE - Te Kāhui o Taranaki is ratified by members of Taranaki Iwi, then Te Kāhui o Taranaki will be the entity that will receive the future settlement package from the Crown.

On Account Payment

Generally, a PSGE can be established at any time, but will not receive settlement assets until settlement legislation is passed. However, it is possible that Te Kāhui o Taranaki may receive an on-account payment. An on-account payment is a part payment up to the value of 20% of the settlement quantum in advance of settlement being completed, which has agreed parameters for use and reporting.

Usually an on-account payment is tied to specific redress such as the purchase of land or property. However, Taranaki Iwi will not be seeking an on-account payment to purchase land or property at this time, as we do not consider that to be the most prudent and sensible use of on-account funds. Instead, we will be seeking on-account funds to be used to assist Te Kāhui o Taranaki to prepare and build a foundation prior to the receipt of settlement assets.

In the event that Te Kāhui o Taranaki receives an on-account payment, the funds will be conservatively invested with the principal objective to maintain the capital value. Therefore, sufficient interest will be reinvested for capital protection and to maintain the real value of the fund. It should be noted also that this would be the amount that the lwi would receive had the 20% On-Account payment continued to be held by the Crown. The balance of any interest generated from the on-account payment, over and above the interest amount to be re-invested (to maintain the capital value), up to \$150,000 will be utilised to implement an establishment plan which will focus on the establishment and development of Te Kāhui o Taranaki.

The overarching objective of the establishment plan is to ensure Taranaki Iwi has an effective PSGE prior to the completion of a Deed of Settlement and the receipt of settlement redress. Critical to this, is that the roles and functions of Te Kāhui o Taranaki are clearly defined and understood.

Further, implementation of the establishment plan will provide organisational and operational capability to prepare for the receipt of settlement redress. This is considered by the Taranaki lwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team as a sensible use of on account funds.

Establishment Trustees

During the consultation process, the importance of the proposed PSGE being established prior to the conclusion of settlement negotiations was discussed as well as ensuring that members of Taranaki lwi act as caretakers during any interim establishment period.

As a result, on establishment of Te Kāhui o Taranaki, caretakers called the "Establishment Trustees" will be appointed until the First Elected Trustees of Te Kāhui o Taranaki are determined by the first elections. It is proposed that the current trustees of the Taranaki lwi Trust will be the Establishment Trustees during the interim period and will be responsible for providing continuity in the transition period for setting up Te Kāhui o Taranaki and ensuring the foundation is set in preparation for settlement.

The proposed Establishment Trustees are (in alphabetical order):

- Leanne Horo
- Donna Leatherby
- Peter Moeahu
- John Niwa
- David Tamatea
- Tokatumoana Walden

First Elected Trustees

It is proposed that, the first proper elections of Trustees for Te Kāhui o Taranaki will occur after settlement date, so that the Trustees can assume full responsibility for Te Kāhui o Taranaki. Whereas the Establishment Trustees will have limited powers, the First Elected Trustees and Trustees that follow will have the full powers to manage and govern Te Kāhui o Taranaki in accordance with the Charter.

Election of the First Elected Trustees and subsequent Trustees for Te Kāhui o Taranaki will occur on a rotational basis. It is proposed that three (3) of the Establishment Trustees retire in the first year following settlement date, two (2) further Trustees retire in the second year following settlement date and the two (2) remaining Trustees retire in the third year following settlement date.

Transfer of Assets

It is anticipated that the future settlement legislation will allow for the transfer of:

- the future settlement package assets to Te Kāhui o Taranaki;
- all Taranaki lwi Trust assets to Te Kāhui o Taranaki. The Taranaki lwi Trust will be succeeded to by Te Kāhui o Taranaki and will no longer exist; and
- all Taranaki Iwi fisheries assets, which are held by the Taranaki Iwi Trust and its Asset Holding Company the Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Ltd. The Taranaki Iwi Trust will no longer exist and Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi will become the MIO under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004.

In short, Te Kāhui o Taranaki will own on behalf of all Taranaki lwi members, the settlement assets that will be set out in the future deed of settlement (in the event that the deed of settlement is ratified by Members of Taranaki lwi) and all of the assets of the Taranaki lwi Trust including the fisheries assets.

A copy of the proposed Charter for Te Kāhui o Taranaki is available on the Taranaki lwi website www.taranakiiwi.org.nz and hard copies are also available from the following Te Puni Kōkiri offices:

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RATIFICATION PROCESS

The term "ratification" refers to the process of securing formal consent or support from Taranaki Iwi members. The Taranaki Iwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team are seeking ratification of the proposed PSGE – Te Kāhui o Taranaki from Taranaki Iwi members.

