



Ka Hiwa Rā Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

The Crown is seeking to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri.

In October 2013, the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust submitted a mandate strategy to the Crown that proposed a process to gain a Crown-recognised mandate to represent Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

A mandate is the authority that a claimant community gives to its representative entity that authorises them to enter into discussions and agreements with the Crown. A mandate assures the Crown that it is negotiating a settlement with the authorised Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri representatives.

You have an opportunity to contribute to this process. We are asking you to comment on any aspect proposed in the mandate strategy by the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust. You should note that a mandate has not yet been conferred.

The mandate strategy contains details on the background of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri; the purpose of the mandate strategy; the claims to be settled; responsibilities and accountability of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust; negotiators; and overlapping interests.

To achieve mandate recognition the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust is required to undertake a series of mandate hui, and conduct a voting and a submission process to gain this mandate authority from you.

Hui will be held on Wharekauri and throughout New Zealand in February 2014. An independent election company, Electionz.com will manage the voting process, which includes postal, internet, and ballot voting at mandate hui.

A special vote option will also be available for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri iwi members who are not currently registered with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust; or for those who do not wish to register with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

A copy of the mandate strategy is available from the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust office, (03) 3050 500; or can be viewed on www.nmow.co.nz.

The Crown is interested in your views on this matter. Your views should be sent to the Manager, Treaty Settlements, Te Puni Kōkiri, PO Box 3943, Wellington, or by email to mandatesubs@tpk.govt.nz. Any questions you have can also be sent to this address.

The Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust will also receive a copy of all correspondence in relation to this matter.

**No reira e ngā Rangatira maha o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri
Kōrero mai, whakamārama mai ō koutou whakaaro mo tēnei kaupapa.**

