



**TIHEI AHURIRI
 NGĀ MIHI WHANUI KIA I
 KOUTOU NGĀ HAPŪ
 TOKOWHITU Ō AHURIRI
 ME NGĀ MIHI ANO KI Ō TĀTOU
 TINI MATE - MAAKU TE KĪ
 HĀERE ATU KOUTOU
 MOE MAI MOE MAI MOE MAI
 HOKI MAI RĀ KI A TĀTOU TE
 HUNGA ORA
 KO AHURIRI TONU E**

“Te Karoro” Update on Ratification Hui and Voting

This is the second Te Karoro Panui for July. The main purpose for this Panui is to give an update on Ratification and Voting news.

All the members listed on our Register have been mailed the Voting Information Pack.

There have been some Packs returned because of wrong addresses. Thankfully, some of these have since been redirected with new addresses.

New registrations have been received but because of the date of receiving them they have now been classified as “Special Votes”. It is not too late to register and cast a Special Vote.

Ratification Hui

Ratification Hui have been well advertised with the first of the nine hui starting this Friday 31 July in Napier at 6pm.

Just reminding those that will be attending Ratification Hui that hardcopies of the Initialled Deed of Settlement and the PSGE Trust Deed will be available to pick up and take home.

The purpose of the Ratification Hui is to present and answer questions on the Initialled Deed of Settlement and the PSGE Trust Deed. These are the only two matters that will be addressed at the Ratification Hui. Any other issues that are outside of the Ratification purpose will be out of order and not entertained.

The first ratification will be Live Streamed for those that cannot attend hui, especially those members that are in the South Island and Australia. For

details of the Live Streaming “log on” please go to website for instructions.

Questions & Answers

As previously mentioned in earlier Panui, Mana Ahuriri welcomes any questions about the Deed of Settlement and the PSGE Trust Deed, and those answers will be posted through Te Karoro and the website.

Very few questions have been raised about the details in the Deed of Settlement but more so about the process;

1. What does the Initialling of the Deed of Settlement mean?

Initialling the Deed of Settlement by the Crown and Mana Ahuriri means that both parties have reached agreement on the Settlement, and now awaits approval from the Mana Ahuriri members.

2. Has the Crown approved the PSGE Trust Deed?

Only the Deed of Settlement has been initialled for approval. The PSGE is not acknowledged by the same means but approval of the PSGE, ratification strategy and Deed of Settlement is acknowledged in writing by two Ministers on behalf of the Crown. (see Letter Attached)

3. What happens next if the Deed of Settlement is ratified?

The Deed of Settlement will be signed by both parties and then moved to the next stage which is legislation and the Settlement Bill.

If however, the Deed of Settlement is not ratified by the members then the Settlement process stops indefinitely. Only one treaty claimant group has ever rejected an initialled Deed of Settlement, Te Ariki in Rotorua that involved 37 hectares of land – they are still negotiating.

4. Is this the best Deed of Settlement that could be negotiated?

We have assurances from our negotiators that the best Deed of Settlement has been negotiated on behalf of Ahuriri Hapū. No Settlement is ever enough and this is acknowledged by the Crown in the Deed of Settlement.

5. There have been a number of inquiries or requests that the Mana Ahuriri PSGE Trust should be hapū based?

Mana Ahuriri have requested (in writing and verbally) that anyone advocating for a hapū based electoral model, or any model for that matter, should put it in writing for consideration detailing what the model will look like and how it will work. To date, no one or group has fronted with a plan or the details to support their inquiry.

Hapū based electoral models are one of the most complex and difficult models to initiate and is probably the reason why it one of the least preferred electoral models used for PSGE’s.

6. Who else currently uses the proposed Mana Ahuriri PSGE Trust electoral model?

The Mana Ahuriri Trust Deed is the most standard Trust deed used for PSGE’s inclusive of the electoral voting option of “first past the post”.

To put it in some context, Maungaharuru – Tangitu Trust, Hineuru Trust and Ngati Pāhauwera Development Trust all use the same electoral model and basically the same trust deed.

7. Who are the trustees first obligations to?

The Trust, once approved, has autonomous powers, subject to trust deed rules and obligations, to manage the trust and redress in the best interests of its members - registered members are the priority obligation of the Trust and trustees. Individuals who are not registered with the Trust cannot expect to influence the Trust or trustees and likewise no external organisation (such as another PSGE) cannot purport to represent members regardless of whether those members are registered with the Trust or not.

8. What happens next if the PSGE is ratified?

If the Mana Ahuriri Trust is ratified to be the PSGE for Mana Ahuriri Settlement then the Trust Deed will be executed and the Deed of Settlement signed by the Initial Trustees.



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Tēnā koe

Ahuriri Hapū post-settlement governance entity and ratification strategy

Thank you for providing the documentation outlining the proposed post-settlement governance entity for Ahuriri Hapū. We have considered the proposed Mana Ahuriri Trust and are pleased to inform you that it meets the Crown's criteria of accountability, representation and transparency. We consider that the proposed Mana Ahuriri Trust is appropriate to receive and manage Treaty settlement redress on behalf of Ahuriri Hapū.

We have also considered your ratification strategy for your post-settlement governance entity and deed of settlement and are pleased to inform you the ratification process meets the Crown's requirements and can proceed following the initialling of your deed of settlement.

We congratulate you on reaching this stage in the Treaty settlement process and look forward to receiving the results of your ratification process.

This is an important step towards settling the claims of Ahuriri Hapū and we wish you the best for the ratification process.

Nā māua noa, nā



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