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OVERVIEW REPORT ON NGATI POROU KI HAURAKI MANDATE HUI

Introduction

This is a summary report on Te Puni Kōkiri's observation of the mandate hui conducted by the Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki (Te Rūnanga). Te Rūnanga was seeking mandate from Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki iwi members to negotiate with the Crown their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. Hui were held in the Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki rohe and major urban areas across the North Island during March 2011.

Mandate Hui Details

Notification

The hui were advertised in the public notices section of the following papers:

Date	Newspaper
12 February 2011	Daily Post (Rotorua)
12 February 2011	Dominion Post
12 February 2011	Gisborne Herald
15 February 2011	Hauraki Herald
12 February 2011	Hawke's Bay Today
12 February 2011	New Zealand Herald

Notification was placed in the newspapers at least 21 days prior to each hui and iwi members were notified through Te Rūnanga meetings, emails and letters. The public notice clearly stated the purpose of the hui and specifically mentioned the need to obtain mandate for Te Rūnanga to enter into negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims for and on behalf of Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki. The advertisements also clearly stated the resolution to be voted on, the eligibility to vote and the agenda for the hui.

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Hui schedule and attendance

An attendance register was available at all hui.

Date	Time	Location	Venue	Attendance*
7 March 2011	6pm	Porirua	Marina Motor Lodge	23
8 March 2011	6pm	Napier	Quality Inn	16
9 March 2011	6pm	Gisborne	Emerald Hotel & Conference Centre	22
10 March 2011	6pm	Rotorua	Heritage Hotel	12
11 March 2011	6pm	Auckland	Waipareira Trust Head Office	20
13 March 2011	10am	Thames-Coromandel	Harataunga Marae	43
Total				136

*This number is approximate and does not include attendees under 18, TPK observers and Te Rūnanga representatives and interim negotiators.

Hui Process

Except for the first one, all of the mandate hui followed a consistent process and format. The hui adhered to the format outlined below:

- Mihi Whakatau/Karakia
- Presentation on Treaty negotiations progress and mandate proposal
- Questions and answers
- Voting on resolutions
- Karakia Whakamutunga

Purpose of hui

The purpose of the hui was stated as being:

- to provide members of Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki with information about the mandate proposal;
- to vote on whether Te Rūnanga is mandated to represent the people in comprehensive settlement negotiations; and
- to confirm Fred Thwaites and John Tamihere as negotiators.

Chair / Minute-taker

The hui were chaired by Fred Thwaites and there was no minute-taker.

Presentation

The Chair introduced the hui and the agenda. The role of the independent observers from Te Puni Kōkiri was explained to the hui.

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A standard PowerPoint presentation was delivered at each hui by Fred Thwaites, one of the interim negotiators.

The presentation comprised the following topics:

- Present situation
- Treaty negotiations and settlement process
- Mandate (including who and what claims will be covered)
- Negotiators and accountability
- Voting process

Issues Raised

Attendees were given ample opportunity at hui to ask questions, which the interim negotiators endeavoured to answer as fully as possible. A range of questions were asked across the hui. Below is a summary of questions and answers commonly made.

Who is covered by the mandate

Some attendees asked for clarification about the relationship between Te Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Porou in Te Tairāwhiti. The presenters explained that both groups were distinct but had whakapapa links and people from Te Tairāwhiti (and elsewhere) were entitled to be represented by Te Rūnanga as long as they had a whakapapa connection with Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki.

Individual Wai claims

Another set of questions related to the Wai claims to be settled by Te Rūnanga. In particular, the issue of how Wai 792 would be settled was raised at several hui. The presenters reiterated the information outlined in the PowerPoint presentation, namely that Wai 289, Wai 792 and Wai 866 will be settled and Wai 968 as far as it relates to Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki. They added that the claims will be settled as a single claim. One of the claimants for Wai 792 strongly expressed her concerns with the treatment of the claim. The presenters suggested that if people have an interest in a particular claim, they can be involved in working parties. However, this would only be progressed once the mandate of Te Rūnanga has been confirmed.

Allocation of settlement redress across the 12 iwi on the Hauraki Collective

Hui attendees asked how the redress package negotiated by the Hauraki Collective will be allocated among the 12 iwi. The presenter explained that no decision had been made by the Hauraki Collective on the redress allocation and that discussions would need to take place soon on this matter.

Voting Results

The voting was by ballot at each hui and was counted by the TPK observers. To be eligible to vote, attendees had to be registered with Te Rūnanga and be over 18. The results are as follows:

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Resolution 1:

That Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki is mandated to represent Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki in comprehensive negotiations to settle Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Location	For	Against
Porirua	19	0
Napier	11	0
Gisborne	18	0
Rotorua	12	0
Auckland	18	0
Thames-Coromandel	41	10
Total	119	10

Resolution 2:

That Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki confirm Fred Thwaites and John Tamihere as the negotiators for Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki.

Location	For	Against
Porirua	19	0
Napier	11	0
Gisborne	16	2
Rotorua	12	0
Auckland	18	0
Thames-Coromandel	42	9
Total	118	11

Conclusion

Each hui was conducted in a consistent, fair, and transparent manner. All questions were answered as fully, and as clearly as possible. The information was delivered in a way that was easy for all to understand. Hui locations and venues were appropriate for the size and location of the Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki population. Sufficient notice of the hui was given.