



# Significant offer for Te Arawa

## Te Arawa signs Agreement in Principle settlement offer

The Arawa iwi and hapu represented by Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa have more than 20,000 members.

The historical grievances of our iwi and hapu relate to the operation of the Native Land Court, 19<sup>th</sup> century land purchases by the Crown, Maori land administration in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and public works and scenery preservation takings where hundreds of thousands of hectares of Maori land was taken through Crown processes.

The impact of the Crown's land takings caused severe economic, social and cultural deprivation for our people and severely affected potential economic growth that could have reflected in more positive statistics today.

This settlement offer made to Te Arawa today is hugely discounted from what is recognised by our iwi and hapu as being our true economic loss.

We are making a significant contribution to Rotorua and the wider region by not being fully compensated.

In 2003 Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council (Executive Council) was mandated by our affiliate iwi and hapu to negotiate their claims.

The Crown recognised the mandate of the Executive Council in April 2004, and negotiations on the settlement package began with the signing of Terms of Negotiation in November 2004.

Prior to this of course, a lot of planning and preparations went into negotiations.

On 5 September 2005, the Crown and the Executive Council signed an Agreement in Principle.

We had planned in late 2003 that we would aim to achieve an Agreement in Principle settlement offer with the Crown by September 2005.

We have done exactly that.

The Executive Council now wants to move on and achieve a Deed of Settlement in the shortest period of time.

The settlement negotiation process is basically low cost for the present day public purse in that the quantum value of the settlement comes from Treaty settlement funds set aside a decade ago and Crown forestry rentals agreed back in 1989 to progress claims relating to Crown forestry licensed lands.

We have seen hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money spent on litigation against this settlement negotiation process.



The delegation of iwi and hapu members who attended the recent signing of the Agreement in Principle at Parliament.

We do not want to see anymore taxpayer money than is necessary spent on this process because of long drawn out litigious battles.

We ask the Crown to also aim for the shortest timeframe based on this agreement to work on a detailed deed of settlement to minimise escalating costs.

We also want to ensure that our affiliate iwi and hapu and the wider community have a general knowledge of this settlement offer.

For this reason we have included all the necessary detail in this advertorial, including the reverse page.

If you are a descendant of any of the iwi and hapu represented by Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa, you are entitled to register with us and have your say on the settlement offer. To get a registration form, fill in the coupon on the right and send it to us.

## Registration of Interest

Please send me \_\_\_\_ (number of copies) registration forms for my whanau so we can register our interest in the claims being negotiated by Nga Kaihautu o Te Arawa Executive Council.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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I prefer all communication to be via (tick appropriate box): Post  Email

Put this completed form in an addressed envelope and send to:  
'Registration of Interest'  
Freepost Kaihautu  
PO Box 6084  
ROTORUA

## The affiliate iwi and hapu of Kaihautu

- ◆ Ngati Pikiao
- ◆ Ngati Tarawhai
- ◆ Ngati Rongomai
- ◆ Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao
- ◆ Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa
- ◆ Ngati Kea-Ngati Tuara
- ◆ Ngati Tura-Ngati Te Ngakau
- ◆ Ngati Ngararanui (Ngati Tamahika and Ngati Tuteaiti)
- ◆ Ngati Te Roro o Te Rangī
- ◆ Ngati Uenukukopako
- ◆ Ngati Rangiteaorere
- ◆ Ngati Tuteniu

# What's being offered

## A financial and commercial redress package, the settlement quantum being \$36million (plus interest) including

- ◆ The opportunity to take in kind more than 10,000ha of Crown forest licensed lands along with the accompanying accumulated Crown Forest Licence rentals, in the vicinity of \$12 million - \$15 million in addition to quantum
- ◆ The opportunity to purchase under a deferred selection process, at any time up to six months following settlement date:
  - ~ Crown-owned commercial properties
  - ~ Crown-owned geothermal assets
  - ~ Further Crown forest licensed lands (with the exclusive rights to purchase up to approximately 40,000 ha from within the Kaingaroa, Whakarewarewa, Highlands / Waimangu, Horohoro, Rotoehu Forests)

