

Monday 13 March 2017

Re: Pare Hauraki Settlement

Tēnā koutou Ngāti Pūkenga

In December 2016 we initialled the Pare Hauraki Collective Redress Deed as one of the 12 Iwi involved in the Pare Hauraki Settlement. There is currently a ratification process occurring which has included Hui ā Kāinga and the voting packs which have been sent to all registered Ngāti Pūkenga members. The Trustees thank those iwi members who were able to attend the kāinga hui held in February and for the support and feedback received at those hui.

Since the initialling, two issues have occurred which have caused Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Trustees to consider whether we can continue to support the Pare Hauraki Collective Redress Deed.

These two issues are:

1. At a meeting between Minister Finlayson and the Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective, the Crown said Ngāti Pūkenga interests had been used to justify Hauraki Collective redress extending almost to Mauao. We questioned this statement as early in the negotiations, Te Au Maaro o Ngāti Pūkenga declared we were in conflict with Hauraki in respect of claims into Tauranga Moana because we supported the claims of Tauranga Moana iwi. Therefore our interests in Tauranga Moana cannot be used for the benefit of the Hauraki Collective.

This issue has now been resolved with the Minister recently confirming in writing that the Crown has not used Ngāti Pūkenga's interests as a basis for assessing the interests of the Hauraki Collective.

2. The Crown offered redress in Tauranga Moana to the Hauraki Collective without consulting with, or obtaining the agreement of, Tauranga Moana iwi. At this time, some of this redress remains in dispute.

Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga continues to support the decision made by Te Au Maaro set out above. As such, and after much consideration, the Trustees have decided that **at the moment we cannot sign the Pare Hauraki Collective Redress Deed until overlapping claims issues with Tauranga Moana iwi have been resolved.**

**Please note that this decision will not affect our individual iwi settlement which is currently in Parliament.**

We are mindful of the extremely important relationships that our Manaia and Tauranga kāinga have in their rohe. Our Negotiators, Trustees and whānau in the rohe will work hard to ensure that those relationships are safeguarded. We will also work towards resolving the overlapping claims issues so that we will be able to sign the Deed at some point in the near future.

I would like to encourage you to contact your Trustee if you have any queries. You can also send queries directly to me at [tetawharau@ngatipukenga.com](mailto:tetawharau@ngatipukenga.com).



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