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## Jo HAYES

I seek your vote for my nomination to the Board of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust.

I bring a wealth of business, commercial, political and governance experience to the board table, with qualifications to match.

I am a Board Director of commercial businesses in agriculture and former director of a shared health agency, a former Director and Trustee of an Iwi Post Settlement Governance Entity, and co-chair of Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc. I am the Wairarapa Iwi representative for Local Water Done Well - Regional and Local (AOG). I represent Iwi on the Masterton District Council, the Wellington Economic Development Governance, the former Wairarapa Cyclone Gabrielle Governance, Wairarapa Water Resilience and an Iwi Environment Commissioner on the Wairarapa Combined District Plan hearings panel.

I am a member of the Institute of Directors and hold the Company Directors qualification.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree and other associated master level papers in management from Massey.

I am a former member of parliament, the former chair of a select committee and government 3rd whip. I have chaired two other parliamentary committees representing Aotearoa NZ in a number of international fora, and been the spokesperson for Maori development, treaty settlements and whānau ora.

A strong advocate for Iwi, unafraid to tackle the tough decisions and dedicated to the things that matter most to Iwi, I believe I would make an excellent representative for my **Hapu Karanga Akura** and the Board of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust.



## Taura TE WHATA

*Tēnei te karamihi, tēnei te wero hoki e haere ake nei ki runga ki a koutou te whanau o Akura kia pōti ai mōu whakatinana i ngā āwhero i manakohia i te whakarewatanga o te waka o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa whanau whānui, tēnei ka whakamihia.*

I am currently teaching Te Reo Māori at the Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT), with a passion for language and a deep commitment to fostering a greater understanding of Māori culture. Through these interactive lessons, there has been a strong compelling drive for me to reflect and manaaki that extends to Ākura hapū. Firstly, a vision to create opportunities to thrive, ensuring that our future generations have a strong connection to their whakapapa, Māori language, and culture.

Secondly, recognizing the importance of community engagement and capacity building. My role with Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi was working closely with Marae to empower hapū. My findings at the grassroots level have enhanced individual capabilities to grow within our own hapū but also strengthened collective resilience and self-sufficiency, paving the way for a brighter future for our generations.

*E ai ki a Te Puea "Mehemea ka moemoea ahau, ko ahau anake, mehemea ka moemoea tātou ka taea e tātou katoa"*

*If I am to dream, I dream alone. If we all dream together then we shall achieve together*

Tēnā koutou katoa

Naku noa, Taura Te Whata

