

6 May 2026

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Re: Your request under the Official Information Act 1982

I refer to your 20 March request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**) for the following information:

- a) *"a full summary report of all submissions received and copies of individual submissions, correspondence and data relating to the mandate strategy"*.

On 14 April the timeframe for responding to your request was extended to 6 May under section 15(a) of the Act.

Response to your request

Please find attached at **Appendix One** a table of documents and information released in response to your request.

Some of this information has been withheld in part under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of a natural persons, including the deceased; and
- 9(2)(j) – negotiations sensitive.

Your request was considered for proactive release in line with Te Tari Whakataou's Official Information Act 1982 proactive release policy. Our assessment determined your request does fall within the scope for proactive release as its contents are of interest to the wider public. Our response to your request will be published in the next 20 days at [Te Tari Whakataou - Official Information Act responses](#) with your personal information removed.

You have the right under section 28(3) to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or phone 0800 802 602.

Should you have any queries or require further information, please contact Alex Mellows, Negotiation and Settlement Manager, at Alexandria.Mellows@whakatau.govt.nz.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RBatt', written in a cursive style.

Rosie Batt
Director

Appendix One: Table of documents for release

Table of documents provided under the Official Information Act 1982

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217.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	3
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220.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	6
221.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	7
222.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	8
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230.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	16-17
231.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	18-19
232.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	20
233.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	21
234.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	22
235.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	23-24
236.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	25
237.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	26
238.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	27
239.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	28
240.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	29
241.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	30
242.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	31
243.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	32
244.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	33

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247.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	36
248.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	37
249.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	38
250.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	39
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252.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	41
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254.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	44
255.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	45
256.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	46
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263.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	4
264.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	5
265.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	6
266.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	7
267.	22/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	8-12
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270.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	15
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274.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	19
275.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	20
276.	29/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	21
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280.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	25
281.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	26
282.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	27
283.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	28
284.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	29
285.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	30
286.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	31
287.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	32
288.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	33
289.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	34
290.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	35
291.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	36
292.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	37
293.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	38
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297.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	42
298.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	43
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321.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	23-24
322.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Released in full		25
323.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	26
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325.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	28-30
326.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	31-33
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330.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	43-45
331.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	46-48
332.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	49-51
333.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	52-54
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342.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	70
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348.	27/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	77
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353.	27/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	3
354.	27/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	4
355.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Released in full		5
356.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	6
357.	26/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	7
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376.	27/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	29
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384.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	38
385.	28/01/2026	Submission WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	39
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388.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	42
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390.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	44
391.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	45
392.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	46
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397.	28/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	55
398.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	56-62
399.	30/01/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	63
400.	02/02/2026	Submission on WPH draft mandate strategy	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	64-66
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401.*	11/03/2026	Draft submission on WPH draft mandate strategy summary spreadsheet <i>*This document is a draft internal working document prepared by Te Tari Whakatau to record submissions received on the WPH draft mandate strategy. It is intended for internal use only by Te Tari Whakatau to inform documentation and analysis of matters raised in submissions. This document has not been finalised and has not been agreed to by WPH.</i>	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	1-2
402.**	12/03/2026	Draft submission analysis table and proposed next steps <i>**This document is a draft internal analysis prepared by Te Tari Whakatau to assess matters raised in submissions and to support consideration of potential next steps. It is intended for internal use</i>	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a) and S 9(2)(g)(i)	3-12

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403.	12/02/2026	Translation of submissions in Te Reo Māori	Parts withheld	S 9(2)(a)	13-15

Reasons for withholding under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982ⁱ

s 9(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons, including the deceased.

s 9(2)(b) – protect information that would:

(i) – disclose a trade secret;

(ii) – unreasonably prejudice commercial position of subject.

s 9(2)(ba) – protect information where making it available would:

(i) – prejudice the supply of similar information; or

(ii) – likely otherwise damage the public interest.

s 9(2)(c) – prejudice to measures protecting health or safety of the public.

s 9(2)(d) – prejudice to substantial economic interests of New Zealand.

s 9(2)(e) – prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public.

s 9(2)(f) – maintain the constitutional conventions which protect:

(i) – communications by or with the Sovereign or their representative; or

(ii) – collective and individual ministerial responsibility; or

(iii) – the political neutrality of officials; or

(iv) – the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and Crown officials.

s 9(2)(g) – maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:

(i) – the free and frank expression of opinions;

(ii) – the protection from improper pressure or harassment.

s 9(2)(h) – maintain legal professional privilege.

s 9(2)(i) – enable the Crown holding the information to carry out commercial activities.

s 9(2)(j) – negotiations sensitive.

s 9(2)(k) – prevent the disclosure of information for improper gain or advantage.

