

Kia ora e te whānau

We have asked the Wairarapa Moana Incorporation (WMI) to hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) because we need to come together as whānau and kōrero openly. This is a crucial kaupapa for our iwi. We must achieve the best settlement we can for all our Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua uri, now and into the future.

Our settlement is being put at risk, because the WMI leadership are not being open with you. Playing on shareholders' emotions and not presenting all the facts is a tikanga we cannot support. You deserve to hear the full story.

Special General Meeting

WHEN:	Saturday, 24 March 2018. Registrations start from 9.15am, and the SGM begins at 11.00am
WHERE:	Mangakino Area School, Karamu Street, Mangakino

If you are a WMI shareholder, we strongly encourage you to attend the SGM before you vote. Hear the whole story and get all the facts.

The SGM will discuss, and then vote on, this Special Resolution:

'That this Special General Meeting does not support the application to the Waitangi Tribunal on behalf of the shareholders of the Wairarapa Moana ki Pouākani Incorporation seeking binding recommendations for the resumption of certain lands near Mangakino, South Waikato.'

We owe it to our tīpuna and whānau who have been fighting for this settlement for over 30 years to see it through. If divisions continue, there is a real danger of losing our entire settlement.

WMI's application relates to land outside our customary rohe – although our whānau have lived there for a long time. Our tikanga says a claim on the whenua of another iwi would be wrong. We strongly believe that.



We leave you with this account from our Trustee Haami Te Whaiti

“WMI continues to build its case on fabrication. They are playing on our people’s emotions by fabricating a story that negotiations for this land during the 1910s involved not only dealing with the Crown, but also paved the way among the mana whenua iwi at Pouākani through hui and marriages.

This is false. It doesn’t feature in any of the evidence to the Waitangi Tribunal hearings for these claims, rather evidence was given to the contrary.

There was such strong disagreement among our leadership in the 1900s to accepting this land in substitution for the land that was promised by the lake; arranging hui and marriages would have been a near impossible task.

Our people who settled this land, who lived, died, and are buried there, have mostly through their own efforts brought about any relationship that exists with the local mana whenua – which has generally been a healthy one.

No-one from the WMI committee was at Pouakani Marae to greet Tā Tumu Te Heuheu when he responded to the marae opening invitation... they have no right to presume his intentions.

Finally, the Maraetai Hydro-village land was returned at no cost to the shareholders under the provisions of the Public Works Act due to the land being declared surplus. Its ownership at the point of taking, not its customary ownership, guide these provisions.”

To hear the full story, we urge you to attend the SGM and vote for the resolution you support.

If you cannot attend the SGM, we encourage you to contact one of the trustees to discuss the full story. You can vote without attending the event.

If you have questions, please email us at:

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0800 KKWTNR (0800 559 867) or (06) 216 1277

(free to Masterton and Carterton callers).

Ngā mihi

Your Trustees

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust

