



## Information Sheet

### Ngāti Hikairo

#### Overview

1. The purpose of this information sheet is to provide Ngāti Hikairo with information for upcoming hui to ultimately determine whether Ngāti Hikairo is named as a shared group in the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.
2. Inclusion of Ngāti Hikairo in the Maniapoto claimant definition is intended to appropriately recognise links between these groups and would not remove the ability to settle Hikairo claims elsewhere.
3. Two hui will be held as follows:
  - (a) Mōkai Kainga Marae, Kāwhia. Saturday, 26 September 2020 at 10am; and
  - (b) Kāwhia Hall, Kāwhia. Sunday, 4 October 2020 at 10am.
4. At those hui, Ngāti Hikairo members (whether or not registered with Maniapoto Māori Trust Board ("MMTB")) will be invited to vote by show of hands on the following resolution;

*That Ngāti Hikairo be recorded as a descent group of Maniapoto ("shared group" with historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi) in the claimant definition for the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.*
5. Ngāti Hikairo members (whether or not present at the hui) will also be invited to file submissions on the proposed claimant definition and related matters (see below).
6. A similar process will be conducted concurrently for Ngāti Apakura members. Those affiliated with both Ngāti Apakura and Ngāti Hikairo can participate in both processes.
7. Please note that the health and well-being of our people is the absolute priority. Therefore, this hui will only proceed if New Zealand is in COVID-19 Alert Level 2 or below.

#### Relationship between Ngāti Hikairo and MMTB

##### *Ngāti Hikairo*

8. Ngāti Hikairo straddles a small buffer region between Ngāti Maniapoto and Waikato iwi. MMTB recognises Ngāti Hikairo as a group with affiliations to both Ngāti Maniapoto and Waikato-Tainui and acknowledges some Ngāti Hikairo regard themselves as an iwi separate to Ngāti Maniapoto and Waikato-Tainui. Through whakapapa, a number of Ngāti Hikairo members affiliate to Maniapoto marae and tūpuna and are therefore included in the MMTB mandate and the Maniapoto settlement.

### *Claimant Definition*

9. Ngāti Hikairo are not currently listed as a group in the MMTB Deed of Mandate (“DOM”). The DOM records that Maniapoto recognises Ngāti Hikairo as a distinct iwi / hapū within the Rohe Pōtae with whakapapa connections to Maniapoto.
10. The Agreement in Principle (“AIP”) records that Maniapoto recognises Ngāti Hikairo as iwi / hapū who have whakapapa and other historical connections with Maniapoto. The AIP records the intention of Maniapoto and the Crown to explore how best to include Ngāti Hikairo claims in the Maniapoto settlement to the extent that these claims are based on descent from Maniapoto tūpuna.
11. This clarification of the MMTB mandate follows on from the DOM as well as the AIP, which recognises that Maniapoto has overlapping and shared interests and relationships with Ngāti Hikairo.
12. It is proposed Ngāti Hikairo claims will only be settled to the extent they arise through Maniapoto whakapapa and that the claims that do not arise through Maniapoto whakapapa will not be settled through the Maniapoto negotiations.
13. If Ngāti Hikairo agree to this proposal, they will be included as a descent group of Maniapoto (“shared group” with historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi) in the claimant definition section of the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.

### **Engagement**

#### *Initial Engagement*

14. MMTB held an initial engagement hui with Ngāti Hikairo to obtain their view on this proposed consultation process. A representative from the Crown attended the Ngāti Hikairo hui.
15. The purpose of the initial engagement hui was to inform Ngāti Hikairo members of the proposed consultation process, its purposes, and to seek their feedback on the process.
16. The initial engagement hui was held at Kāwhia Sports Club, Kāwhia on Sunday 16 December 2018.
17. Iwi members were advised of the initial engagement hui in the following ways:
  - (a) Email pānui sent to all MMTB registered iwi members with email addresses;
  - (b) MMTB RMC representatives spoke to/advised their respective marae/rohe;
  - (c) Invitations sent to known representative groups/entities and marae;
  - (d) Newspaper advertisements were placed in the Waikato Times and other local papers;
  - (e) Social media and MMTB website pānui; and
  - (f) Radio announcements on Maniapoto FM and Radio Tainui (where possible).

#### *Formal Engagement/Consultation*

18. The intention is that this process is for Ngāti Hikairo only (whether or not registered with MMTB) and is not a Maniapoto-wide process. Two further information hui will be held as follows:
  - (a) Mōkai Kainga Marae, Kāwhia. Saturday, 26 September 2020 at 10am; and
  - (b) Kāwhia Hall, Kāwhia. Sunday, 4 October 2020 at 10am.