Reasons for refusing information under section 18 of the Official Information Act 1982ⁱ

s 18(a) – good reasons by virtue of s 6, 7 or 9 of the Act:

s 18(b) – the department or Minister or organisation neither confirms nor denies the existence or non-existence of the information:

s 18(c) – making the information available would –

(i) – be contrary to a specified enactment; or

(ii) – constitute contempt of court or the House of Representatives:

s 18(d) – the information is, or will soon be, publicly available:

s 18(da) – the request is made by a defendant or person acting on behalf of a defendant and is –

s 18(e) – the information requested does not exist, or cannot be found:

s 18(f) – the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research:

s 18(g) – the information is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that it is:

(i) – held by another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or

- (i) – information that could be sought under the Criminal Disclosures Act 2008; or
- (ii) – information that could be sought under that Act and that has been disclosed or withheld under that Act:

- (ii) – connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or local authority:
- s 18(h)** – the request is frivolous or vexatious or the information requested is trivial.

ⁱ Please see the Official Information Act 1982 for full version of sections 9 and 18 of the Act.

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Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

My connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa is through my wife and our children, whose whakapapa is directly anchored in Whangaroa through some of its most significant tūpuna, marae, and hapū.

g(2)(a)

My wife is a descendant of Hongi Hika through Hāre Hongi II, both prominent figures associated with Whangaroa. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] her whakapapa firmly situates her within the networks of Whangaroa.

[REDACTED], reflecting the interwoven relationships between Whangaroa and neighbouring hapū and rohe. These movements were not a loss of connection, but a reflection of tikanga, demographic pressures, and the realities faced by Māori whānau at the time. g(2)(a)

Like many uri of Te Tai Tokerau, my mother-in-law's life was shaped by the enduring impacts of colonisation. Te reo Māori was actively suppressed during her father's generation. Economic necessity drew whānau away from their whenua. Discrimination in employment saw her change her surname from [REDACTED] in order to secure work in Auckland. These experiences are not unique; they are part of a broader pattern that disrupted whakapapa transmission, weakened access to whenua, and undermined tikanga, mana, and rangatiratanga.

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As a result of this history, my mother-in-law grew up largely disconnected from her whakapapa and te reo Māori, leaving my wife totally unaware of the mana of her whakapapa. However, without a doubt, the genetics contributed to her [REDACTED]

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The impacts disconnection affected my mother in laws wellbeing. In recent years, more acceptance of Aotearoa's complex past, re-engagement with tikanga Māori through Tahaawai hapū wānanga, alongside whakapapa research, and Waitangi Day celebrations has helped restore her sense of identity, mana, and hauora. This reconnection has had tangible benefits for her (e.g. She has quit smoking) and for our whānau.

I am a Pākehā man, married into this whakapapa, and the father of two daughters who are uri of Whangaroa and Te Tai Tokerau. I take seriously my responsibilities as a husband, father, and kaitiaki to support the restoration of whakapapa knowledge, mana whenua understanding, and intergenerational wellbeing for my children, nieces, and nephew. My research into whakapapa, land succession, and historical records has deepened my understanding of the systemic failures of Crown systems and a total lack of duty of care, including transliteration, transcription, and translation errors in birth, death, and marriage records that continue to affect Māori Land Court processes and hapū and iwi settlement outcomes in ways that are inconsistent with tikanga Māori. Te Tiriti o Waitangi and He Whakaputanga have both been undermined by this carelessness.

My connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa is therefore not abstract or symbolic. It is lived, intergenerational, and future-focused. It is grounded in whakapapa, in the experiences of whānau shaped by Crown policy, and in a commitment to see the rights and responsibilities affirmed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and He Whakaputanga honoured for our children and for our hapū.

We stand alongside the hapū of Whangaroa, committed for the long term to listening, learning, and advocating for processes that reflect tikanga, protect whakapapa, and restore mana for present and future generations.

I encourage Whangaroa Papa Hapū to fully recognise and uphold tikanga Māori, particularly as it relates to rangatiratanga and the legacy of our tūpuna such as Hongi Hika and Hāre Hongi II. These ancestors exemplified leadership grounded in kotahitanga, drawing strength from unity and bringing together the waka and hapū of Te Tai Tokerau.

Let us raise awareness of that collective strength and remember that our power has always come from standing as one. We must be considered, not rushed to settlement. We must not reinforce the impacts of colonisation by treating disconnected whānau as rāwaho and/or allowing biases towards personal interests to undermine tikanga. Disconnection is not absence; it is a consequence of history, and reconnection is an act of rangatiratanga (this will take great mahi and leadership).

We are called to see the bigger picture — to travel together, to honour our shared whakapapa, and to move forward as one people. Do not surrender our

tikanga. Our tūpuna did not.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Tahaawai wānanga raised my awareness to the importance of this submission. I read more on the Whangaroa Papa Hapū and government websites.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I am in support of the Whangaroa Papa Hapū, but recommend the following is recognised within the mandate...

Do not surrender our tikanga. Our tūpuna did not.

