

Rongowhakaata Hui a Iwi

29 July 2007

Claims Coordinator Report

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

1. Introduction

1.1. Further to the Claims co-ordinator reports from 18 February and 29 April 2007, which are available at the Rongowhakaata Trust Office or upon request from the Claims Co-ordinator, this report is tabled to:

1.1.1. Update the iwi on the current status of the negotiations; and

1.1.2. Inform the iwi about an issue with the Turanga Forum, in particular with a view to the iwi providing some guidance to our Claims Committee and Negotiators on the issue.

2. Current status

2.1. On 29 May 2007 Rongowhakaata confirmed the Turanga Terms of Negotiations at a ceremony attended by most of the Turanga groups, the Ministers of Treaty Settlements and Maori Affairs, tangata whenua and other delegates and dignitaries.

2.2. The TON document set out:

(a) the parties to the negotiations, namely, the Crown, Ngai Tamanuhiri, Te Pou a Haokai and Rongowhakaata, including Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi; and

(b) the scope, objectives, guidelines and general procedures for the negotiations.

2.3. As discussed in the previous report, the signing of the TON marked the end of the “pre negotiations” stage and the beginning of the main part of the process, preparing for and completing the actual negotiation discussions with the Crown.

2.4. As part of those preparations, the Claims Committee and Negotiators consider that there are three essential matters that our processes must accommodate:

(a) Direct communication and consultation with the iwi, to inform Rongowhakaata about what’s happening with the negotiations and to provide the opportunity for our uri to engage with the CCOM and Negotiators about the negotiations process;

- (b) The development of sound written protocols with Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi around how we will interact together for the purposes of the negotiations in a manner that will best enable us to assist one another; and
- (c) The development of a collective strategy with the other Turanga groups to prepare for, manage and co-ordinate the collective Turanga negotiations.

2.5. In an effort to address the above matters the CCOM and Negotiators have developed several initiatives, which are presently being implemented. Those initiatives are detailed below:

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