Ngātiwai Trust Board mandate hui observer report

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Location	Omaha Marae 14 Omaha Access Road Leigh		
Date	Saturday, 14 September 2013		
Start time	~10.30 am	Finish time	~12.30 pm
Chair	Haydn Edmonds		
Observer(s)	Tony Tumoana, (Te Puni Kōkiri, policy)		
Presenter(s)	Haydn Edmonds; Merepeka Henley; and Kris MacDonald.		
Attendance	Total of ~25 people*, including 6 Ngātiwai Trust Board members, 2 Ngātiwai kaumātua, 1 TPK observer, and 1 independent election company official (Dale Ofsoske) *people were arriving and leaving throughout the hui, so this is an approximate number.		
Purpose	 The purpose of the hui is to: provide information about Crown settlement policy, the Ngātiwai Trust Board and mandate process; and mandate the Ngātiwai Trust Board to represent Te Iwi o Ngātiwai in direct negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of Ngātiwai. 		
Agenda	 Pōwhiri Himene / Karakia Mihimihi Presentation / Question & Answers Karakia whakamutunga Hākari whakanoa 		
Presentation	Each of the presenters followed the slide presentation very closely. The comments noted below are in addition to the slide presentation. Slide 1: Introductions		

Slide 2: Independent Elections Services

Slide 3: Independent Elections Services (continued)

Dale Ofsoske (Independent Returning Officer) spoke to Slides 2 & 3. He emphasised that there was still an opportunity for Ngātiwai whānau to register and vote. He encouraged attendees to contact any people who had yet to register and have them contact him directly. He advised that the voting period had been extended to 13 October 2013. He also advised that as of today there had been a 22.5% return.

Slide 4: Ngātiwai Trust Board

Haydn Edmonds spoke to Slides 4 to 7. He stated that questions would be taken after the presentation.

Slide 5: Agenda

Mr Edmonds explained that the Ngātiwai Trust Board (the Trust Board) had held a series of mandate hui across the motu. This had also included Sydney 10 September and Brisbane 11 September to engage with Ngātiwai whānau and inform them about the mandate process.

Slide 6: Purpose of mandate hui

Mr Edmonds explained that the settlement pathways open to Ngātiwai were either through the Waitangi Tribunal process or by direct negotiations. The Trust Board's preference is to settle by direct negotiations and explained the reasons for this approach.

Slide 7: Overview of the Direction Negotiations Pathway

Slide 8: Who is Te lwi o Ngātiwai claimant definition

Kris MacDonald spoke to Slides 8 to 19.

Slide 9: Founding Tupuna

Slide 10: Our marae

Slide 11: Our hapū

Slide 12: Our Rohe/Area of Interest

At this slide Mr MacDonald spoke of the purpose of the settlement; the relationship that Ngātiwai has with the moana and its iconic status within Ngātiwai negotiations. He also spoke of the relationship with Ngāti Rehua and Ngāti Manuhiri and the whakapapa that they share with Ngātiwai.

Slide 13: Crown settlement policy on WAI Claims to be included

Slide 14: WAI Claims included (1)

Slide 15: WAI Claims included (2)

Slide 16: WAI Claims included (3)

Slide 17: Supplementary Claims (1)

Slide 18: Supplementary Claims (2)

Slide 19: Crown settlement policy and Ngātiwai Trust Board Accountability Measures

Slide 20: Supplementary Claims

Merepeka Henley spoke to Slides 20 to 26.

Slide 21: Ngātiwai Marae, Trustees, Alternates

Slide 22: Structure and Accountability

Mrs Henley explained the process required for the claimant community to withdraw the mandate from the Trust Board should it be gained.

Slide 23: Te lwi o Ngātiwai "Claimant Community"

Slide 24: An Open and Transparent Mandate Process

Mrs Henley reminded attendees that voting has been extended and now closes on 13 October 2013.

Slide 25: Mandate Hui Schedule

Slide 26: Where can I get more information?

Slide 27: Questions and Answers?

Slide 28: Voting: Mandate Resolution

Questions and comments

Questions were generally asked at the end of the presentation unless stated otherwise.

Q1: At Slide 10: 'Our marae' an attendee asked why Pakiri was listed as a marae, as Omaha is the correct name.

