

Ngāpuhi

this is our time
nō tātou tēnei wā!

“Te Kauri i wehi rua, e kai a te ahi”
Open letter to Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu



76% **vote** “YES” for Ngāpuhi to negotiate Treaty settlement

Landslide vote by Ngāpuhi gives mandate to Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku

Ngāpuhi, New Zealand's biggest iwi, has voted overwhelmingly to begin Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

In results announced on Thursday by independent election management company Electionz.com, 76% of **Ngāpuhi have voted to give mandate to Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku**, Ngāpuhi's Treaty settlement entity, to begin settlement negotiations.

This is the most significant development in Ngāpuhi's modern day history. Ngāpuhi have spoken in large numbers and decisively in the biggest exercise in Iwi democracy ever undertaken in this country.

Three out of four Ngāpuhi have given their mandate to Tūhoronuku to negotiate a settlement with the Crown. From being the biggest but poorest iwi, Ngāpuhi is now on its way to settlement and cultural, social and economic advancement.

To Ngāpuhi katoa: Thank you for taking the opportunity to vote. We are humbled by your commitment and level of support. Our commitment to you remains the same – we will continue to consult with you, and all Ngāpuhi will benefit from this settlement.

Settlement will have a profound effect on Ngāpuhi, Northland and the wider Ngāpuhi communities throughout Aotearoa and Australia, just as settlement has done for Tainui and Ngai Tahu.

This result also gives other clear messages:

For Government: It now has a responsibility to accept the democratic wish of Ngāpuhi and recognise this mandate for Tūhoronuku.

For Ngāpuhi leadership: We have a responsibility to move forward with settlement now that the overwhelming majority of our people have pointed us in this direction.

The door will always remain open to Ngāpuhi hapū and Treaty claimant communities who wish to be part of this historic journey.

The result follows a six week election period, during which Tūhoronuku conducted the biggest communications effort in the history of Iwi Māori to reach Ngāpuhi, no matter where they live.

More information can be read on our website www.tuhoronuku.com

“Kia tu 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]
Sam Napia	Hapū Kaikōrero Representative
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
Four Hapū Kaikorero 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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