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### **Funding to engage in the removal/amendment process in the Maniapoto Deed of Mandate**

In the Maniapoto Mandate Inquiry Report (December 2019), the Waitangi Tribunal recommended claimants would benefit from clarification of funding available for the removal or amendment process set out in the Maniapoto Deed of Mandate.<sup>1</sup> This letter outlines the steps of the mandate amendment process the Crown would consider funding, who can apply, and at what stage funding will be considered.

#### *Funding withdrawal process steps*

Funding for the mandate amendment process will be available for activities described in Section 15 of the Maniapoto Deed of Mandate, such as: giving public notice of the meeting, holding hui, associated administration and travel costs, and conducting any ballot.

#### *Who can apply for funding*

Te Arawhiti expects the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (MMTB) will incur most of the costs of the process and will be eligible for funding for that. This includes commissioning third-parties to assist with dispute resolution, validating the 350 signatures needed to call a Special General Meeting (SGM), as well as advertising and organising the SGM.

Sub-groups included within the mandate are also eligible to apply for Crown funding. Funding applications will be considered under Te Arawhiti's exceptional circumstances funding mechanism. Applications will be considered in line with the Crown's criteria (see template and guidelines provided). Funding cannot be used for litigation against the Crown.

#### *At what stage will funding be considered*

Funding for sub-groups would likely be considered only for steps to be taken after the dispute resolution process has occurred and a petition calling for a special general meeting with 350 signatures has been presented to the MMTB, as specified in the deed of mandate.

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Nāku noa, nā



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/MMTB-Final-Deed-of-Mandate.pdf>