

Hui-ā-Iwi

# Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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## Government Share Offer

The Trust has now commenced formal negotiation meetings with the Crown towards a Letter of Agreement in early 2014. As part of its initial negotiation meetings, the Trust is discussing the Government Share Offer ("GSO").

In our last newsletter, we noted that the initial public offering for Mighty River Power was scheduled for March 2013. It is now likely to be an April 2013 offering with the Mighty River Power prospectus due in the next week or so. The Trust will then be able to review that information and get financial and legal advice on the offer to help with any decision to purchase shares.

The cost of purchasing shares will be deducted from its overall settlement quantum. No specific quantum figure has been negotiated yet but the Crown has provided an indication of the "quantum band" which the Trust falls under. Based on that quantum band, the Trust is entitled to use up to 10% of the midpoint of that band to purchase shares across the GSO Programme. This percentage is based on the fact that Rangitāne are a "local" iwi with Mighty River Power plants within their rohe.

The Trust has signalled an interest in the Government Share Offer programme and purchasing shares in Mighty River Power. The Trust hasn't committed to anything at this stage but is taking the opportunity to understand the offer fully and will be receiving further information regarding the Mighty River Power shares when it becomes available.

The Trust would also like the opportunity to speak with the iwi at the upcoming hui-ā-iwi and hear feedback before making any decision.

*Tini whētū ki te rangi, ko  
Rangitāne ki te whenua.*

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*Ngā mihi ki a koutou,  
ngā uri o Rangitāne.*

## Hui-ā-Iwi

**Āhea:** Friday 19 April 2013, 6pm-7.30pm

**Kei hea:** Te Oreore Marae, Masterton

### Kaupapa

1. Mihi Whakatau/Karakia
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## Update on Negotiations

As mentioned, the Trust is now in formal negotiations with the Crown. The discussions are based on a tailored workplan factoring in the unique projects which the Trust is working on with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa - Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua Trust ("NKKW-TNAR"). There are also other projects, like research, which the Trust can carry out

### NKKW-TNAR Projects

Given the nature of the shared interests between the two groups, we are working on two projects.

The first is the process under the Treaty Settlement Engagement Policy ("TSEP") signed by the two groups to deal with shared hapū and marae. This process will involve a series of hui over the next six months to discuss the extent of shared interests in the various hapū and marae claimed by both groups.

The second project is the Property Pro-

ject which is designed to look at all sites across the region which are available to be transferred as redress. This project will involve an initial phase of identifying those properties available which will be carried out over the coming months.

### Research

Research to assist the negotiations is also underway with Heather Bassett and Richard Kay appointed as historians. The Trust has also appointed Manahi Paewai, Joseph Potangaroa and Tipene Chrisp as cultural advisors for this mahi.

### PSGE

Following the Trust AGM last December, a Working Party was set up to progress discussions around the post settlement governance entity. The Working Party will prepare recommendations for the Trust that will be taken back to the iwi in due course.



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Nui-ā-Rua  
[www.rangitane.co.nz](http://www.rangitane.co.nz)

## Ngāti Kahu Remedies Report

In February, the Waitangi Tribunal released the Ngāti Kahu Remedies Report regarding the Ngāti Kahu application for the return of land and assets totalling \$260 million.

Ngāti Kahu sought a binding recommendation that the Crown return a series of properties to the iwi.

The Tribunal found that redress for the wrongful dispossession of 70% of Ngāti Kahu lands by 1865 was long overdue but that the wider Te Hiku Treaty settlement negotiations (encompassing Ngāti Kahu) meant the use of binding powers was inappropriate here.

In 2008, Ngāti Kahu and four other iwi of Te Hiku entered into collective negotiations with the Crown. In 2011, Ngāti Kahu exited those collective negotiations to seek a different kind of settlement, resulting in this application to the Tribunal to return properties to Ngāti Kahu.

The Tribunal found that binding orders to return those properties to Ngāti Kahu would have impacted on the Te Hiku collective negotiations and their respective agreements with the Crown.

In making its findings, the Tribunal considered the various factors taken into account by the Crown when dealing with overlapping claims and the allocation of redress. The level of customary interests in an area are important and will be assessed by the Crown where overlapping claimant groups cannot agree.

The Crown has placed increased importance on dealing with overlapping claims at the outset. The high number of urgency applications to the Tribunal in recent from Wai claimants and overlapping claimant groups challenging mandates and settlements has shown the need for groups to communicate with their beneficiaries and engage with overlapping claimant groups early on.