

Ngāi Tūmapūhia ā Rangi Treaty Claim Report

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The Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki nui a Rua Treaty Trust (KKWTNAR) has made good progress in negotiations with the Crown on behalf of Hapu groupings in the rohe.

Having completed Terms of Negotiation (TON) in April 2013, the Trust is continuing to work on the Agreement in Principle (AIP) phase of the Settlement process. AIP is scheduled to be completed on 24 Oct. 2014. This agreement will broadly set out the settlement agreements with the Crown. Work will then be on the Deed of Settlement set for June 2015.

The KKWTNAR Trust meets monthly. The appointed Negotiators are meeting twice weekly with Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) and other Government departments, i.e. DOC, MPI, ME, M Educ., Linz, Landcorp.

I believe that Ngāi Tūmapūhia ā Rangi is well served with Bob Hill and Jack Morris both involved producing reports on behalf of Ngāi Tūmapūhia ā Rangi whanau in relation to Cultural, Commercial and Post Settlement Governance Entity issues. I will leave Bob and Jack to report on these areas.

Being a Negotiator myself, and part of the Negotiations Team, we are working with all hapu groupings under the umbrella of our Tikanga, Manawhenua, Manamoana, Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga. We will not deter from these principles.

Overlapping claims issues with other Large Natural Groups (LNG) are taking up a considerable amount of our time. There are overlapping claims besides Rangitane; Mauapoko, Rangitane o Manawatu, He toa Takitini, Tuwharetoa.

We completed the lengthy Treaty Settlement Engagement Policy (TSEP) with Rangitane to establish Kahungunu positions throughout the rohe. Ngāi Tūmapūhia ā Rangi as part of the Coastal Hapu, made it quite clear that no Rangitane interests exist outside of a whakapapa right, and that all Rangitane interests will be dealt with through the existing hapu of Kahungunu.

Rangitane have indicated to the Crown that they want overlay classification over the coast which the hapu has strongly opposed.

Ngaumu Forest, the biggest Crown asset in the rohe and in which Ngāi Tūmapūhia ā Rangi has significant manawhenua interests is a major issue for us. The Crown has indicated a 70/30 split with Rangitane. KKWTNAR Trust has reported to the Crown that it is a 90/10 split. The Crown and KKWTNAR continue to negotiate to find a position. We as a hapu need to be firm in this. I look forward to discussion on this today.

We need to further develop strategies around Customary Fisheries issues. Look at how we can create opportunities for our people in this Settlement. What are the best outcomes in this process for our people? I look forward to your input today.

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Ian Perry