



Ngāti Hineuru Iwi Incorporated

Annual General Meeting – 29 September 2012

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Please find attached the voting papers for two Board members for the forthcoming AGM on 29 September. In order to ensure we assist as many Ngāti Hineuru whanui to participate as possible we have been able to obtain funding to permit a postal ballot on this occasion.
- 1.2 We also saw this mail out as an opportunity to inform a greater number of our iwi members of the exciting news of a forthcoming key milestone in our Treaty claims negotiations.
- 1.3 This AGM promises to be a momentous one as the Board and negotiations team hopes to be able to announce to the iwi the finalisation of a settlement package and the outline of a proposed Agreement in Principle with the Crown to settle our Treaty claims.
- 1.4 When we last reported to you we were hopeful that we would be able to increase the offer from the Crown in respect to our claims. We have been able to achieve a very significant increase in the offer over the last few weeks and a commitment to conclude our negotiations within a firm deadline.
- 1.5 Since the AGM in May 2012 and following the election of two new Board members, Temepara Bartholomew and Toi Tawhai, the Board was worked together with great enthusiasm, confidence and with common purpose.
- 1.6 The Board, the Negotiators (Ivy Kahukiwa Smith and Karauna Brown) and advisers have worked extremely hard, despite lack of resources (and on the part of advisers at no little or no recompense for the first half of the year) to complete the negotiations to the point when we can now bring back to the iwi the details of what we have been able to negotiate.
- 1.7 As we said in May, after more than 20 years of hard work, by many who have now passed on, Ngāti Hineuru is now poised not only to receive the recognition and acknowledgement that have been due to us for over 170 years, but also to achieve a good settlement that will assure a sound financial future for the iwi.

2 HUI a iwi to outline proposed Agreement in Principle

- 2.1 In May we promised hui to update the iwi as soon as we had been able to finalise the settlement package.
- 2.2 Over the next few weeks the Board and its advisers will be undertaking a series of hui a iwi around the country to update you all as to the details of this settlement package. They are at :
- 8 September, at 9 30 am, Tuscany Villas, 57 The Strand, Whakatane
 - 8 September, at 3 pm, Airport Motor Lodge, Airport Road, Hamilton
 - 9 September, 10 30 am, The De Havilland Room, Wellington Airport Conference Centre
 - 9 September, 3 30 pm, East Pier Conference Centre, Hardinge Road, Ahuriri, Napier
- 2.3 We urge you all to attend one of these hui to hear what has been achieved.
- 2.4 The Board believes that Ngāti Hineuru will achieve an excellent settlement package that appropriately recognises our history, the importance and seriousness of our claims and will permit us to really achieve our settlement aspirations:
- The first pou: Restoration and protection of Ngati Hineuru heritage and history
 - The second pou: Restoration of the health and wellbeing of Ngati Hineuru people
 - The third pou: Ngati Hineuru mana recognition and restoration of relativities
 - The fourth pou: Reassertion of the presence of Ngati Hineuru through the rohe of Ngati Hineuru
 - The fifth pou: Revitalisation and restoration of natural resources and the environment
 - The sixth pou: Rebuilding an economic base for Ngati Hineuru
- 2.5 The Board believes that Ngati Hineuru is about to begin a new phase in our iwi's history. But the Board and the iwi continues to need the staunch support and good will of the iwi, strong leadership, good governance, so we urge you all to support the next steps towards settlement and help us work towards advancing the interests of Ngati Hineuru.

Mai Hineuru, Mo Hineuru.

Heoi ano ra, naku noa na.

Tuhuiāo Kahukiwa, Chair

For and on behalf of:

The Board, Ngati Hineuru Iwi Incorporated