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Te Kāhui Mangai o Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai
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Tēnā koutou e ngā Kāhui Māngai o Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai

Crown endorsement of Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai mandate strategy

Thank you for submitting the Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai (Ngā Pūriri Pūmau) mandate strategy. The mandate strategy outlines how Ngā Pūriri Pūmau will seek a mandate to represent your claimant community (Te Whiu – Wahineiti, Ngāi Tāwake ki te Tuawhenua, Te Ngarehauata, Te Uri Taniwha, Ngāti Hineira, Ngāti Korohue, Te Whānau Whero – Te Ahuahu, Te Matarahurahu, Ngāti Rangī – Ngāwhā, Te Whānau Wai, Ngāti Mau and Ngāti Kiriahi) in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all their historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi claims.

I can confirm that both the Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana - Te Tari Whakatau and Te Puni Kōkiri endorse the mandate strategy. As we have previously discussed, Crown endorsement of a mandate strategy is not Crown recognition of a mandate. Through the implementation of your mandate strategy, the claimant community will decide whether to confer a mandate on Ngā Pūriri Pūmau to represent them in comprehensive Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

Following implementation of your mandate strategy and once a draft deed of mandate has been agreed by officials and Ngā Pūriri Pūmau, the Crown will seek public submissions on it. Following any amendments to the draft deed of mandate resulting from the submissions process, officials will report to the Ministers for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Māori Development on a Ngā Pūriri Pūmau mandate process and seek a decision on Crown recognition of a Ngā Pūriri Pūmau mandate.

Proposed representation of Te Ngarehauata

As you are aware, Te Ngarehauata is included in both Ngā Pūriri Pūmau and Ngā Hapū o Te Takutai Moana (NHTM) hapū groupings.

We acknowledge the Ngā Pūriri Pūmau mandate strategy notes that, as Wai claims are only settled once, Ngā Pūriri Pūmau will work with Te Ngarehauata, the Crown, and where possible NHTM, to provide clear information before mandate voting on how Te Ngarehauata and associated Wai claims may be represented and progressed throughout settlement negotiations.

This is important so that Te Ngarehauata and the wider Ngā Pūriri Pūmau and NHTM claimant communities understand how Te Ngarehauata and associated Wai claims could be represented, settled, and benefit from either one or both of the Ngā Pūriri Pūmau and NHTM settlements when mandates are sought from them.

A final decision on this matter is not needed before Ngā Pūriri Pūmau's voting starts. However, information provided ahead of voting should outline agreed options for how these claims could be settled and provide a timeframe for making a final decision.

We understand Ngā Pūriri Pūmau, Te Ngarehauata, and NHTM may wish to meet on this matter before discussing with the Crown. We remain available to meet and provide advice to identify solutions that also meet Crown policy requirements. To support discussions, attached at **Appendix One** are some options for how Te Ngarehauata claims could be settled based on previous settlements.

Next steps

We look forward to continuing to engage with Ngā Pūriri Pūmau as you implement your mandate strategy and wish you all the best for your information hui in July and August.

Please let me or the team know when suits to further discuss the proposed representation of Te Ngarehauata, and provide information to your claimant community on this matter, before your proposed voting hui occur in September and October.

If you have any further questions about the mandating process and next steps, please contact Alex Mellows (Negotiation and Settlement Manager) at Alexandria.Mellows@whakatau.govt.nz or Tania Anderson (Principal Advisor) at Tania.Anderson@whakatau.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix One: Options for how Te Ngārehauata claims could be settled based on previous settlements

Option	Settlement examples
Include Te Ngārehauata in one claimant definition only (e.g. Ngā Pūriri Pūmau or NHTM)	- N/A - this is the standard approach in Treaty settlements - In this option, the hapū determines which mandated group is best suited to represent them in Treaty settlement negotiations, and all the historical claims of the hapū are settled through this settlement
Include Te Ngārehauata in both Ngā Pūriri Pūmau and NHTM claimant definitions, but all associated Wai claims are settled by either the Ngā Pūriri Pūmau or NHTM settlement	- Te Whānau a Apanui (claimant definition includes hapū whose claims were all settled by another settlement group) - In this option, the shared hapū is named in more than one claimant definition but agrees with both mandated groups that one settlement will settle all claims associated with the shared hapū
Wai claims associated with Te Ngārehauata are divided between Ngā Pūriri Pūmau and NHTM based on discussion	- Maungaharuru-Tangitū Hapū and Ahuriri Hapū settlements; Te Uri o Hau and Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara Deeds of Settlement - In this option, the shared hapū agrees with mandated groups which of their claims will be settled by each settlement. The first settlement settles all claims of the shared hapū except for those explicitly named in a claim exclusion clause. The excluded claims are then included in the claimant definition of the second group

We are available to workshop these options with you and clarify how they could play out in practice.

Note we understand that Wai claims 1383 and 1679 are associated with Te Ngārehauata. Please advise if there are additional claims.