## A cultural redress package

- ◆ The vesting of 23 sites of cultural and spiritual significance in the Iwi and Hapu (totalling approx. 758 ha). The transfers are subject to the protection of existing interests such as conservation values and public access;
- ◆ Overlay Classifications over three sites owned by the Crown. (Rainbow Mountain Scenic Reserve, north-west slope of Mt Tarawera, part-Mount Ngongotaha Scenic Reserve. Under the overlay classifications the Crown will acknowledge a statement by the Iwi and Hapu of their values in relation to the sites;
- ◆ Statutory Acknowledgements over three rivers – part of the Tarawera River; part of the Kaituna River; part of the Waikato River (Huka Falls to Atiamuri); and the Waiteti and Ngongotaha Streams;
- ◆ Statutory Acknowledgement and Deed of Recognition over the Matahana Ecological Area at Horohoro; Statutory Acknowledgement over the Lake Rotokakahi / Lake Tikitapu Covenant Area.
- ◆ Statutory Acknowledgement over the geothermal water and geothermal energy located in the Rotorua Region Geothermal System;
- ◆ Protocols with the Department of Conservation, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and the Ministry of Fisheries, and a relationship agreement with the Ministry for the Environment;
- ◆ A ministerial letter to the Rotorua District Council seeking the Council's agreement to redress enabling the Council to take into account the values of the Iwi and Hapu in relation to the management of three Council-owned reserves (subject to continuing public access); - Hannah's Bay Recreation Reserve (plus recognition of Otairua Swamp and Karamuramu Baths); Waiteti Stream Recreation Reserve; and the Recreation Reserve at Lake Okareka.
- ◆ Ministerial letters to the Rotorua District Council, Environment Waikato and Environment Bay of Plenty encouraging these local authorities to enter into memoranda of understanding with the Iwi and Hapu;
- ◆ An undertaking to explore one place-name change;
- ◆ An undertaking to explore the vesting of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Springs Reserve (approx 45 ha) subject to reserve status and the existing perpetual lease to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, and in consultation with the Arts and Crafts Institute and overlapping iwi groups; and
- ◆ The future vesting of two sites, Matawhaura and Otari Pa (totalling approx. 35 ha), subject to existing reserve status and consultation with an overlapping iwi group.

## An historical account

Recognises the aspects of the relationship between the Crown and the iwi and hapu represented by the Executive Council that gave rise to breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi. The historical account will be further developed for inclusion in the Deed of Settlement. The Deed of Settlement will include Crown acknowledgements and a Crown apology for breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi, based on the historical account.



## The 23 sites to be returned

<u>Maunga Tapu</u>	<u>Hectares</u>
<i>Iconic Peaks</i>	
Ngongotaha – around summit	50
Rangitoto - peak	
Whakapoungakau range	50
Moerangi – around summit	50
Horohoro Bluff – adjacent site	75
Paeroa Ranges – two peaks	100
Matawhaura – around summit	32*

The peak of Tarawera and the Horohoro Bluff are currently in Maori ownership. Maunga Kakaramea (Rainbow Mountain) in this settlement offer is subject to an overlay classification status.

<u>Specific Sites</u>	<u>Hectares</u>
<i>Wahi Tapu (sacred sites)</i>	
<i>Wahi Whakahirahira (sites of traditional significance)</i>	
Te Wairoa (Rotoiti)	1
Pateko Island	0.2
Te Koutu Pa	
(Rotoiti / Okataina)	2
Otari Pa	2*
Land under Okataina lodge	1.5
Land under Okataina	
Outdoor Ed. Centre	20
Rotongata (lake bed)	0.7
Rotoatua (lake bed)	7.5
Te Ariki (Tarawera)	45
Punaromia	10
Rotomahana (dry land)	1.5
Kakapiko	5
Roto-a-Tamaheke	4.3
Rotokawa	
(lake bed and adjoining land)	7.5
Waiotapu	123
Orakei Korako	125
Whakarewarewa Thermal Springs Reserve	45*

\* / \*\* (future arrangements and further explorations to be consider)

## Will the settlement affect my rights as a member of the public?

- ◆ Public rights and access will not be affected
- ◆ No private property is involved
- ◆ No National Parks are involved
- ◆ No current lease arrangements will be affected
- ◆ Respect for waahi tapu