

Ngai Tumapuhia-a- Rangi Hapu Report

23rd November 2013

The settlement of the Wai 429 Ngai Tumapuhia-a-Rangi Claim is progressing well. The Runanga as the mandated authority on behalf of the hapu continues to manage the claims process on behalf of the beneficiaries.

The goal of the Runanga is to negotiate the best possible settlement encompassing the maximum possible transfer of assets and decision making power from the Crown to the whanau and hapu of Ngai Tumapuhia-a-Rangi.

Crown processes make this an arduous and at times difficult journey. However, we are doing our utmost in securing a just outcome. Remember “this is the thief setting all the rules!”

As a hapu amongst the Large Natural Grouping of Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki Nui a Rua, we must all work together to ensure that our taonga tuku iho and our tikanga is enhanced.

The Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki Nui a Rua Trust is progressing all historical claims on behalf of hapu. This is progressing as well as can be expected. Having secured the mandate in 2012, the Trust signed off terms of engagement in MAY 2013 with the Crown and is now in the full negotiation phase of Agreement in Principle. Agreement in Principle is scheduled to be signed in June 2014.

Agreement in Principle requires the Trust to reach an agreement on Quantum with the Crown. Quantum calculation is based on:

1. Land loss – primary factor.
2. Nature of breaches – raupatu.
3. Population.

Special factors can significantly influence Quantum:

- Koha 5 per cents
- Loss of leasehold economy

The Trust is currently developing a Special Factors paper to present to the Crown by November 30th 2013.

Today’s hui is about listening to you to make sure that as a hapu we have everything covered from your perspective. Remembers – this is your Claim!!

We can lead the settlement, but ultimately the decisions rest with you.

The next six months is a critical stage for all of us. Input from you and feedback from you is very important. There will come a time when the Runanga will be asking you to endorse its approach to a settlement. We need to arrive at that point having agreed on all aspects of the settlement for our hapu.

This is not a compensatory settlement from the Crown's point of view. This is a settlement based on what is required to restore the mana of the hapu and to provide a platform for economic advancement within today's environment.

Our whawhai is with the Crown, not amongst ourselves. Look to things that unite us not those that can divide us:

- Our whakapapa
- Our whanaungatanga
- Our manaakiatanga

I would like to acknowledge the Runanga Trustees and in particular the work of Bob Hill, Jack Morris, Debbie Donaldson and Leah Bain who provide immense strength and support for me as your Negotiator.

Thank you,

Ian Perry

(Chairman)