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**KIA HIWARA! KIA HIWARA! BE ALERT! BE ALERT!**

**Kia hiwara I tenei tuku, ka hiwara i tena tuku, Kia tu, Kia oho, Kia mataara!**

**Be attentive on this rampart! Be alert on that rampart! Be upright! Be awake, Be wary!**

E nga uri o Rereahu, kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui! Ko te taniwha karauna e haruru ana.

Rereahu, be strong, be determined, be steadfast. The dragon is rumbling and will soon be upon us.

### **MMTB ACCEPT FAST TRACK MANDATE & SETTLEMENT PROCESS**

Government in its' haste to complete all major Treaty Settlements by the next election has taken a gamble that it can have the Maniapoto Large Natural Grouping Treaty Settlements done and dusted by August 2017, by getting MMTB to go it alone. MMTB withdrew support for Te Kawau Maro the organisation they established and played a leadership role in, then ditched them to work with OTS to take over the Treaty Settlement process on their own. Consequently MMTB is now engaged in a bitter battle with their own Maniapoto Hapu who feel badly treated by the MMTB. Some MMTB Board members including the Rereahu RMC member, walked out of the last MMTB Board meeting in protest at the treatment of one of the board members who was against the MMTB Mandate.

### **MMTB RENEG ON OFFER TO REREAHU**

MMTB engaged in discussions with TMoRIT in July and August 2016 offering to include Rereahu in their new representative model but then reneged and informed us one month later on 16 September that it was going it alone and would be seeking a mandate to settle all Maniapoto and Rereahu Treaty grievances. It now appears the discussions entered into with TMoRIT by MMTB were just a ploy designed to buy itself time to prepare its own mandate and get it signed off by OTS.

### **SUPPORT FOR HAPU COLLECTIVE SETTLEMENTS GROWING**

TMoRIT and Maniapoto Central Region Hapu jointly hosted a Hui a Iwi at Oparure Marae on Sunday 18 September attended by over 60 Rereahu and Maniapoto hapu representatives. The hui resolved to direct the MMTB to meet with Hapu representatives at Oparure Marae on Sunday 25 September. MMTB members did attend the meeting on 25 September, where Rereahu and Maniapoto Hapu representatives demanded that the MMTB amend the Mandate to provide for Multipole Hapu Collective Settlements and for MMTB to engage with Hapu representatives before the Mandate hui commenced. Resolutions were also passed to this effect. It is now in the MMTB hands to decide whether to listen to its people at home or to those living outside the region oblivious to what is happening. OTS and MMTB both know that most members live outside of the region.

### **FLAW IN MMTB SETTLEMENT MODEL**

Apart from TMoRT feeling aggrieved by the actions of MMTB, recent research completed shows that the MMTB strategy of a "One Iwi Settlement for all" is flawed and likely to result in a much lower quantum and settlement redress for Maniapoto when compared to Taranaki (8 Settlements), Ngati Kahungunu (8 Settlements under way) and recently Whanganui (4 Settlements under way). The Treaty settlement scene is far different than it was 20 years ago and the MMTB appears stuck in 1990s thinking of "One Iwi, One Settlement" with a Corporate mentality of centralized, paternalistic behaviour rather than of Regional economic, social and cultural diversity and freedom based on Hapu. MMTB is playing into the Crown hands unfortunately. So we need to act to stop this.

## **REREAHU TO GO ON OFFENSIVE**

**TMoRIT** has gone on the offensive and will be voicing opposition in various media including newspapers, radio and TV. We are also calling for all Rereahu members and whanau to vote against the MMTB Mandate and to also send in submissions to OTS opposing the draft MMTB Mandate. A template letter is attached for you to use. Simply insert the date, sign it and put your address on it. Then post it in the envelope provided or email it to OTS to the following Email: [OTS\\_subs@justice.govt.nz](mailto:OTS_subs@justice.govt.nz) Submissions must be in to OTS by Friday 28 October 2016.

We also need as many Rereahu members as possible to attend the Consultation Hui and voice opposition to the MMTB Mandate. Here are the details of the hui:

- Sunday 9 October 2016                      10.00am              Tauranga Moana Māori Trust  
Board Community Centre Hall, Tauranga
- Monday 10 October 2016                  5.30pm                Te Puea Memorial Marae, Auckland
- Tuesday 11 October 2016                5.30pm                Ngā Hau E Wha Marae, Christchurch
- Wednesday 12 October 2016            5.30pm                Te Hotu Manawa o Rangitāne o Manawatu  
Marae, Palmerston North
- Thursday 13 October 2016               5.30pm                Takapuwāhia Marae, Porirua
- Saturday 15 October 2016               10.00am               Mōkau Kohunui Marae, Piopio
- Sunday 16 October 2016                10.00am               Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa, Hamilton
- Sunday 16 October 2016                3.00pm                Mangatoatoa Marae, Tokanui
- Monday 17 October 2016                5.30pm                Mōkai Kainga Marae, Kawhia
- Tuesday 18 October 2016               5.30pm                Wharauroa Marae, Taumarunui
- Wednesday 19 October 2016            5.30pm                Te Kuiti Pā, Te Kuiti

**TMoRIT** is also considering what legal action to take and will update you on this when a decision has been made. We are doing this as Rereahu is an Iwi in its own right and therefore has everything to lose and MMTB and the Crown everything to gain.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA CAN MAKE DIFFERENCE**

We need all Rereahu to use social media ie, facebook, twitter etc. to get the message out that Rereahu are being unfairly treated by both the Crown and MMTB and will lose Rereahu lands and authority to a Maniapoto run organization unless we oppose the Mandate. Rereahu is an Iwi in its own right and Maniapoto is a Hapu of Rereahu therefore MMTB should be treating Rereahu with the respect it deserves. Ko Rereahu te tupuna, Ko Rereahu te Iwi, Mai Rangitoto ki Tuhua te Rohe!

## **REREAHU FUTURES CONFERENCE**

On a positive note **TMoRIT** has organized the “Rereahu Futures Conference” to be held at the Waitomo Caves Hotel on Friday 14 October 2016 commencing at 9.00am. Registration for Rereahu members is only \$10 and this can be paid on the day. Phone Pania Reed on 07 878 7177 for a Registration Form and a Programme or email her on [pania.reed@maraeroac.co.nz](mailto:pania.reed@maraeroac.co.nz) We have a fantastic line up of speakers both young and old and some entertainment as well. Nau mai Haere mai!

Brian Stanley, Chairman, Te Maru o Rereahu Iwi Trust.

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