



Kaihautu Korero

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A newsletter for Te Arawa descendants about the direct Treaty negotiations with the Crown

Road to full and final settlement begins now

An Agreement in Principle (AIP) settlement offer has been signed and now the job of pulling the detail together into a Deed of Settlement is about to begin.

In a formal ceremony on September 5 at Parliament Buildings in Wellington, members of the Kaihautu Executive Council (KEC), accompanied by about 70 supporters, completed this significant milestone, signing on behalf of the KEC affiliated iwi and hapu.

The AIP outlines the overall redress contained in the Crown's offer to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and grievances of affiliate iwi and hapu.

A summary of the package as it appeared in a recent *Daily Post* issue is included as a supplement to this newsletter. The signing of the AIP follows years of ground work and some seven months of intensive negotiations. Rawiri Te Whare (Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa) led the negotiations with Henry Colbert (Ngati Ngararanui), Ruka Hughes (Ngati Rongomai) and Brian Bargh (Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara).

About twenty rounds of negotiations took place with weekly meetings held in both Rotorua and Wellington. The KEC is now embarking on the next stage of the journey – working toward a draft Deed of Settlement.



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Kaihautu Korero is produced every six weeks by Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council. It aims to inform Te Arawa descendants about the direct negotiations the council is undertaking with the Crown to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of its affiliate iwi and hapu.

Because of the high demand for information *Kaihautu Korero* will be supplemented by *Kaihautu Korero Update* every three to four weeks.

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Message from the Chairman



Tena koutou katoa,

Two years ago, the Kaihautu affiliate iwi and hapu asked the Executive Council to negotiate an offer to settle their historic Treaty of Waitangi claims and grievances. Last month we completed a significant step on our journey with the signing of the Agreement in Principle.

The Agreement in Principle outlines the settlement offer. The Executive Council will now work with the Crown to flesh out and add detail to the final Deed of Settlement to take back to Kaihautu for ratification.

The offer is merely that, an offer. It does not compensate us for our true economic loss, nor does it return everything taken from our ancestors. As Rawiri is fond of saying: "There is nothing JUST about a settlement, it's JUST a settlement."

The Executive Council sees this as an opportunity to finally end the mamae, and let go the grievances that have hampered us for far too long. Given the right vision, specialist skills and advice, the settlement can set us on the path to economic development, growth and prosperity. Te Arawa can once again be a major player in the region's economy, not just an onlooker.

Our journey so far has been a strenuous, arduous and to be honest, fraught with unnecessary litigation. We have overcome the trials and tribulations and stayed focussed on the real work set for us by our people. Despite the numerous legal battles, signing the Agreement shows that the Kaihautu is able to set realistic goals that are achievable in a timely manner.

The Executive Council is aware that the rest of the journey will bring more challenges for us. We are, nevertheless, committed to the task at hand. With the ongoing support of our people, we are confident we will achieve the objective of a settlement offer for Te Arawa to consider for ratification.

If you have any questions specific to your iwi and hapu, please contact one of your Kaihautu representatives or Executive Council member.

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Chairman, Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council



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The Deed of Settlement will provide the detail of the Crown's offer, including, the legal parameters and conditions that underpin the final settlement.

If approved by the KEC and Crown, the draft will be initialed by both parties.

The Initialed Deed of Settlement will then be taken out to ratification hui throughout Te Arawa rohe and beyond.

In preparation for ratification, descendants of our affiliate iwi and hapu are asked to register with Nga Kaihauutu o Te Arawa. Only registered descendants will be able to have their say by voting for or against the settlement offer.

The KEC is already looking at models of structures that could be put in place to receive and manage the settlement assets. The Crown will only return the assets to a properly established post settlement

governance entity (PSGE). The KEC is establishing a committee headed by Dr Candy Cookson to investigate potential structures that meet the needs and aspirations of affiliate iwi and hapu.

Only registered members will have opportunity to vote on the proposed PSGE.

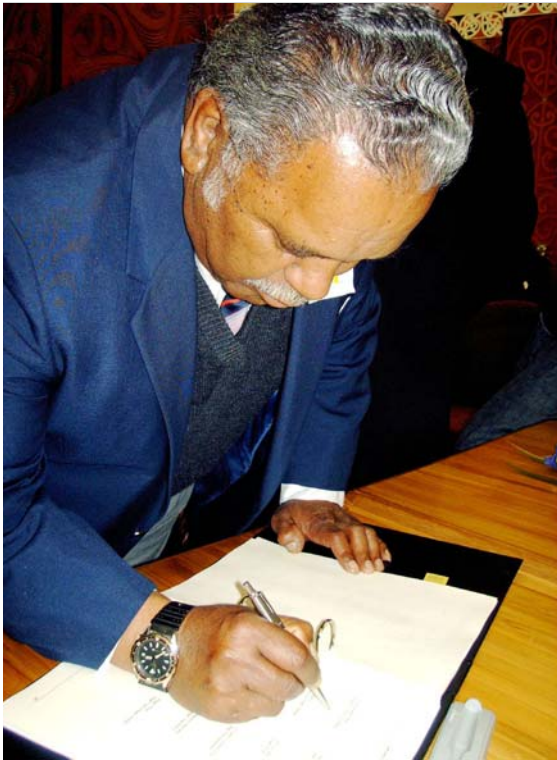
KEC representatives are planning to hui with their respective iwi and hapu to ensure 'kanohi ki te kanohi' communication is maintained and the people are kept up to date and informed.

Consultation meetings will be held throughout the Te Arawa rohe next year, and in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. They will seek feedback on proposed PSGE models.

Hui are also being planned for Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane to update and register our whanau in Australia.

The Direct Negotiations Process - where to now?

Establishing well-founded claims	DONE	Ratification	IN PROGRESS
Pre-negotiation phase	DONE	- Drafting Deed of Settlement	
- Hui are held to seek mandate to negotiate		- Development of Post Settlement Governance Entity model	
- Deed of mandate is published		- Draft Deed of Settlement initialed	
- Deed of mandate accepted by the Minister		- Register completed	
- Claimant funding secured		- Ratification process undertaken	
- Mandate maintenance		- Deed of Settlement signed	
- Terms of negotiations signed		- Post Settlement Governance Entity established	
Formal negotiation phase	DONE	Legislation	
- Historical section negotiated		- Legislative Bill initiated	
- Cultural redress negotiated		- Select Committee process	
- Financial and commercial redress negotiated		- Legislation passed by Parliament	
- Agreement in Principle signed		- Transfer of settlement assets	



Te Arawa have their day in Parliament with AIP signing

TOP LEFT: Nga koeke John Mahia, Wirihana Te Rangi, Anthony Fraser and Rawiri Te Whare following the signing. TOP RIGHT: Caroline Waaka and Trina Sullivan-Meads sign in support of the agreement. BOTTOM LEFT: Executive Council representative Pinda Pirika participates in the milestone event. BOTTOM RIGHT: The delegation of Te Arawa head home to Rotorua from Parliament.