



Kia ora whānau,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou! We are pleased to update you on our Treaty settlement negotiations.

As a Trust, our role is to achieve the best settlement we can for all Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua. We believe we are nearly there. We are working through some final details with the Crown and hope to initial our proposed Deed of Settlement in the first quarter of 2018.

Once we initial the Deed, our iwi then moves to the ratification phase. This is when you – and all our adult iwi members – get to vote on whether you want our settlement to go ahead.

If our whānau approve this settlement, we believe it will mark a new dawn for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua. We are stronger together than fighting alone. “He tōtara wāhi rua, he kai nā te ahi – A tōtara split in two is food for the fire.”

You may have heard that Wairarapa Moana Incorporation (WMI) management have opposed our settlement and applied to the Waitangi Tribunal for the return of Maraetai Dam land. Below is some background information so you can understand what is happening – and what it could mean for the future of our iwi.

Thank you whānau for your continued support of our mahi. Please contact us to discuss any aspect of this pānui or for more information about our settlement.

Nākū noa, nā

Your Trustees

For Wairarapa Moana Incorporation (WMI) Shareholders

Our settlement is for all uri who whakapapa to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua, now and into the future – this includes the shareholders of WMI.

WMI has been part of our collective since 2005, when it was agreed that all our economic assets will be part of the settlement and managed for the benefit of all our iwi members.

Over the nearly 13 years since then, WMI has had many opportunities to engage with our Trust. This includes the Mandate Strategy and developing our post-settlement governance entity. They have not taken up these opportunities.

We are very concerned that WMI management is not letting you know the full story about their Waitangi Tribunal application – the truth is, they are putting our settlement at risk. Going through another Tribunal hearing now would cause delay when our negotiations are almost completed. If there was a separate settlement for WMI it would reduce the overall package that we have strived to get for all our iwi.

Our Trust has successfully negotiated a comprehensive settlement to address the grievances of our iwi, based on the Waitangi Tribunal’s Wairarapa ki Tararua Report. We did not seek the return of land at Mangakino for many reasons, including:

- It is outside our customary rohe even though our whānau have lived there for a long time. Our tikanga says that a claim on the whenua of another iwi would be wrong. We strongly believe that.
- It is Crown policy that privately-owned land is not to be included in a Treaty settlement.
- The Tribunal did not make any specific recommendations for the return of this land.
- WMI directors did not raise the return of these lands in any of our hui or correspondence prior to making their application.

All we are asking for is a fair and open process, to kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi so you can hear from both sides and get all the facts. We believe you have the right to this information – it affects your future, and the future of our iwi!

Our Chair Ian Perry asked the WMI Chairperson to explain what they were seeking from us and then later wrote to WMI requesting a Special General Meeting (SGM), but received no response. WMI’s latest pānui said our Trust pulled out of agreeing to meet – this is simply not true.

We have always supported kōrero as an iwi, first and foremost. Our Trust is continuing to call for a SGM to be held so we can hui according to our tikanga. We need your support to make this happen.

For a SGM to go ahead, shareholders holding a total of 10% of the shares in WMI need to sign the request. Your Trustees are trying to contact as many shareholders as we can to discuss this with you, but we can’t get to everyone.

Please get in touch with us as soon as you can, to add your support for an SGM to be held. Phone our office on 0800 KKWTNR (0800 559 867) or (06) 216 1277, email admin@kkwtnr.org.nz or send us a Facebook message. We are happy to answer any questions you have.

Remember, if you whakapapa to our rohe, you are entitled to be a part of this settlement. Our tipuna started this journey and we owe it to them to complete it. Let’s not risk it all now.



Let's complete our settlement journey and look to a brighter future for our iwi.

Stage One:

PRE-NEGOTIATION

COMPLETE

- 1989: First Treaty of Waitangi claims lodged
- 2001-2004: Preparation for Waitangi Tribunal Hearings
- 2004-2005: Waitangi Tribunal Hearings
- 2005 - Apr: Kahungunu caucus formed (Ngā Hapū Karanga o Wairarapa, Ngāti Hinewaka hapū and Wairarapa Moana Inc.). Agreed on collective benefit principle.
- 2010 - Jun: Waitangi Tribunal Report released
- 2010 - Dec: First elections for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Trust. Kingi Smiler elected as Trustee.
- 2012 - Feb: Kingi Smiler ceased to hold office for failing to attend Trustee meetings.
- 2012 - Oct: Crown recognised Deed of Mandate

Stage Two:

NEGOTIATION AND AGREEMENT

ALMOST COMPLETE

- 2013 - Jul: Terms of Negotiation signed with the Crown
- 2014-2016: Consultation process to develop post-settlement governance entity (PSGE)
- 2016 - MAY: AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE SIGNED (FRAMEWORK FOR THE SETTLEMENT)
- 2016 - Nov: PSGE Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust ratified
- 2017 - MAR: OUR SETTLEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED
- 2017 - Aug: WMI shareholders' meeting - direction given to work collaboratively with Trust
- 2017 - Sep: Meeting between our Trustees and WMI CoM. Agreed to continue talking.
- 2017 - Oct: Trust Chair asks WMI Chair to confirm what WMI are seeking. No response.
- 2017 - Dec: Trust requests SGM with WMI to kōrero with shareholders. No response.
- 2017 - Dec: Cabinet considers Deed of Settlement Package
- 2017 - Dec to 2018 - Jan: Trust seeking support for SGM to kōrero with WMI shareholders
- 2018 (FIRST QUARTER): INITIALLING OF DEED OF SETTLEMENT (IDOS)
- 2018 (TBC): RATIFICATION PROCESS FOR DEED OF SETTLEMENT (VOTE OF ALL OUR ADULT IWI MEMBERS)
- 2018 (TBC): OFFICIAL SIGNING OF DEED OF SETTLEMENT (DOS)

2017 - Feb: WMI CoM apply to the Waitangi Tribunal for return of Maraetai Dam land

2017 - Oct: Tribunal asks for evidence of support for WMI application so it can consider whether to grant a hearing

2017 - Dec: WMI ask Waitangi Tribunal to stop the Deed of Settlement being initialled until after their application is heard

Stage Three:

LEGISLATION

2018 (TBC): Settlement legislation introduced to Parliament

Stage Four:

IMPLEMENTATION

2019 (TBC): Settlement Date