PART A — TAILORED MANDATE SUBMISSION (CROWN PATHWAY)

Purpose: To ensure the Whangaroa Papa Hapū mandate reflects tikanga Māori, protects rangatiratanga, avoids reinforcing colonisation, and is robust under Crown scrutiny.

1. Mandate Purpose and Scope

This mandate seeks authority to represent Whangaroa Papa Hapū in matters relating to historical Treaty of Waitangi claims, redress negotiations, and associated governance arrangements, in a manner consistent with tikanga Māori, whakapapa, and the rangatiratanga exercised by our tūpuna, including Hāre Hongi II.

It is important to remain tikanga based:

- Explicitly stating hapū rangatiratanga, not delegated Crown authority.
- Grounding mandate in tūpuna precedent, not modern corporate logic
- Positioning negotiation as expression of mana, not surrender of it

2. Who Is Being Represented

The claimant group comprises all whānau who whakapapa to Whangaroa Papa Hapū, including those currently disconnected through the impacts of colonisation, urbanisation, or historical displacement.

Critical tikanga safeguard: No whānau with whakapapa ties to the hapū shall be deemed rāwaho on the basis of absence, disconnection, or lack of current participation.

This directly addresses:

- Crown concern about clarity
- Hapū concern about exclusion
- My core principle: do not reinforce colonisation

3. Mandating Process

The mandating process is grounded in tikanga Māori, including kanohi ki te kanohi hui, recognition of kaumātua and hapū leadership, and decision-making guided by kōrero, consensus, and kotahitanga.

- Hui are held within and beyond rohe (for urban whānau)
- Time allowed for whakapapa reconnection
- Mandate is earned, not assumed

4. Mandated Entity Accountability

The mandated representatives are accountable to the hapū through regular reporting, open hui, and tikanga-based review processes. Authority is retained by the hapū collectively and may be withdrawn if representatives act contrary to tikanga, rangatiratanga, or hapū direction.

- Meets Crown expectations
- Reasserts hapū supremacy over any entity
- Avoids corporate capture

5. Relationship to Other Hapū and Waka

Whangaroa Papa Hapū acknowledges longstanding relationships with other hapū and waka of Te Tai Tokerau. Consistent with the example set by tūpuna such as Hāre Hongi II, these relationships are approached through kotahitanga, dialogue, and mutual respect, not exclusion or competition.

This aligns directly with a principle of “bringing together the waka and hapū.”

PART B — DIRECT ALIGNMENT WITH TE ARAWHITI CRITERIA (SUMMARY TABLE)

Requirement: How This Submission Meets It:

- a. Clear claimant group a. Defined by whakapapa, not presence
- b. Inclusive mandating b. Hui-based, urban & rohe-inclusive
- c. Informed consent c. Time, kōrero, transparency
- d. Accountability d. Hapū retains authority
- e. Overlapping interests e. Kotahitanga-first approach
- f. Durable mandate f. Tikanga + whakapapa-based

PART C — TIKANGA-BASED ALTERNATIVE MANDATE FRAMEWORK

(If Crown process becomes constraining or divisive)

This does NOT replace a Crown mandate — it supersedes it in tikanga.

1. Source of Authority: Authority comes from whakapapa and tūpuna, not Crown recognition. Crown engagement is conditional, not determinative.
2. Decision-Making: Kaumātua and hapū leaders guide process. Consensus is preferred; division addressed through kōrero, not voting blocs.
3. Inclusion Principle: All whānau who whakapapa belong. Reconnection is a right, not a privilege.
4. Representation: Representatives are kaupapa carriers, not power holders. Can be rotated or recalled through tikanga.
5. Relationship with the Crown: Engage as a collective of rangatira, not a corporate entity. Maintain ability to pause, redirect, or withdraw if tikanga is compromised.

This framework:

- Prevents internal colonisation
- Keeps unity intact
- Ensures the hapū never “surrenders” authority

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, I do not support the proposed voting process as currently set out. A mandate determined primarily through voting does not adequately reflect tikanga Māori or the foundations of mana whenua.

The Courts have acknowledged that mana whenua is upheld through take raupatu, take tūpuna, take tuku whenua, and ahi kā (not in contradiction or withstanding my comments on colonisation driving people away and the need to rebuild connection). These principles affirm that authority derives from whakapapa, ancestral leadership, and customary practice, rather than from numerical majorities or procedural votes.

A tikanga-based approach would therefore give proper weight to the mana and leadership of key tūpuna, such as Hāre Hongi, and to the hapū and marae through whom rangatiratanga has been exercised historically and continuously. Voting, particularly where it relies on enrolment, participation thresholds, or simple majority outcomes, risks diminishing those tikanga foundations and can unintentionally reproduce colonial decision-making frameworks.

Mandating processes should instead prioritise tikanga-led mechanisms, including recognition of whakapapa, kōrero guided by kaumātua, and consensus-based hui. Any use of voting should be secondary and confirmatory only, operating within a broader tikanga framework that respects the mana of tūpuna and the collective authority of the hapū.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I note the government has not recognised the letter submitted by Tahaawai Hapū to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū and crown. It would be worth addressing this letter in a wānanga setting with Whangaroa Papa Hapū before progressing further.

