



Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Ngāpuhi: Crown Offer for Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve

Portfolio Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

On 6 November 2024, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

Background

- 1 **noted** that since 2022, officials have discussed with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (TRONR) the potential on-account transfer of approximately 1.9 hectares of Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve (the Kororipo property), which TRONR seek to receive as kaitiaki (guardian) on behalf of Ngāpuhi;

Terms of transfer

- 2 **agreed** to the transfer of the Kororipo property, subject to:
 - 2.1 the transfer being cultural redress on-account of a future comprehensive Ngāpuhi Treaty settlement to an agreed governance entity, subject to Historic Reserve status, with the agreed governance entity as the administering body;
 - 2.2 [REDACTED] 9(2)(j)
 - 2.3 DOC and an agreed governance entity entering into a management agreement that provides for DOC's ongoing involvement in defined management activities, to be reviewed after five years;
- 3 **noted** that the management agreement:
 - 3.1 will set out defined management activities that DOC will either undertake or will contribute towards the cost of;
 - 3.2 will enable an agreed governance entity to continue to build capability to independently manage the Kororipo property; and
 - 3.3 [REDACTED] 9(2)(j)
- 4 **noted** that public access to Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve will be retained;

- 5 **noted** that in June 2024, the Minister for Māori Development and Minister of Conservation agreed to continue discussions on the potential early return of the Kororipo property; [REDACTED]
- 6 **noted** that TRONR will seek the return of the Kororipo property as kaitiaki (guardian) on behalf of Ngāpuhi;
- 7 **noted** that the decisions under SOU-24-MIN-0138 do not pre-empt discussions on the formation of large natural groupings for Treaty settlement negotiations;

Overlapping interests

- 8 **noted** that the deed of on-account transfer will be subject to overlapping interests being addressed to the Crown's satisfaction;

Ratification

- 9 **noted** that the terms of transfer will be ratified following initialling of the deed of on-account transfer;

Legislative implications

- 10 **noted** that legislation is required to transfer the title of the Kororipo property;
- 11 **noted** that the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations will seek Cabinet agreement to introduce legislation following the signing of the deed;

On-account cultural redress

- 12 **noted** that on-account redress requires the value of redress to be accounted for in a future comprehensive Ngāpuhi Treaty settlement;
- 13 **agreed** to make an offer to TRONR to transfer, as cultural redress, approximately 1.9 hectares of Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve to an agreed governance entity, and on-account of a future comprehensive Ngāpuhi Treaty settlement;

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15 **agreed** that the change to appropriations for 2024/25 above be included in the 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;

16 **noted** that the total cost of the redress is within the amount set aside in the fiscal forecast for the Ngāpuhi Treaty settlement;

17 **noted** that the redress, [REDACTED] imposes additional non-discretionary Treaty implementation costs on DOC;

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18 [REDACTED]

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Delegation to act

19 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and Minister of Conservation to approve the final implementation costs for the Kororipo property when they are known, [REDACTED]

9(2)(j)

20 **authorised** the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations to:

20.1 together with the Minister for Māori Development, agree to a proposed governance entity to receive the Kororipo property;

20.2 ensure overlapping interests have been addressed with Ngāti Tautahi prior to initialling the deed of on-account transfer;

20.3 initial the deed of on-account transfer on behalf of the Crown;

20.4 together with the Minister for Māori Development, assess whether the results of ratification demonstrate sufficient support for the deed; and if so

20.5 sign the deed with TRONR on behalf of the Crown.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Karen Chhour

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for SOU
Office of the Minister of Health