

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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Update on Negotiations

On behalf of Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua, the Trust signed an Agreement in Principle ("AIP") with the Crown on 28 March 2014. The AIP provides specific cultural, commercial and financial redress to Rangitāne to be further negotiated for inclusion in a final Deed of Settlement ("DOS") between Rangitāne and the Crown.

The AIP is fairly comprehensive and provides detail about specific redress so that there is less to be negotiated and worked through for the DOS. There are still some negotiations and discussions to be held over specific redress, which will happen with the Crown over the coming months. The Trust will also continue any discussions with overlapping iwi groups as needed through to DOS.

At the hui-ā-iwi held at Mākirikiri Marae on 15 May 2014, the Trust presented the detail of the AIP to those present and provided opportunity for feedback. The Trust always welcomes feedback and comments from the Rūnanga and iwi members, and will continue with regular communications and hui-ā-iwi through to DOS.

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

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



The Rangitāne Tū Mai Ra Trust ("Tū Mai Ra") has also been formally established as the post settlement governance entity following the ratification process carried out in late 2013. Tū Mai Ra is the entity that will receive all redress under the settlement. The Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust still holds the mandate to complete the settlement negotiations and present the initialled DOS to the iwi for ratification.



Overview of Whanganui River Settlement

Whanganui Iwi negotiators recently initialled the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement. The Iwi also signed the formal Te Awa Tupua Framework Document following negotiations with the Crown.

The settlement includes \$80 million of financial redress for Whanganui Iwi together with cultural redress around the River, Crown acknowledgements and apology and an agreed historical account.

The financial redress includes the establishment of an additional \$30 million contestable fund available to persons or groups seeking funding for initiatives related to Te Awa Tupua.

Te Awa Tupua

The Framework Document:

- Recognises the status of the River and its tributaries as Te Awa Tupua, an integrated living being whole—indivisible from the mountains to the sea.
- Establishes the River as a legal entity with its own legal standing, enabling the river to have legal standing and an independent voice.

- Develops a set of values, recognising the intrinsic characteristics of the River and providing guidance on decisions.
- Enables appointment of two people to the role of Te Pou Tupua to act on behalf of Te Awa Tupua and uphold its status and promote its health and wellbeing.
- Allows for a 'Whole of River Strategy'. The purpose of the Strategy is to ensure the long term environmental, social, cultural and economic health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua. The group will have ongoing roles monitoring the implementation of the Strategy, providing a forum for raising issues and reviewing the Strategy after 10 years.
- Will vest Crown-owned parts of the river bed in the name of Te Awa Tupua. Any 'landowner' functions in relation to the former Crown-owned parts of the riverbed will be exercised by Te Pou Tupua.

The Whanganui Iwi historical land claims are still to be settled via negotiations between the Crown and Iwi.

Historical Account

One of the key outstanding issues for inclusion in the Deed of Settlement is the historical account.

A historical account provides background for the Crown acknowledgements and the apology included in Deed of Settlement. Crown acknowledgements have been included in the Rangitāne Agreement in Principle already. Since the signing of the Agreement in Principle, the Trust has further discussed the drafting of the historical account with the Crown historian.

In preparing the historical account, the Trust's historians, Heather Bassett and Michael Kay, and the Crown historian will refer to the existing body of documents. This includes reports and evidence

prepared for the Waitangi Tribunal hearings.

The Trust's team of cultural advisors will also provide advice and background information to the historians. The Trust's cultural advisors are Manahi Paewai, Joseph Potangaroa and Tipene Chrisp.

The historical account will tell part of the history of Rangitāne as it relates to Treaty settlement grievances. Alongside this will be the Crown apology, which will be prepared by the Crown.

As the name suggests, the apology in the Deed of Settlement will formally apologise for the Crown breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi.



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