

**Hapu Representative Report**  
**Te Whiu Hapu Hui – Tauwhara Marae**  
**12 May 2012**

The hui was attended by hapu members, as well as a number of non-members of Te Whiu Hapu whose presence and participation was welcomed.

Te Ropu o Tuhoronuku Hapu Representatives Toko Tahere and Kyle Hoani also attended.

I presented and spoke to a slide presentation that had been recently presented to a kaumatua and kuia hui, as well as four additional hui within Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi.

Attendees were invited to ask questions or otherwise interrupt the presentation to ensure that korero meet information needs of the hui.

John Alexander was specifically asked to clarify a statement that he made at an earlier hui to the effect that my appointment to Te Ropu o Tuhoronuku was wrought by "bulldozing and a hint of fraudulent intent". John Alexander said at this hui that he was not referring to Te Whiu's appointment of Sam Napia; rather, he was referring to the Te Ropu o Tuhoronuku mandating process overall.

Moana Tuwhare was afforded, and took, opportunity to speak to Te Kotahitanga's position.

The hui resolved to support current thinking and development of an alternative to the Waitangi Tribunal as the forum for hearing Ngapuhi's grievances against Crown breaches under Te Tiriti o Waitangi; and, that TeRau Arena and Sam Napia - on behalf of Te Whiu - become involved with that development work.

Thereafter, TeRau Arena gave a presentation on post-settlement governance.

Thereafter, Te Whiu discussed matters relating to Rangaunu wahi tapu.

I wish to record my appreciation for the attendance and support of Toko Tahere and Kyle Hoani, hapu representatives on Te Ropu o Tuhoronuku and kaikorero of their respective hapu. During the hui, Moana Tuwhare challenged the Tuhoronuku structure, positing that Hapu Representatives presume to speak for other hapu. This question was directed to Toko and Kyle, who responded clearly and reiterated the difference between hapu representatives (on Tuhoronuku) and hapu kaikorero. That is, whereas hapu representatives appointed to Te Ropu o Tuhoronuku can bring a hapu perspective to the ropu, and can readily reflect the interests of hapu, hapu representatives do not speak on behalf of other hapu - that is the role of hapu kaikorero who appointed those hapu representatives. Following their korero, I affirmed this position and - referring to the aforementioned slides - described the direct relationship between hapu kaikorero and (yet to be appointed) negotiators as a vital structural element that evidences the strength of position of hapu kaikoreo.

The meeting concluded on a positive note. There is prevailing satisfaction with and support for the current path being followed by the Chair and Hapu Kaikorero on behalf of Te Whiu.

Na reira, e Kipa, koinei taku ripoata, hei hakarapopototanga o to matou hui. Ka nui taku mihi ki a koe mo tenei wa.

Sam Napia