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19 January 2026

BY EMAIL: ngapuhifeedback@whakatau.govt.nz

The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana – Te Tari Whakatau
SX 10111
Wellington 6011

Attention Alex Mellows - Negotiation and Settlement Manager

Tēnā koe Alex,

Submission on the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

We refer to your letter of 9 December 2025 and the draft mandate strategy agreed between Whangaroa Papa Hapū (WPH) and Te Tari Whakatau.

This submission on the draft mandate strategy is made on behalf

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g(2)(a) [REDACTED] has two material objections to the draft mandate strategy:

1. The maps appended to the strategy show the Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa area of interest. Per the text at Item 5 (Rohe/Area of Interest), the intended area of interest for Ngā Hapū o Whangaroa is only part of this area. Including maps that show a wider area than is actually covered is not appropriate and will likely lead people who do not closely read the strategy to believe the area of interest is identical to the Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa area of interest. [REDACTED] is deeply g(2)(a) uncomfortable with this and the misguided expectations it may create during the mandating process.

Comment: Replace the appendix with maps showing the actual area of interest, even if this is only estimated.

2. Even once amended, we understand the proposed area of interest for Ngā Hapū o Whangaroa will overlap entirely with the Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa area of interest. Though we note the statement at Item 6 of the strategy that WPH is

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'committed to continue working with [REDACTED]', as yet WPH has not engaged with [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
us at all. Accordingly, [REDACTED] has no confidence at this stage in how
overlapping interests will be managed. Given the extent of the overlap, [REDACTED]
is very concerned to ensure this happens and cannot support the mandating or
negotiation process unless or until this has been discussed and resolved to our
satisfaction.

Comment: [REDACTED] *expects full engagement and consultation by WPH and
Te Tari Whakatau to ensure our interests are recognised and protected.* [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] *does not support a mandating process occurring until this is resolved
to our satisfaction.*

We understand from the draft mandate strategy that WPH does intend to engage with
[REDACTED]. We welcome this engagement and look forward to hearing from WPH and Te
Tari Whakatau to discuss our concerns.

Nāku noa, nā

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable):

Several whakapapa and hapū ties to Whangaroa including: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]

Address / Location: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date:

20th January 2026

1. Purpose of this Submission

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2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is **no clear evidence** that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

A mandate of this scale **cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent**.

3. The Process Is Being Rushed

The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making**.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes **should not override Hapū tikanga or authority**.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks **permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga**, particularly through so-called **“full and final” settlement clauses**.

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances

- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes **cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval**.

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The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

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- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

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Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the **Tūhono process**, where a majority of Hapū voted **against** the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

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- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
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Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without **full transparency**, including access to information through **plain-language explanations** and **Official Information Act disclosures where necessary**.

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The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga**.

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fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

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12. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing):

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Submitted on 2026-01-19 20:34:30

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED]

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Aukiwa, Waimahana marae.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Random

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Do you support?:

Mandate withdrawal is a key issue for me. Throughout the treaty settlement process our hapu fought continuously with the Trust Board and the Crown to retain our sovereignty by removing ourselves from the process. Registrations were re-written, we were closed out of hui, kaumatua were disregarded. The killer stroke was co-opting which empowered the boards own members to represent the hapu marae over the authority of the taumata. Just sayin'

Mana hapu. mana whenua. Look at the "get out of jail" clause before giving away your mandate.

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Do support the vote?:

30 hapu 48 WAI numbers = 7 representatives, I don't think we're gonna be heard.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I would like the process to exclude co-opting as a process for recognition of a mandate

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakataou (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

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20/01/2026

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Hapū / Whānau: Ngati Aukiwa

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Direct descendant of Ngati Uru, Te Whanau Pani, Te Tahawai.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through direct conversation at a Hapu Hui. Also, connected with all communications regarding this process.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Yes.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Yes.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Kia ora,

This email is submitted as a formal submission in support of Ngā Takenga Mai – the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy, and should be recorded as such.

I was present at the hui held on Saturday 17 January 2026 at Te Patunga Marae, convened by the Whangaroa Tiriti Action Group. I acknowledge that hui notes have been circulated to those present and have been sent to the Whangaroa Papa Hapu, as a record of kōrero shared. However, I wish to be absolutely clear that those notes are an indicator of discussion only, there was no recorded outcome to suggest Hapu agreed with the motion put to the floor to instruct The Whangaroa Papa Hapu to "STOP" or slow down the progress of seeking agreement for the draft mandate, and any discussion regarding that fact, is unsupported. The notes as attached from the Hui do not represent my views, nor my agreement. I am aggrieved, that this roopu may seek to represent the voices of Hapu, now and in to the future. As it currently stands, they are a stand alone group of individuals/uri, and their notes should not be treated as majority support of Hapu, directly, of Hapu Kaikorero or Mokopuna, who may not yet have a voice or whose voice is only heard through their parents or Tupuna-whanau.

