



TE HAEATA - PANUI

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SETTLING HISTORIC TREATY CLAIMS

TENA KOUTOU KATOA

Ngati Porou kei te tangi atu ki o tatau mate kua hikoi atu ki te iwi kei te po.

E hika ma, haere, whakarerea mai matau o koutou morehu ki muri nei hei whai i nga tumanako hei ora mo te iwi.

Ko tenei e whai ake nei he tuku panui atu ki a koutou mo nga take e mahia ana e te roopu e kiia nei ko "Te Haeata" kia taea ai te whakatinana, me te whakatutuki i nga he a Te Karauna ki a tatau mai i nga tau kei muri, tau mai hoki ki wenei wa.

Heoi korerotia wenei panui kia marama ai koutou he aha nga mahi e whakahaeretia nei e te roopu nei.

Kei Te Atua te ringa kaha mo tatau katoa – Tihei Mauri ora!

Welcome to the first of a series of panui to keep you informed of the negotiations that have started between Ngati Porou and the Crown, represented by Dr Michael Cullen (Minister for Treaty Settlements), to settle all Ngati Porou historical treaty claims.

In 2007 an overwhelming majority of Ngati Porou who voted, approved Te Runanga o Ngati Porou to proceed with direct negotiations with the Crown on your behalf. As proposed then, the Runanga has delegated this responsibility to a sub committee, seven of whom were appointed by their marae and hapu clusters and three who were appointed by the Runanga.

The marae, whanau and hapu cluster representatives are:

- Rei Kohere – Potikirua ki Whangaokena
- Apirana Mahuika (Chair) – Whangaokena ki Waiapu
- Ned Ihaka – Pohautea ki Onepoto
- Linda Smith – Reporua ki Rahuimanuka
- Selwyn Parata (Deputy Chair) – Rahuimanuka ki Mataahu
- Koromatai (Kody) Pewhairangi – Mataahu ki Kokoronui
- Te Okeroa (Jock) Walker – Kokoronui ki Te Toka a Taiau

The Runanga representatives are:

- Rob McLeod
- Whaimutu Dewes
- Herewini Te Koha.

The role of the hapu representative is to facilitate a two-way conversation between Ngati Porou whanau and hapu and the negotiating team who will strive to get the best settlement package for us all. To get to this point we need to know what your thoughts are regarding our work on your behalf.

My role as Chair of Te Haeata is to manage the Iwi-Crown relationship on our behalf. Leading the negotiating team is Rob McLeod and other members of his team are: Whaimutu Dewes, Herewini Te Koha, Selwyn Parata and Matanuku Mahuika.

The prospect of settling the 100 Ngati Porou-related treaty claims filed with the Waitangi Tribunal is significant. It could mean that for the first time since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840, the Crown acknowledges their part in the erosion of our culture and economy.

Dr Cullen has committed to reaching an agreement on a settlement package with Ngati Porou by 31 October this year.

We have a lot of work ahead of us to come up with the best settlement package for Ngati Porou and, your involvement in helping us reach a satisfactory outcome is very important.

We will be communicating with you by panui, face to face meetings, via our website; telephone, emails and through the media. It is our intention that you are kept fully informed throughout this process and, that whether you live at home or away from home your views and contribution are considered.

Te Haeata - the name of the sub-committee is special because it means a ***new dawn is heralded***. That new dawn will be celebrated when we receive your final approval for the settlement package that is agreed upon with the Crown. It will be a major event and a significant turning point for the future and positive development and advancement of Ngati Porou.

To access more information go to our website at www.tehaeata.org.nz.

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Apirana Mahuika
Chair
Te Haeata