

Notification of Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust Members Vote

The Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust is seeking a mandate to represent Māori Pūtea in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown and invites the Māori Pūtea claimant community to attend a mandate voting/hui at any of the following venues:

- Saturday 25 June, 10am-12pm, Old Taranaki Hospital Cafeteria, Hospital Road, Taranaki
- Saturday 25 June 1pm-3pm, Kingsgate Hotel, 887 Victoria Avenue, Whangarei
- Sunday 26 June, 1pm-3pm, The Poutini Club, Sports Room, 1 Lodge Place, Araroa
- Friday 22 June, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Tokoroa Hotel Conference Room, 525 State Highway 6, Turangi
- Saturday 22 June, 10am-1pm, Taranaki Town Hall, Lee Road, Taranaki
- Sunday 23 June, 10am-1pm, Holiday Inn Auckland Airport, 1 Acacia Road, Airport Oaks, Auckland

The hui will provide information to the Māori Pūtea claimant community about the Crown's Treaty settlement policy and the Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust's mandate process. The hui will provide the opportunity to vote on the Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust representing Māori Pūtea in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

All members of the Māori Pūtea claimant community over 18 years of age are eligible to vote at a mandate voting/hui, by postal vote or online voting, on the following resolution:

That the Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust is mandated to represent the Māori Pūtea Ngā Tūpuna claimant community in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all of the ancestral claims of Māori Pūtea Ngā Tūpuna.

The mandate voting period opens on 26 June 2024 and closes at 5pm on 8 July 2024. The vote will be administered by Independent Election Services Limited, www.independentelections.co.nz. Those who are registered with the Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust will receive a voting pack to the address you have provided to us. If you do not receive a voting pack, please contact the Returning Officer.

If you wish to vote but are not on the Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust's register or wish to vote but do not want to be on the register, you can do so by casting a special vote noting your challenges. Direction for special votes will be carried out by those knowledgeable in the whānau of that Māori Pūtea iwi.

The Claimant Community means all persons who affiliate by way of verified whānau papers one or more of the four confederated Māori Pūtea iwi of Ngāi To Oruoko, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Whānauāpai or Ngāi Tamakiwhiri and their respective hapū. This includes those who are within the claimant community and have chosen not to register as a member of the Māori Pūtea Whānau Claims Trust.

For further information:

- about voting and obtaining a vote pack please contact: Returning Officer, Dale Oruoko, Ph: 0800 432 432 or info@independentelections.co.nz
- about the mandate strategy please contact: Programme Manager, Leanne Scudman Ph: 0800 388 488 or pm@independentelections.co.nz