

He pānui: A milestone for our settlement

Kia ora e te whānau,

Today marks an important milestone in our Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Treaty settlement journey, and we are pleased to share this news with you.



Earlier this week we received the draft Deed of Settlement, initialled by the Crown, to consider whether it reflected the best agreement for our people. On Tuesday this week the decision was made by the Trustees of the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust, to initial the draft Deed on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua. The initialling of the draft Deed took place today.

Our old people started this journey, our kaumātua and kuia organised and researched the claims for decades, and some of them are no longer with us. We have fought long and hard for this, and today marks an important day in uniting us together, for our future.

The next steps in this journey are even more important.

Now that the draft Deed of Settlement has been initialled, the Trust will soon be sharing the proposed settlement with you – our registered iwi members – to consider and then to vote on. It will be up to you, our people, to decide whether the settlement goes ahead or not.

The draft Deed of Settlement comprises financial redress of \$93m and a significant return of land of more than 19,000 hectares. This includes the return of the bed of Lake Wairarapa and surrounding reserves, the vesting and gift back of Castlepoint Scenic Reserve and the return of sites throughout our rohe.

You can read more about the initialling of the draft Deed of Settlement ceremony today by [clicking here](#).

We will be coming to you in the following months to outline the proposed settlement package and give you all the information you need to make an informed vote. This is called the 'ratification' process. Please check that you and your whānau are registered with the Trust so you can have a say.

This is your chance to be a part of history for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua. This settlement will mark a new dawn for our people – te ao hou. Together we are stronger than fighting alone.

We will be communicating with all our members so you can keep updated. Please follow our official Trust Facebook page, and check our website, for further information and updates.

Ngā mihi
Your Trustees

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