A1: Mr MacDonald explained that this was a historical reference and acknowledged that the name needed to be amended.

Comment: An attendee congratulated the Trust Board for their upfront and inclusive approach to sharing this information. His view is that the Trust Board will succeed and he wished them the best outcome possible.

Comment: An attendee congratulated the Trust Board on the work they had undertaken. He stated that there is a lot of korero within the Whangārei Heads region that impact on Ngāi Tāhuhu. He invited the Trust Board to meet at Titahi either before or after the mandate voting process to discuss these matters. He noted that the Crown intends to settle claims and will recognise the Trust Board mandate. This will impact on the other tribes in the region.

Comment: Mr Edmonds acknowledged the relationship dynamics that Ngātiwai shares, and agreed to meet and korero on these matters.

Mr MacDonald discussed the Ngātiwai whakapapa in this context.

Q2: An attendee asked where the mandate process sits in relation to the Waitangi Tribunal process.

A2: Mr Edmonds replied that by next year the Crown wants the two largest tribes in the north to be in negotiations. Both are currently going through the mandate process now. Ngātiwai will meet the criteria and will drive its negotiations settlement process. The Waitangi Tribunal process will likely be sucked up into the negotiations process as it is too slow and uses far too much resource to achieve an outcome.

Q3: An attendee asked about Wai 1384 and what happened to it.

A3: Mr Edmonds spoke about the issues around when this was heard in regards to the whakapapa used in respect of Ngātiwai and the withdrawal from Stage 2 of the process.

Q4: An attendee asked for consultation to be continued as they wish to work with Ngātiwai.

A4: Mr Edmonds undertook to continue the engagement process. The Trust Board wishes to be as inclusive as possible throughout this process.

Q5: An attendee asked about the situation that Ngāti Hine is in.

A5: Mr Edmonds spoke about the Crown's settlement agenda and how it pits people against each other. Ngātiwai wishes to maintain its relationships and will engage in dialogue, and attempt to work through the issues, otherwise Ngātiwai's agenda is not tika.

Q6: An attendee asked how many people have registered from Omaha.

A6: Moana MacDonald said approximately 370.

Q7: An attendee said that it was important to change the name of the marae to Omaha.

A7: Mr Edmonds confirmed that the change would be made.

Comment: An attendee congratulated the Trust Board on the work undertaken. He spoke about the challenges faced by the Trust Board in regards to trying to meet all the needs of Ngātiwai.

Comment: Mr Edmonds spoke about how important it is for the Trust Board to follow up with the other groups. Creating a solution is the key moving forward. It is also about maintaining Ngātiwai's tribal integrity and the Trust Board doesn't want to break Ngātiwai into components.

Mr Edmonds encouraged people to register and vote.

Mr Edmonds stated that the Trust Board would accept the voice of

	the people.		
	He read the resolution to the hui.		
Resolution	The Ngātiwai Trust Board are asking all Ngātiwai iwi members years and over to vote on the following resolution:		
	"That the Ngātiwai Trust Board is mandated to represent Te iwi o Ngātiwai in direct negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all the remaining historical Treaty claims of Ngātiwai including registered and un-registered claims."		
Voting process	It was explained that iwi members could vote in three ways: in person at the various mandate hui; by postal ballot; or online.		
	The voting period opened on 17 August 2013 and was extended to 13 October 2013.		
Voting result	The daily schedule of returns is 560 votes as at 13 September 2013, 22.5% return rate.		
Other comments	The hui opened with karakia and was followed with mihimihi. The following documents were available to attendees: • Mandate strategy and supplement; • Notification letter; • Waitangi Tribunal claims settlement process document (photocopy); • Crown Forestry Rental Trust Treaty Settlements pamphlet; • Ngāti Wai presentation; • Ngātiwai Trust Board Annual Report 2013; • Ngātiwai Trust Board Strategic Plan for Education and Te Reo Me Ngā Tikanga o Ngātiwai; and • Ngātiwai Trust Board Mandate Vote and Hui Process Aug/September 2013 pamphlet. At the registration table: • Attendance register; • Registration application form; • Special Votes register; • Ngāti Wai register; and • Ballot box. Attendees were advised that the voting period had been extended to 13 October 2013. The role of the Observer was clearly explained to hui attendees. The hui closed with karakia and waiata.		