I do not, and did not, support the formation or actions of a self-mandated Tiriti action group attempting to represent Whangaroa hapū. I do not support that group positioning itself as a representative body for hapū, nor as a proxy voice for Whangaroa uri.

By contrast, the Whangaroa Papa Hapū has, for more than 20 years, undertaken a deliberate, inclusive and tikanga-based process, bringing whānau, hapū and claimants together to reach a point where engagement and negotiations regarding historical grievances could be responsibly considered. That kaupapa has required patience, unity, and long-term commitment.

I write as a māmā of four tamariki, and as an uri of Ngāti Uru, in full support of the proposed Draft Mandate Strategy as set out by the Whangaroa Papa Hapū.

I make no additions, amendments, or expressions of concern regarding the draft. I support the document in its entirety, including its intent, structure, and pathway forward. I see this mandate as a continuation of a journey already walked by our tūpuna, kaumātua, claimants and whānau not a departure

from it.

This submission is lodged in support of the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy.
For reference, I have attached the Papa Hapū documentation.

Ngā mihi nui,

██████████

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Uri o Ngāti Uru

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I have a family home with in the nga hapu o Whangroa Aera

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

From my Family members

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support the propose or the mandate proposed mandate strategy

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No i do not support the proposed voting process draft for the mandate strategy

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No i do not

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Submitted on 2026-01-23 07:01:07

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngatikahu ki whangaroa te iwi

Taemaro te kainga

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

From our marae

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

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5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Ae

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 09:42:58

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Share your feedback:

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What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko Te Tahaawai tōku hapū

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

My awareness of the submissions process came through my work in administration. That experience highlighted how easily this opportunity could be missed if our whānau are not involved or around such a kōrero.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Tautoko the kaupapa. Our local whānau are carrying deep intergenerational deficits, and with the right people involved, this mandate offers a real chance for this generation to see tangible benefits. My fear is that without collective commitment, we risk watching yet another generation pass without their mana being recognised or their claims realised.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Aē tautoko.

This approach places hapū decision-making at the centre, while also providing practical and inclusive ways for whānau to participate. Allowing each hapū to determine how they reach their decision respects their mana and autonomy, and the option for hapū to combine where agreed reflects the realities of whānau connections and capacity.

I also strongly support the use of multiple voting methods — including postal, online, ballot boxes at hui, and special votes — as this ensures that kaumātua, whānau living outside the rohe, and those who cannot attend hui in person are not excluded. Requiring public notice of hui, recording of minutes, and capturing numbers for and against adds transparency and protects the integrity of the mandate.

The inclusion of Crown observers and independent scrutineers is also important. It builds confidence for whānau that the process is fair and credible, and it strengthens the mandate against future challenge.

Overall, this voting process balances tikanga-based hapū decision-making with clear, robust and transparent systems that meet Crown requirements and give whānau confidence that their voices will genuinely count.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Hōrekau

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 2:49:05 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified. Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making. The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures. Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority. Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded. Accordingly, I/we request that:

The mandating process be paused immediately
Submission deadlines be extended
Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 2:56:23 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
- Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
- Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I request that:

1. The mandating process be paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines be extended
3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED]
Ngai Tupango
[REDACTED]

g(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 2:57:00 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
- Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
- Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I/we request that:

1. The mandating process be paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines be extended
3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,
 [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 Ngāti Tautahi, Ngāti Rehia, Ngāti Ruanui

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:11:09 pm

Tēnā koutou,

We submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
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- Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, we request that:

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4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Hapū: Ngāti Ruamahue, Ngāti Kura

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:38:17 pm

Tēnā koutou,

9(2)(a)

On behalf of [REDACTED], we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
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Accordingly, I/we request that:

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3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

Naku iti nei, na

[REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:41:52 pm

Tēnā koutou,

9(2)(a)

[REDACTED] submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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2. Submission deadlines be extended
3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

Naku iti nei, na

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Sent from my iPhone

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQVD-G

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-01-26 20:38:57

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Blood
Ngāti Pakahi
Ngāti Kahu Patukeha
Ngāpuhi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Iwi Leader

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
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An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noā,

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
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Accordingly, I/we request that:

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Submission deadlines be extended
Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.
Accordingly, I/we request that:

The mandating process be paused immediately
Submission deadlines be extended
Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

g(2)(a)

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ5H-K

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-01-26 14:38:01

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngāpuhi,
Ngāti Pākahi
Ngāti Kahu Patukeha

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

A rushed mandate from a government that has no authority

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, we need time to process this.
Have talks, negotiations if necessary and make sure we are an informed lwi.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, we have not been able to have discussions.
This is not a rushed procedure, this needs to be an informed process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Give Ngāpuhi the time to process, prepare and be presented with the facts.