19. Independent observers from Te Puni Kōkiri will be present at each hui.
20. Ngāti Hikairo members will be advised of these formal engagement/consultation hui in the following ways:
  - (a) Email pānui will be sent to all MMTB registered iwi members with email addresses, who indicate affiliations to Ngāti Hikairo;
  - (b) MMTB RMC representatives to speak to/advise their respective marae/rohe;
  - (c) Invitations will be sent to known representative groups/entities and marae;
  - (d) Newspaper advertisements will be placed in the Waikato Times and other local papers;
  - (e) Social media and MMTB website pānui; and
  - (f) Radio announcements on Maniapoto FM and Radio Tainui (where possible).

### **Resolutions to be voted on**

21. Ngāti Hikairo members only (whether or not registered with MMTB) who attend the above hui will be invited to vote by show of hands on the following resolution;

*That Ngāti Hikairo be recorded as a descent group of Maniapoto (“shared group” with historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi) in the claimant definition for the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.*

### **Submissions**

22. Iwi members (those who currently fall or will fall within the claimant definition for settlement negotiations purposes) are also invited to file submissions on the proposed claimant definition and related matters. Those submissions can be filed with MMTB: [tiriti@maniapoto.co.nz](mailto:tiriti@maniapoto.co.nz) or Te Arawhiti: [Submissions@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:Submissions@tearawhiti.govt.nz) or by post to Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, P O Box 36, Te Kūiti 3941. Submissions open on 26 September 2020 and close 10 working days after the last hui (5pm, 16 October 2020).

### **Eligibility to participate**

Those eligible to vote at the hui are those who:

- Affiliate to Ngāti Hikairo;
- Are 18 years or older at the date of the hui or filing of a submission.

Voting will be by show of hands. There will be no proxy votes. Crown observers will be present at the voting hui.

Iwi members (those who currently fall or will fall within the claimant definition for settlement negotiations purposes) are also invited to file submissions on the proposed claimant definition and related matters.

### **Next steps**

23. MMTB will propose either the inclusion of Ngāti Hikairo in the group list of the claimant definition as a group with affiliation to Maniapoto (a shared group) or that they not be included, taking into account both the voting results and the submissions. The voting results alone will not decide the outcome. Both MMTB and the Crown should agree on the approach to the inclusion of Ngāti Apakura in the claimant definition.
24. Following the information hui MMTB will provide Te Arawhiti with minutes and notes from the hui, received submissions, letters of support from marae, key groups and leaders and a report to Te Arawhiti. Te Arawhiti will then work with MMTB to come to an agreed position.

## Further Information

25. Those registered or not with MMTB may request further information from:
- (a) MMTB Website (<https://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz/>) including information sheet, and presentation. Ongoing updates via MMTB online platforms including Facebook, Tribal Register Email pānui.
  - (b) Emailing us at [tiriti@maniapoto.iwi.nz](mailto:tiriti@maniapoto.iwi.nz) or call us on 0800 668 285 for any further enquiries.

## VOTING FAQ's

- What will the voting process be at the hui?

Hui attendees will register at the attendance desk on arrival then receive a coloured stick to vote. The vote will be conducted by show of hands and will be counted aloud (collecting sticks as counted) by an independent person.
- Why is it only voting by show of hands at the hui?

This is common amongst groups, particularly where there is no formal register for those eligible to vote. People affiliated to Ngāti Hikairo who are not registered with MMTB are eligible to vote. It also ensures transparency as voting is at public hui. As there is no register, postal and online voting would be very difficult to scrutinise and ensure that only those eligible can vote.
- Why can't we have proxy votes?

As above, it is general practice for groups where there is no register to vote by show of hands not to have proxy votes. Without a register, it is very difficult to manage a proxy vote system and know whether any given person is eligible to vote. We will however factor in all feedback and/or submissions received as part of our report to Te Arawhiti on the process. A submission on behalf of several people may be made. Any email feedback/submissions will be annexed to that report in full.
- What is the cut-off date for submissions?

Submissions open on 26 September 2020 and close 5pm, 16 October 2020 (10 working days after the last hui).
- How do we check eligibility in terms of whakapapa?

As a starting point, this is a matter of trust. There is no formal verification of whakapapa as part of this process. Given we are voting at hui, if there are any concerns raised as to those present / voting, they should be resolved if possible, through discussion. If they cannot be resolved, we will need to note the concern and include in our report to Te Arawhiti (alongside minutes of the hui and the attendance registers).
- What percentage of the vote is needed to include Ngāti Hikairo as a shared group in the MMTB mandate and settlement?

As with all mandating processes, there is no magic number or formula - it is not a 50% pass mark. We will also take into account the information received in submissions. We will then propose whether Ngāti Hikairo is included in the group list of the claimant definition as a group with affiliation to Maniapoto (a shared group). MMTB will then work with Te Arawhiti to come to an agreed position.