

Ka Rere ki te Ao!

Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust Newsletter

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*E ohu, whatia!
Kore, kore, kore rawa!*

*Break the collective!
We say Never, Never, Never!*



Col. Kaio provides evidence for NZ Defence Mar 2019

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Path to Settlement Update

Historically Mōkai Pātea Tūpuna (ancestors) acted collectively when major issues affected all their hapu/iwi. Treaty claims are a major and often contentious issue. Taking inspiration from the historical precedent set by our ancestors through Kotahitanga (collective action), the four Mōkai Pātea Iwi decided to act collectively for Treaty settlement. The Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu of, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Tamakōpīri and Ngāti Whitikaupeka, established The Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust in 2011.

Over the past eight years the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust has worked on behalf of Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu, to build a case and provide evidence to the Crown on the impact of Treaty of Waitangi breaches to the people of Mōkai Pātea. This work has been demanding, has stretched our resources and created tension. It involves a path that includes the Waitangi Tribunal stream and the Direct Negotiations stream.

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Direct Negotiations Path

The Crown gave consent for Mōkai Pātea to seek a mandate to be involved in Direct Negotiations while still involved in the Waitangi Tribunal Process. Based on the Crown opinion there is enough evidence for negotiations to commence and the collective Iwi of Mōkai Pātea meets the Crown's Large Natural Grouping requirement. The Large Natural Grouping requirement often creates conflict. As the Crown requires all claims within an area to be settled under the mantle of that large natural grouping.

The first step was the publication and advertising of a Draft Mandate Strategy in December 2017.

The Crown called for submissions on the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust Draft Mandate strategy. Submissions closed at the end of January 2018. The majority of submissions received were in support of the proposed Mandate Strategy.

Opposition to the proposed Mandate Strategy came from some Ngāti Hinemanu and Ngāti Paki whānau, under the organisation of Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki Heritage Trust.

Representatives from Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust and each of the four Iwi, agreed to a series of independently facilitated hui throughout 2018, with the Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki Heritage Trust. Those hui (four) concluded towards the end of 2018. The differences remain unresolved. Ngā Iwi Nui Tonu o Mōkai Pātea and the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust remain open to continued dialogue to resolve the differences.

Since January 2018, through various wānanga, rūnanga discussions, hui a rohe, the submission process feedback, and the facilitated hui with Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki Heritage trust, the amended proposed mandate strategy is nearly ready to be formally presented. This strategy provides a system and structure for inclusive representation for all hapū, through Tūpuna lines and Iwi, based on the principle of Kotahitanga.

Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu are ready. Collectively they wish to move forward, honour the work started many years ago by our tūpuna to secure a future for our people. On the instruction of Mōkai Pātea Nui Tonu, Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust are ready to commence negotiations with the Crown.

We are ready to settle our Treaty of Waitangi Claims with the Crown. We can not do that until we formally have your authority to enter into negotiations with the Crown.

Help Make a difference

You can make a difference. Take action in determining the future for you, your children, your mokopuna and future generations to come. Give the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust the authority to settle our Treaty of Waitangi Claims with the Crown. We are preparing to ask you to vote. Information on the vote will be coming soon. Vote āe. Vote Yes.

Get your whānau to register

Check with your immediate whānau, cousins and ask them if they are registered. Any person that has whakapapa to Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauiti, Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāti Whitikaupeka can register. Registration forms are available on our website:

https://mokaipateaclaims.maori.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/registration_form_v4.8.pdf

Download it, print it, fill out both sides, scan it or take a photo on your phone, email it back: mpwct@mokaipateaservices.org.nz

What to do now

- 1 Register as a voting member or check that you are registered and your mailing address is correct (vote packs will be posted to registered members)
 - 2 Make sure your whānau register too
 - 3 If you or whānau members are aged 18 years or over, make sure you exercise your right to vote when the vote dates are released.
 - 4 Vote in favour of the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust negotiating a settlement for all of us.
- Voting papers and more details will be mailed to you soon

Stay informed

We are working to provide more regular communication through email (e-panui) and a printed newsletter. Make sure you have given us your contact details to stay informed.

Attend any of the Hui a rohe or wānanga we advertise in Newspapers, on Facebook and our website.

Facebook is an efficient way for communicating with our community search for Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust or use @mpwct.

Check regularly on our website www.mokaipateaclaims.maori.nz for historical and current updates.

The documents lodged in the Wai 2180: Taihape District Inquiry are available on the Waitangi Tribunal Website <https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/WT/> and search for WAI:2180 documents

Waitangi Tribunal Path 2019

By December 2018 all Mōkai Pātea Tangata Whenua evidence had been presented to the Tribunal. Our focus now shifts to examining the Crown Evidence and Crown Response. Including the additional research commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal Panel which will include additional hearing/s for

- Landlocked Land and
- Customary Interests in Kawekā and Gwavas Crown Forestry Lands.

The Waitangi Hearings are expected to conclude in 2020 and the Tribunal panel will then begin writing it's report on the Wai:2180 Taihape District Inquiry. The report is estimated to be available in late 2022.

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Hearing Week 9 - March 2019

Attention shifted to the first of Crown evidence in March at Waiouru. The Crown witnesses included Department of Conservation and NZ Defence. Taking Tangata Whenua land for defence purposes, the use of that land for other than defence purposes (including commercial or recreation access) whilst tangata whenua were not afforded the same access, was one of the key cross examinations by legal counsel.

A bittersweet highlight was an escorted site visit through the Waiouru Army Base to significant sites Waiū Pa, Auahitōtara Pa and the Moawhanga dam.



Auahitōtara Pa Site -NZ Army Base Waiouru

The week concluded with a Mōkai Pātea Panel presentation on the mana whenua relationship with the Kaimanawa Horses.



Kaimanawa Horses NZ Army Base Waiouru March 2019

Hearing Week 10 - November 4- 8

Due to illness of two Panel Members the second week of Crown evidence set for July, has been moved to 4 – 8 November 2019. The venue has not been confirmed. We will provide updates on Facebook, our Website and future newsletters when a venue is confirmed by the Waitangi Tribunal Panel.

Coming Up

- ▶ Info Wānanga TOKAANU HOTEL, Sunday 26 MAY, 12:30 PM
- ▶ Info Wānanga ST JOSEPHS/TE RAU ORIWA, UPPER FLOOR, 1 CAMPBELL STREET, WHANGANUI, Monday 27 MAY 6.30pm
- ▶ Mandate Voting and Hui dates to be advised soon

Follow us on Facebook and Website for updates on:

- Waitangi Tribunal Hearing dates and venues
- Hui and Wānanga