

**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

**WAI 2490**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (as amended)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Ngāpuhi Mandate Inquiry (Wai 2490)

---

**BRIEF OF EVIDENCE OF TAME TE RANGI**

**Date: 14 November 2014**

---



**KONING WEBSTER LAWYERS**

---

Level 1, 34 Gravatt Road  
PO Box 11120  
PAPAMOA 3151  
Telephone: (07) 547 4283  
Facsimile: (07) 572 0220

Solicitor Acting: Spencer Webster  
Carey Manuel

## **BRIEF OF EVIDENCE OF TAME TE RANGI**

### **Introduction**

1. My name is Tame Te Rangi. I am presenting this evidence on behalf of:
  - 1.1 Ngāti Te Rino;
  - 1.2 Ngāti Pongia;
  - 1.3 Ngāti Whakamaunga;
  - 1.4 Ngāti Moe; and
  - 1.5 Ngāti Whakahotu.
2. These are the Ngāpuhi hapū in the Mangakaahia Valley alongside Te Kumutu who are giving their own korero in this process.
3. Our marae is Te Aroha. There is also Parahaki marae to which these hapū affiliate to.
4. I am the claimant in Wai 2295 which I lodged on behalf of the hapū in the Mangakaahia Valley.

### **Participation in Tuhoronuku**

5. Before the Tuhoronuku mandate process arose, the Mangakaahia hapū had the option to go with Ngāti Whatua in their negotiations in 2008. However, that did not happen and so the hapū have since focussed on joining a Ngāpuhi negotiation.
6. To that end, the hapū held hui with both Tuhoronuku and Te Kotahitanga to consider their options.
7. A hui was held on 15 March 2014 for Ngāti Pongia, Ngāti Moe, Ngāti Whakamaunga, Te Kumutu, Whakahotu and Ngāti Te Rino to consider the Tuhoronuku option. The hui was advertised through social media and public notices. I believe there were about 40 people in attendance.
8. In the end, the hapū chose to participate in the Tuhoronuku mandate. The reasons for doing so include:

- 8.1 The Tuhoronuku process allowed our hapū sufficient opportunity to participate;
  - 8.2 The processes could accommodate our tikanga as I discuss further below; and
  - 8.3 We want to move to settlement negotiations sooner rather than later.
9. At that same hui, I was fortunate and privileged to be nominated as the hapū kaikōrero for the five Mangakaahia hapū and subsequently elected to that position. I was asked to cover all five of the hapū in Tuhoronuku for the following reasons:
- 9.1 The whanaungatanga between the hapū and the overlaps in terms of our lands, resources and claims; and
  - 9.2 The fact that we do not have any representative entity or hapū infrastructure that could support multiple hapū kaikōrero.
10. Therefore, while I may only be listed in documents as the hapū kaikōrero for Ngāti Te Rino, the five hapū have mandated me to protect their interests in the Tuhoronuku processes.
11. This is how we have applied our hapū rangātiratanga and tikanga alongside the Tuhoronuku processes. We do not believe our hapū views and position have been compromised in the Tuhoronuku processes. We have had the opportunity to participate as individuals or as a collective as we saw fit.
12. We are also satisfied that hapū have the majority voice on Tuhoronuku. We believe the processes can accommodate our ability to advance our redress and settlement aspirations. Ultimately, that has been our focus. Our hapū and our people are languishing in a state of deprivation. We see a settlement as contributing to the rebuilding and revitalisation of our hapū and of Ngāpuhi.
13. Therefore, we wish to move forward into negotiations without any undue delay. I acknowledge that other hapū have different views and we would prefer that they come with us. Whatever the outcome, we do not want to be held up from moving to settlement.

**DATED** this 14th day of November 2014

---

Tame Te Rangi