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Submission from [REDACTED] | Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 1:01:17 pm
Attachments: [Submission - Request to pause mandating process - Whangaroa Papa Hapū.docx.pdf](#)

Kia ora,

Please find attached my submission regarding the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

My submission reflects concerns raised through hui and ongoing kōrero within Whangaroa Hapū, particularly in relation to consent, process integrity, timeframes, and the long-term implications for Hapū rangatiratanga.

I submit this in good faith and with respect, with the intention of supporting a fair, informed, and tikanga-aligned process. Given the intergenerational significance of the decisions under consideration, I ask that the matters raised are carefully reviewed.

Ngā mihi for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Nāku noa,
[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Whangaroa Hapū
[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Submission to

Te Tari Whakatau

(Previously Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review Team

From

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation: Whangaroa Hapū/ Ngati Pakihi

Location: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: 28 January 2026

1. Purpose

This submission requests an immediate pause of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and the commencement of an independent review.

The concerns outlined arise from hui held in January 2026 and from ongoing kōrero amongst whānau, hapū, and claimants. They relate to the absence of free, prior, and informed Hapū consent, the adequacy of the process, the reasonableness of timeframes, the transparency of information, and the potential for irreversible impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.

It is submitted that, in its current form, the process does not support informed or lawful Hapū decision-making.

2. Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is insufficient evidence that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Hapū members, whānau, and claimants have raised consistent concerns that:

- Information relating to the mandate and its implications has been incomplete or inconsistently provided
- Legal and constitutional consequences have not been clearly explained or made accessible
- Hapū have not been afforded adequate opportunity to deliberate collectively and reach informed decisions

Proceeding without demonstrable consent risks undermining both the legitimacy of the mandate and Hapū rights.

3. Timeframes and Procedural Fairness

The submission timeframe, including the 2 February 2026 deadline, is unreasonable given the significance of the decisions involved.

Procedural fairness requires reasonable time for affected parties to:

- Understand the proposal and its implications
- Seek advice and clarification
- Engage in collective discussion consistent with tikanga

The compressed timeframe restricts meaningful participation and undermines the reliability of any feedback received.

4. Intergenerational and Irrevocable Effects

The proposed mandate and settlement framework may result in irreversible limitations on Hapū authority, including through full and final settlement provisions.

Such outcomes would:

- Bind future generations without their consent
- Limit the ability of Hapū to revisit unresolved matters
- Establish governance arrangements that are difficult to amend

Given the intergenerational consequences, a high threshold of consent and clarity is required.

5. Governance Arrangements and Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures raise concerns regarding alignment with Hapū tikanga, whakapapa, and customary decision-making.

There is concern that:

- Crown legal and administrative frameworks are prioritised
- Hapū roles may be reduced to advisory functions rather than substantive authority

Hapū rangatiratanga exists independently of Crown recognition and must be meaningfully reflected in any mandate arrangements.

6. Prior Hapū Positions

Hapū opposition to similar mandating approaches has previously been clearly expressed, including through the Tūhono process where a majority of Hapū voted against the proposed mandate.

This history is directly relevant and should inform the assessment of current consent and process integrity.

7. Transparency and Access to Information

Concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to complete and supporting documentation
- Insufficient explanation of legal and constitutional implications
- Reliance on technical language without adequate plain-language explanation

Informed Hapū participation requires transparency and access to comprehensive information.

8. Crown Obligations

The Crown has an obligation to actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga and to ensure mandating processes are fair, inclusive, and informed.

Advancing the mandate without clear consent, adequate engagement, and reasonable timeframes risks breaching this obligation.

9. Engagement with Rangatahi and Whānau

Engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and the wider whānau has been insufficient.

Given the intergenerational impact of the proposed mandate, inclusive engagement across generations is necessary to ensure collective interests are properly considered.

10. Requests

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The mandating process is paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines are extended
3. Hapū-led hui are supported and resourced
4. An independent review is undertaken to assess consent, process integrity, and alignment with Hapū authority and tikanga

11. Hapū-Led Alternatives

Raising concerns regarding the current mandate does not indicate opposition to dialogue or settlement.

There is strong support for Hapū-led processes grounded in tikanga, whakapapa, and mana motuhake. Any future pathway should be shaped by Hapū and supported by Crown processes.

12. Closing

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility.

Decisions made through this process will have lasting consequences. For this reason, a pause and review are reasonable and necessary to ensure lawful, informed, and meaningful Hapū participation.

Nāku noa,

[Redacted]

g(2)(a)

[Redacted]

Whakapapa: Whangaroa Hapū/Ngati Pakihi

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy submission.
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 1:32:50 pm
Attachments: [Submissions template Whangaroa.docx](#)

Tena Koutou Te Roopu Whakatau.

Please find, attached, our Formal Request, in our submission, in regards to our opposition to the hapu list in the Whangaroa Papa Hapu draft mandate strategy and an Immediate Pause briefed in our submission.

