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## Maniapoto to sign agreement in principle

### Media Statement

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The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (MMTB) have agreed to sign an agreement in principle (AIP) today (15th August 2017) with the Crown, to settle the historical treaty claims of Maniapoto me ona hapū maha. Significant progress has been made over the past eight months by the settlement negotiations team and work will continue to proceed in order to reach a deed of settlement.

MMTB Chairman, Tiwha Bell recognises that this is a positive step forward and is very pleased to see how much has been achieved to date. "This is an important milestone that our iwi and team should be very proud of achieving. Now that an AIP will be signed, it is imperative that we continue to forge ahead to get the best outcome for our people."

A key focus of the team has been to take an inclusive approach with our people to ensure everyone has had an opportunity to have their say throughout this journey. A number of workshops have been held throughout the motu (country) providing updates on the various aspects of a Treaty Settlement package with Maniapoto. "The Hui a Iwi held recently in Otorohanga included detailed discussions around the AIP with our people. It was a great turnout with valuable engagement throughout. We acknowledge the anxieties amongst some iwi members but we are committed to moving forward and have tasked the negotiating team with delivering the best outcome for the iwi to reach its aspirations" states Mr Bell.

AIP Signing details are as follows:

Te Rā: 15th August 2017

Te Wā: 12.00pm Pōwhiri

Kei: Banquet Hall, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

To keep informed on what is happening within the settlement space, we encourage you and your whānau to register or update your details on the Maniapoto Tribal Register. Details can be found at [www.maniapoto.iwi.nz/tribal-register/](http://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz/tribal-register/)

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