

Explanation of Ngātiwai Trust Board’s Mandate Vote Results

1. Preparation and Implementation

NTB undertook to actively recruit members to the tribal register during the pre-mandating phase of the Treaty settlement process. This involved:

- Verifying¹ existing members addresses prior to the commencement of the mandate process.
- Revising our registration form prior to the commencement of the mandate process and making it available at all mandate hui, online and via a small team of field staff.
- Calling members prior to and during the mandate process where phone numbers were available to check postal addresses and that members have successfully received their voting packs.
- Approaching some Kaumatua to check that all their whanau members were registered and addresses were correct (including in overseas).
- Web-search for members contact details (i.e. Facebook, Pipl.com etc).

It should be noted that members were not able to vote unless NTB had a valid address to provide to the Independent Returning Officer although special votes were made available to those members who did not wish to be registered with NTB. Once the IRO received notification of either new registrations or updated addresses they were then able to send the voting packs to these members. Once in receipt of voting packs member then had three ways to cast their votes (post it back in the mail, ballot box at mandate hui, or cast their vote online using credentials contained in voting packs).

2. Results: Tribal Register Database Report (generated at 13 October 2013)

The results of the recruitment drive are set out in the table below showing:

- A total of 395 additional registrations were received during the 8 week voting period representing an increase of 6.14% overall. This can be compared with an average of approximately 3 new registrations received each month prior to the mandating process commencing. It should also be noted that NTB were advised that a number of members had since passed away and those registrations were able to be updated also.
- Of those 395 new registrations 213 were for potential voters (i.e. those over 18 years) representing and increase of 4.53% in the potential voting pool.

A total of 772 votes were cast within the voting period representing:

- 16.45% of the potential voters overall and
- 28.21% of address verified potential voters

Table 1. Overall Results	19 July 2013 (mandate endorsed)	13 October 2013 (voting closed)	Variance (+/-)
Total Registrations	6,036	6,431	+395
Potential Voters (over 18 yrs)	4,480	4,693	+213
Non voters	1,556	1,738	+182
Address verified potential voters	2,487	2,736	+ 249
Total Votes Cast	-	772	-

¹ This occurred by sending a return freepost postal notice requesting any updates to members postal addresses. Where staff received a return to sender or gone, no address (GNA) notification these addresses were removed from the database before providing the IRO with database information for voting purposes.