



PARIKARANGARANGA

Agreement in Principle signing at Parliament 22 September 2011

On the day – 22 September 2011

More than 100 kaumātua and representatives of Maungaharuru Tangitu hapū arrived at Parliament to sign the Agreement in Principle. The Agreement sets out a redress package which includes cultural, financial and commercial redress to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of the hapū.

Matua Bevan Taylor, Chairperson of Maungaharuru - Tangitu Incorporated acknowledged the contributions of two original claimants - Rangī Taurima (Boy) and Rere Puna, who have now passed on. Those present also acknowledged all the whānau that were unable to attend but were celebrating from afar.

“This is a milestone to celebrate. While the events that have led us here are not cause for celebration, our whānau have worked long and hard to get to this point, and the event deserves to be acknowledged accordingly,” commented Tania Hopmans, Deputy Chairperson.

The Minister closed the formalities saying, “The Maungaharuru-Tangitu committee were very compelling in presenting your story to me. The Crown acknowledges the legitimacy of your grievances and your enduring sense of grievance in particular with regard to the Crown’s purchasing practises. I thank you all very much for your patience, determination and leadership.”



Photo: Whānau arriving at Parliament.

Photographer: Paul Fisher.



Photo: Minister of Treaty Negotiations, Hon Chris Finlayson standing as Matua Bevan Taylor signs the agreement.

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Photo: Maungaharuru-Tangitu Incorporated committee members and whānau.
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Media coverage

For details of the media coverage on the day view these website links.

Te Karere -

<http://www.youtube.com/user/tekareremaorinews#p/u/50/dTVY7ru1Tf8>

Te Kaea - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v41sh3iki_Q

Radio NZ - <http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/te-manu-korihi/85900/signing-marks-'milestone'-for-hawke's-bay-hapu>

Minister Finlayson - <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/agreement-principle-signed-maungaharuru-tangitu-hap%C5%AB>

Scoop - <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA1109/S00429/agreement-in-principle-signed-with-maungaharuru-tangitu-hapu.htm>

NOTE: Photos, audio and video footage of the event will be shortly uploaded to the website at www.tangoio.maori.nz/maungaharuru-tangitu-incorporated/

Summary of the Crown's redress

The Crown's redress package for the hapū includes:

- an historical account and Crown acknowledgements, which form the basis for a Crown apology to the hapū;
- cultural redress; and
- financial redress and commercial redress.

For full details on the Crown's redress package go to

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Photo: Lake Opouahi (above) Photographer: Robin Shirkey



Photo: Lake Tūtira (above) Photographer: Robin Shirkey

Cultural redress

- \$2 million for the Marae Relocation Fund.
- Transfer of 250 ha of the Opouahi Station.
- Transfer of part of the Opouahi Scenic Reserve (approx 36 ha) subject to various easements.
- Transfer of three reserves (part of Opouahi Scenic Reserve, and Boundary Stream and Bellbird Bush Scenic Reserves) on condition that the land is gifted back to the Crown within a specified period from the date of transfer.
- Vesting part of the lakebed of Lake Tūtira, and the lake beds of Lakes Opouahi, Waikopiro and Orakai subject to reserve status and any existing third party rights.
- Vesting of part of the Whakaari Landing Place Reserve (Whakaari pā and Flat Rock) subject to reserve status.
- \$15,000 to erect pouwhenua on sites of historical and cultural importance to the hapū.

Relationship redress

- Protocols setting out the way in which specific government agencies will interact with the hapū in the future.
- Letter of recognition from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry confirming the appointment of an advisory committee in relation to the Wairoa Hard.
- A partnership agreement with the Minister of Conservation over public conservation land in the takiwā.
- Membership of the hapū on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Joint Planning Committee.

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Financial and commercial redress

- The financial redress amount to be paid is \$23 million.
- Interest will accrue on that amount until settlement date.
- The hapū will have the opportunity to purchase part of the Crown's Esk Forest, subject to agreement about the division of the forest between the hapū and their neighbours, Ngāti Hineuru.
- The Crown will agree a list of commercial properties that may be purchased by the hapū on settlement date, and a list of commercial properties that may be purchased at a later date.
- The Crown will also agree an area within which the hapū will have a right of first refusal for 172 years to purchase Crown properties, should they become surplus.

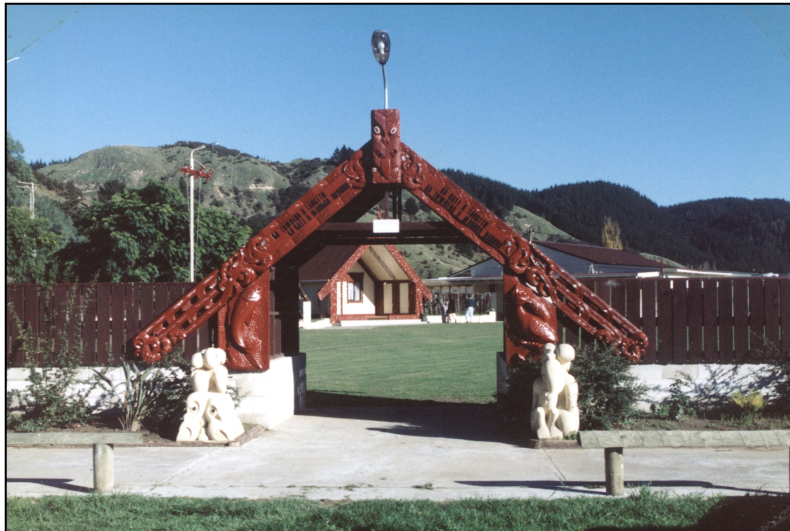


Photo: Tangoio marae
Courtesy of Maungaharuru-Tangitu Inc.

What next?

The Crown and Maungaharuru-Tangitu Incorporated will now start negotiations towards a Deed of Settlement. The Deed will set out the redress in detail. Once a Deed has been negotiated, Maungaharuru-Tangitu Incorporated will then seek the approval of the hapū to sign the Deed on their behalf. Once the Deed is approved and signed, legislation will be introduced into Parliament to give effect to the Deed and the settlement. When the legislation is passed, settlement will occur. It is anticipated that this next phase could take between 18 to 24 months, with settlement to occur sometime during 2013.

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