Ratification Information Hui

Eight ratification information hui will be held to ensure that all members of Taranaki Iwi have the opportunity to be informed of the Post Settlement Governance Entity proposal and resolution, which is summarised in this booklet. Details of the ratification information hui dates and venues are set out below:

| Date | Time | Location |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| Friday, 10 May 2013 | 6.00 pm | Te Pōtaka Marae, State Highway 45, Oaonui, Taranaki |
| Saturday, 11 May 2013 | 10.00 am | Kingsgate Hotel, 100 Garnett Ave, Te Rapa, Hamilton |
| Sunday, 12 May 2013 | 10.00 am | Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Maungārongo, 140 Haverstock Road, Mt Albert, Auckland |
| Thursday, 16 May 2013 | 6.00 pm | Te Tatau o te Pō Marae, 437 Hutt Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington |
| Friday, 17 May 2013 | 6.00 pm | Mana Tamariki, 165 Grey Street, Palmerston North |
| Sunday 19, May 2013 | 10.00 am | Araiteuru Marae, 24 Shetland Street, Waikari, Dunedin |
| Wednesday, 22 May 2013 | 6.00 pm | Te Niho o Te Atiawa, Mid Parihaka Road, Pungarehu |
| Thursday, 23 May 2013 | 6.00 pm | Te Pihipihinga Kākano mai i Rangiātea, 131 South Road, New Plymouth |

Independent Returning Officer

To ensure the integrity of the ratification voting process, the Trust has engaged electionz.com to act as an Independent Returning Officer to conduct the ratification voting process for Taranaki Iwi members. The role of the Independent Returning Officer includes:

- Acting as the Independent Returning Officer to receive, collate and count all votes;
- Cross-referencing voting papers with information held on the Taranaki lwi register database;
- Managing special votes and registration forms; and
- Submitting a written report to Taranaki Iwi Trust once the ratification process has concluded.



THE VOTING PROCESS

Adult members (aged 18 years and over) of Taranaki Iwi are being asked to vote on the following resolution:

I, as a member, of Taranaki Iwi, agree that:

- Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will be the Post Settlement Governance Entity ("PSGE") to receive and manage historical Treaty of Waitangi settlement redress on behalf of Taranaki Iwi;
- the PSGE, Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will supersede the Taranaki Iwi Trust as the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) for Taranaki Iwi;
- the Taranaki lwi Trust will be dissolved by the settlement legislation; and
- the assets and liabilities of the Taranaki Iwi Trust will be vested in the PSGE, Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust.

The Trustees of the Taranaki Iwi Trust and Claims Leadership Team, strongly recommend that Taranaki Iwi members vote to accept the proposed PSGE, Te Kāhui o Taranaki and the resolution set out above.

Registration

All adult members (aged 18 years and over) of Taranaki Iwi are eligible to vote. Any members who turn 18 years old during the voting period will also be eligible to vote.

If you are not yet a registered member, you can also vote by contacting the Independent Returning Officer on the toll free Election Helpline 0508 666 103 or elections@electionz.com for a special voting pack. Alternatively, a special voting pack can be obtained at any of the ratification information hui.

Voting Papers

All eligible voters will be sent a voting pack on Monday 6 May 2013. Votes can only be made using the official standard and special voting papers or unique internet voting codes, provided by the Independent Returning Officer.

If you lose or damage your voting paper, please contact the independent Returning Officer on the toll free Election Helpline 0508 666 103.



How to Vote

The voting pack you receive will provide details on how you can vote. Votes can be made by:

- Placing your completed voting form in a ballot box at the conclusion of any of the ratification information hui;
- Voting on line by following the instructions in your voting pack; and
- Posting your completed voting form to the Independent Returning Officer, PO Box 3138, Christchurch.

Voting Period

The voting period will run from 9.00am on Monday 6 May 2013 to 5.00pm on Friday 14 June 2013.

To be counted, votes must be received by the Independent Returning Officer by 5pm on Friday 14th June 2013 or by envelope postmarked 14 June 2013 or earlier and received within three (3) working days of the closing date.

Special Votes

The provision of special votes has been made for people who either:

- turn 18 years old on or before the voting closing date; and/or
- register during the voting period but on or before the voting closing date.

Confidentiality

Voting is by secret ballot. All completed votes (either paper or electronic) go directly to the Independent Returning Officer. No other party will have access to the information on them. Voting papers will be destroyed by the Independent Returning Officer thirty (30) days after the close of the vote.

Notification of Result

As soon as the Trust has been notified of the outcome of the PSGE ratification process and the Crown has verified the results, the result will be notified to Taranaki Iwi members:

- By public notice in the Taranaki Daily News; and
- On the Taranaki lwi website: www.taranakiiwi.org.nz



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