Naku noa
[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Released under the Official Information Act 1982

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti) in regards to the **Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy**.

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Email: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Whakapapa to Whangaroa: Our whanau are direct descendants of Hohepa Kiwa of Te Uri o Te Aho hapu,

Hapū affiliation: Ngai Tu of Otaua, Te Uri Kaiwhare of Waima and Ngati Pou of Waimamaku listed in the Whangaroa Papa Hapu Mandate Draft (**These hapu are not of Whangaroa**).

Other Hapu affiliation: Ngati Tarahape, Ngati Uewhati, Ngati Pakau, Te Rauwawe, Te Mahurehure of South Hokianga

My Address: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

The Location: [REDACTED]

My Email: [REDACTED]

My Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: 28. 01. 2026

1. Purpose of this Submission

I make this submission to **formally inform you that we, descendants of Tuteauru:**

1. **Oppose the hapu structure list of the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and**
2. **Support the Whangaroa hui calling for an immediate pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.**

A. We, nga uri, of **Ngati Pou, Ngai Tu and Te Uri Kaiwhare** oppose the listed hapu structure of the Whangaroa Papa Hapu Mandate strategy due to the misleading claims on the three specified hapu. We consider it a misappropriation of our korero tuku Iho, our taatai (whakapapa), our Rangatira Totonui, our Tupuna, our whenua, our awa, our maunga, our moana, our tikanga and ritenga, our Rangatiratanga, our Mana Motuhake and the extinguishment of our absolute rights to taonga belonging to us.

B. We wish to inform Te Tari Whakatau that the hapu structure as listed incorrectly are:

Te Tuatahi: **Ngati Pou** is a hapu we belong, which is a hapu in Waimamaku of South Hokianga that borders and also a part of the iwi of Te Roroa of the Waipoua Forest to Tutamoe. The tangata is Tarahape of Waima who is a descendent of Tuteauru.

Te Tuarua: **Te Uri Kaiwhare** is another of our hapu which is in Waima of South Hokianga and the tangata is Kaiwhare, who is a tupuna of hapu in Waima, Taheke, Moehau and Otaua.

Te Tuatoru: **Ngai Tu** another of our hapu which is in Otaua of South Hokianga, bordering Kaikohe and the Ngati Tautahi hapu region. Tuteauru te tangata who is another tupuna of hapu of Otaua, Taheke, Waima and Moehau.

C. There has been no engagement by the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate group with the three hapu of South Hokianga that they have falsely laid claim to and with all things considered **they cannot continue with any further action until the following hapu are removed from their mandate list (Ngati Pou, Ngai Tu and Te Uri Kaiwhare).**

D. **We support** the submission that reflects real concerns raised at the hui held on **January 2026**, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to **process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.**

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is **no clear evidence** that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from hapu claimed by the Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

A mandate of this scale **cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent**.

3. The Process Is Being Rushed

The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making**.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes **should not override Hapū tikanga or authority**.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks **permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga**, particularly through so-called “**full and final**” **settlement clauses**.

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes **cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval**.

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū whakapapa and tikanga
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

Hapū authority **does not derive from Crown recognition** and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

6. History of Hapū Opposition Has Been Ignored

Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the **Tūhono process**, where a majority of Hapū voted **against** the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures
- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without **full transparency**, including access to information through **plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary**.

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect** Hapū rangatiratanga.

Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent
- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

9. Rangatahi and Whānau Are Not Adequately Engaged

There has been **insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau**.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

- Involve all generations
- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
- Reflect long-term collective aspirations

10. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I/we formally request that:

1. The current mandating process is paused immediately
2. Further Hapū-led hui are supported and resourced
3. An independent review is undertaken to assess consent, process integrity, and alignment with Hapū authority
4. Hapū drawn in that do not belong to Whangaroa.

11. Support for Hapū-Led Alternatives

Opposition to the current mandate **does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.**

There is strong support for:

- Hapū-led pathways
- Tikanga-based governance models
- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana motuhake. Any future process must be **designed by Hapū, for Hapū**, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

12. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset the structure and this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Whānau: [REDACTED]

Hapū o Whangaroa: Te Uri o Te Aho.

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Re: Whangaroa Papa Hapu - Mandate Review
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 3:44:35 pm
Attachments: [Submission To Ngapuhifeedback - \[REDACTED\].docx](#) 9(2)(a)

Tena Kotoa

Please accept my submission in relation to Whangaroa Papa Hapu Draft Mandate Strategy. As I do not support this mandate at this time. My whanau and I have not been informed properly of this mandate.

