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Tēnā kōrua

### **Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua: Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlement**

On 29 October 2021 the Crown signed a Deed of Settlement (the Deed) with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua for the settlement of all their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. Since then, the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Claims Settlement Act 2022 passed into law and has been enacted. This signals a new chapter for the relationship between Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua, the Crown and local authorities.

I was heartened to see representatives from Greater Wellington Regional Council alongside other local government and Crown officials at the ceremony on 23 March, where I delivered the apology on behalf of the Crown to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua for the historic breaches of Te Tiriti of Waitangi.

I am writing to encourage you to engage and meet with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust (Settlement Trust), the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua post-settlement governance entity (PSGE), to discuss matters of common interest if you have not done so already.

#### *Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua*

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua form a group of interconnected hapū with strong whakapapa association to Ngāti Kahungunu iwi. Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua hapū occupy the most southern regions of Ngāti Kahungunu and comprise two of the six regions that make up the Ngāti Kahungunu iwi – Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua (Tararua) and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa.

The geographical extent of the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua rohe is one million hectares. Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua is made up of hapū karanga (grouping of related hapū). A map of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua's area of interest is attached as **Appendix 1**.

#### *Settlement of historical claims*

The Deed is conditional on the settlement legislation that was enacted in December 2022. The settlement comprises both cultural and commercial redress.

This is set out in detail in the Deed which can be accessed online via the following link: <https://www.govt.nz/browse/history-culture-and-heritage/treaty-settlements/find-a-treaty-settlement/ngati-kahungunu-ki-wairarapa-tamaki-nui-a-rua/>.

### *Post-settlement governance*

The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua claimant community has ratified the Settlement Trust as its PSGE. The Crown has approved the PSGE as a representative, accountable and transparent entity to receive and manage settlement redress on behalf of the members of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua. Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua are an important stakeholder in the Wairarapa and Tāmaki nui-a-Rua regions and their PSGE will take a prominent role in providing for the social, cultural and economic well-being of their members.

### *Greater Wellington Regional Council's settlement commitments to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua*

I note that my officials have already written to you about Greater Wellington Regional Council's obligations to recognise statutory acknowledgements in May 2023 and that you will already be aware of other settlement commitments Greater Wellington Regional Council has toward Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua.

While Greater Wellington Regional Council has statutory obligation to give effect to and participate in this redress, I encourage you to look beyond these obligations and to identify opportunities to work with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua.

### *Relationships*

One of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua's key aspirations they aim to achieve through their Treaty settlement is the restoration of their people to their former selves. To this end, during the course of the negotiations with the Crown, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua sought the opportunity to develop on-going relationships with a number of relevant organisations including local authorities such as Greater Wellington Regional Council. Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua wish to work with Greater Wellington Regional Council to develop and maintain an effective and durable relationship.

The protection and enhancement of the natural environment was a key priority for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua during the settlement negotiations and remains so looking to the future. This is reflected in a number of components of the settlement package including the Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board, the Natural Resources Committee for Wairarapa Moana and the Ruamahanga River catchment, the Manawatū River Advisory Board, and relationship agreements with the Ministry for the Environment and the Department of Conservation. Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua also seek to ensure that they use best environmental practice as they work to restore their economic base through development of their settlement assets.

Accordingly, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua seek to develop relationships with those organisations whose functions impact on their taonga tuku iho, such as the Greater Wellington Regional Council , in order to ensure that their rights and interests are better reflected in these organisations' work.

*Entering into a formal relationship agreement with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua*

A memorandum of understanding is often a good way to set out agreed frameworks for future relationships. You may wish to consider entering into such an agreement with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to contact Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua through the trustees of the Settlement Trust. It is my hope that you will develop an effective and durable working relationship that enables both parties to realise outcomes of mutual benefit. I appreciate that you or individuals at Greater Wellington Regional Council may already have an established relationship with the Settlement Trust and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua and I encourage you to continue to take the opportunity to nurture and grow this relationship.

You can contact the trustees at:

The Trustees  
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust  
PO Box 756  
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If you have any further questions, please contact Fern Hyett, Regional Director at the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti at [fern.hyett@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:fern.hyett@tearawhiti.govt.nz) or 027 563 3607.

Nāku noa, nā



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# Appendix 1

