

Ngāpuhi

this is our time
nō tātou tēnei wā!



TŪHORONUKU

Te Manu Aute A Rāhiri

Supporting Te Tiriti O Waitangi Settlements Process For Ngāpuhi

“Te Kauri i wehi rua, e kai a te ahi”

Open letter to Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu

Ngāpuhi. This is the most significant time in our modern history.

The message we are getting from Ngāpuhi everywhere is that we should proceed together, towards a comprehensive and durable settlement.

Tūhoronuku have listened to concerns and we want to keep Ngāpuhi united. We support Ngā Hapū o Ngāpuhi to organise Waitangi Tribunal Stage 2 hearings – if that's what Ngāpuhi want.

We have also heard the concerns of some hapū, and want to give them our commitment that we are sincere in wanting to engage with them so we can find a way forward together.

What are we doing about this? **We have extended the commencement date of the Mandating Hui to July 2011.** During the next few months we will place our efforts into creating a unified Ngāpuhi settlement. What we want to make clear is that Tūhoronuku has one job – to secure a mandate for the road to settlement.

Our strength is our people, our mana, and our heritage. Let our strength also be our unity. To those who say “we are not ready, wait”, we say, we have already waited 170 years. Every year delayed is a year of wasted opportunity.

It is important to know:

- **Tūhoronuku supports a parallel process** – that is, Ngāpuhi claimants appearing before the Waitangi Tribunal at the same time as negotiations occur with the Crown. It is vital that Ngāpuhi support each other in this process.
- **The Waitangi Tribunal hears individual claims, and the Crown settles historical claims collectively.** Waiting for the more than 600 Ngāpuhi claims to be heard by the Waitangi Tribunal before negotiating a settlement will take many years, holding back our people and our region.

■ **Tūhoronuku will not be the recipient of any settlement assets.** At the conclusion of negotiations, Tūhoronuku's work will be completed.

■ **Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi will not necessarily be the recipient of any settlement assets.** The Rūnanga is a Charitable Trust and it is Crown policy not to transfer assets to Charitable Trusts. Whether it is a new Ngāpuhi entity or an existing one that receives and manages settlement assets, this is a decision for Ngāpuhi to make – not the Rūnanga or the Crown.

During the past three years, Tūhoronuku has held 44 consultation hui throughout Aotearoa and with our whanaunga in Australia.

Settlement will bring social and cultural upliftment and economic opportunities for Ngāpuhi and the North.

Two large iwi who settled more than a decade ago – Tainui and Ngai Tahu – are now economic powerhouses, creating employment opportunities for their people and their regions. They have growing influence over every sphere of their community life.

Our local MPs, Hōne Harawira (MP Te Tai Tokerau), Kelvin Davis and Hon. Shane Jones all support a Ngāpuhi settlement. Their statements, those of many other Ngāpuhi and more information on the coming mandating process can be read on our website www.tuhoronuku.com.

“Kia tū tika ai te whare tapu o Ngāpuhi”

Mauri ora

Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku

Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku Representatives:

John Klaricich	Kaumātua Representative
Titewhai Harawira	Kuia Representative
Kyle Hoani	Hapū Kaikōrero Representative [Ngai Tāwake ki te Tuawhenua]
Toko Tahere	Hapū Kaikōrero Representative [Ngāti Tautahi]
Hōne Sadler	South Auckland Rohe Representative
Denis Hansen	West/Central Auckland Rohe Representative

Ben Dalton	Wellington Rohe Representative
Tana Cooper	South Island Rohe Representative
Sonny Tau	Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi O Ngāpuhi Representative
Carol Dodd	Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi O Ngāpuhi Representative

Five hapū kaikōrero positions remain open.

About Tūhoronuku

- The sole purpose of Tūhoronuku is to secure mandate from Ngāpuhi for the journey to settlement.
- Tūhoronuku is an independent sub-committee of Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi. It will have 7 hapū representatives, 4 urban rohe representatives, 2 Kaumatua Kuia representatives and 2 representatives from the Rūnanga.
- Tūhoronuku represents all Ngāpuhi, no matter where we live – Te Tai Tokerau (Northland), Aotearoa (New Zealand) or Tāwāhi (overseas). Tūhoronuku allows all Ngāpuhi to vote and be involved in our settlement. You do not have to be registered with the Rūnanga to vote.
- The Minister of Māori Affairs and Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations endorsed the Tūhoronuku Deed of Mandate strategy in January 2011, calling it “sound” and “in line with Crown criteria for a robust and transparent mandating process.”

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