

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2490

IN THE MATTER OF                      The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF                      The Ngāpuhi Mandate Inquiry

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**BRIEF OF EVIDENCE OF JOSEPH JOHN FRANCIS DAVIS  
DATED 14 NOVEMBER 2014**

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I, Joseph John Francis Davis, state:

### **Introduction**

*Ko Joseph John Davis tāku ingoa,*

*Ko Hikurangi te maunga,*

*Ko Taikirau rāua kō Taumārere te Awa,*

*Ko Porowini te whare tūpuna, Ko Tūmatauenga te whare  
whakairo, Ko Te Rito āku whare.*

*Ko Pokapu tāku kainga,*

*Ko Wahamiti me Maunga Rangi āku urupā,*

*Ko Ngāti Kōpaki, Ngāti Te Ara me Ngāti Hine ōku hapū,*

*Ngatokimatawhaorua te waka.*

*Ngāpuhi te Iwi.*

1. I am a mechanical engineer by trade, but currently I am a hapū representative and Treaty Claims Negotiator for Ngāti Hei (Hauraki) and the Hauraki Collective.
2. I am the Mandated Hapū Kaikōrero ("MHK") representing Ngāti Kōpaki.
3. I provide this evidence in support of Tūhoronuku.

### **MHK nomination and appointment as per the Deed**

4. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2014, I was approached to consider a nomination to represent Ngāti Kōpaki within the Tūhoronuku process. I was also informed that Ngāti Kōpaki have no representative and that none had come forward.
5. I was aware of Ngāti Hine politics and had been following the progress of the Tūhoronuku mandate strategy and the subsequent ministerial correspondence responding to the concerns of Te Kōtahitanga. It was because of the far reaching and robust mandating processes of Tūhoronuku, its robust communications strategy, and the responses from Minister Finlayson, that I decided to accept the nomination.
6. The nomination went through unopposed and there were no other candidates. Tūhoronuku then applied an extension to the cut-off date to allow for further nominations to come forward. Still there were no further nominations put forward during the extension period and therefore still no opposition or challenge to my nomination. So the nomination met Tūhoronuku / Electionz criteria and was accepted without challenge.
7. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 I received a telephone message that a hui was to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 at the Porowini at Otiria Marae (called by whanaunga wanting to talk about the three nominations to Tūhoronuku.) I decided that I would attend the hui to provide the

