

Ngatiwai Trust Board's Treaty Claims Mandate Process Update

Since the mandate voting results were publically notified in October 2013, the NTB has been working steadily to:

- Understand the nature and extent of submitters concerns with the NTB mandate proposal overall – the NTB commissioned an independent analysis of submissions received on the mandate proposal in October 2013,
- Request hui in October and November 2013 with hapu who raised concerns - to discuss their inclusion in the mandate to the extent that any of their claims related to Ngatiwai tupuna interests
- Revise specific aspects of the mandate including Wai claims and Hapu which have since been included or removed from the mandate strategy – NTB held an additional information hui at Tuparehuia in December 2013 to outline these changes
- Revise generic aspects of the mandate including a greater emphasis on the value of kaumatua in guiding the NTB particularly on matters of tikanga and an improved disputes procedure
- Clarify for the benefit of Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) the founding and other key Ngatiwai tupuna in our claimant definition (i.e. description of who the crown will be settling with).

The OTS has advised it is satisfied it now has sufficient information to understand the Ngatiwai claimant definition particularly in relation to key tupuna with shared whakapapa to other Iwi and it is now ready to proceed.

The next steps towards achieving a Crown recognised Deed of Mandate (DoM) is for:

- NTB to provide documentation (i.e. a DoM) outlining how it achieved its mandate and how it intends to maintain the mandate through negotiations
- OTS will then evaluate the documentation in the DoM to ensure it contains all the information necessary to understand how the mandate was achieved and how substantive matters raised in submissions have been addressed.
- OTS will then publicly notify the DoM for a final round of submissions.

The Crown's formal submission process takes between four to six weeks. OTS will then carry out an analysis of the submissions, draft a report which will then be sent to the relevant Ministers to consider endorsing the NTB Deed of Mandate.