Nga Mihi

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

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Released under the Official Information Act 1982

Submission To: Te Tari Whakataua (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Email: ngapuhifeedback@whakataua.govt.nz

Re: Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Re: Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Whakapapa to Whangaroa: Uri O -

Haititoko – Ngati Haiti / Ngati Awa / Awhirangi – Ngati Kawhiti / Pokai Tete – Ngapuhi / Tupe – Whanau Pani / Aukiwa – Ngati Aukiwa / Kahukuraariki – Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa

Date: 17/01/2026

1. Purpose of this Submission

I/we make this submission to **formally call for an immediate pause and independent review** of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in **January 2026**, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to **process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū Rangatiranga and Mana Motuhake.**

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent.

There is **no clear evidence** that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

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The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making**.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes **should not override Hapū tikanga or authority**.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks **permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and Rangatiratanga**, particularly through so-called **“full and final” settlement clauses**.

These decisions would:

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- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes **cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval**.

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū, Whakapapa and Tikanga
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles.

Hapū authority **does not derive from Crown recognition** and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

6. History of Hapū Opposition Has Been Ignored

Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the **Tūhono process**, where a majority of Hapū voted **against** the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures

- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and Whānau cannot make informed decisions without **full transparency**, including access to information through **plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary**.

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect Hapū Rangatiratanga**.

Advancing a mandate without:

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fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

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10. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I/we formally request that:

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Opposition to the current mandate **does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.**

There is strong support for:

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- Tikanga-based governance models
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Any future process must be **designed by Hapū, for Hapū**, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

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The protection of Hapū Rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Haititoko – Ngati Haiti / Ngati Awa / Awhirangi – Ngati Kawhiti / Pokai Tete – Ngapuhi / Tupe – Whanau Pani / Aukiwa – Ngati Aukiwa / Kahukuraariki – Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 6:04:10 pm
Attachments: [Submission_1 \[17297271\].docx](#)

Tēnā koutou,

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
[REDACTED]

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable): Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa, NgatiKawau, Kaitangata NgatiPakahi, Te, WhanauPani

Address / Location: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date:

26th January 2026

1. Purpose of this Submission

I/we make this submission to **formally call for an immediate pause and independent review** of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in **January 2026**, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to **process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.**

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is **no clear evidence** that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
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For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nā mātou noa,

 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 9:18:32 pm

Tēnā koutou,

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Submission deadlines be extended

Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced

An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED]
Ngāti Pakahi
[REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:42:27 pm

Tēnā koutou,

9(2)(a)

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4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

Naku iti nei, na

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Redacted] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:47:28 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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Nāku noa,

[Redacted] 9(2)(a)
 Ngati Ruamahue/[Redacted] 9(2)(a)
 [Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:51:54 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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Accordingly, I request that:

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Kaua e horo ēnei mahi. Me āta-mahi tahi tātou kia pai ai mō ngā mokopuna.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

He uri o Ngāti Pakahi ki Whangaroa

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:56:29 pm

Tēnā koutou,

Ngati Rua Hapu submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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Tēnā koutou,

9(2)(a)

On behalf of [REDACTED], we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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Naku iti nei, na



9(2)(a)

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 4:04:45 pm

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngati Aukiwa
Waimahana

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 4:12:42 pm

Tēnā koutou,

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Nāku noa,
[REDACTED]
Ngatiruamahue

9(2)(a)

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 4:45:35 pm

disregarded.

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- Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
- An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 [NGATi kahu/Toetoe
 [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Alternatively, you may also complete the form directly on Te Tari Whakatau

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 5:36:11 pm

Tēnā koutou,

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Nāku noa,

Regards,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ngati Pakahi

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 6:50:44 pm

Tēnā koutou,

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Nāku noa,

Nā [REDACTED] (Ngāti Ruamahue)

9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 7:15:29 pm

Tēnā koutou,

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 Ngāitu Teauru
 Ngāti kaitutae Ngāti Manawa

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 7:47:55 pm

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[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 [Ngati kahu/ Toetoe]
 [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 8:32:32 pm

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[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 8:34:43 pm

Tēnā koutou,

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ngāpuhi

Ngāti Pakahi, Ngāti Kuta-Patukeha

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 8:36:07 pm

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngāti kahu ki Whangaroa/Tahaawai hapū
[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 3:40:03 pm

Tēnā koutou,

9(2)(a)

On behalf of [REDACTED], we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
- Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
- Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I/we request that:

1. The mandating process be paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines be extended
3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

Naku iti nei, na

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 9:24:42 pm

Tēnā koutou, 9(2)(a)

I [REDACTED] submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

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9(2)(a)
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 Submission deadlines be extended
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 An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 Ngati Pakahi / Ngati Kahu
 [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 9:36:44 pm

Tēnā koutou,
9(2)(a)

I [REDACTED] submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

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9(2)(a)

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngāti pakahi / Ngāti Kahu

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 9:42:25 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ngāti Kahu , Ngāti Kawai



9(2)(a)

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 9:56:33 pm

Tēnā koutou,
9(2)(a)

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[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngāti pakahi / Ngāti Kahu

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 12:01:52 am

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

Ngatiruamahue, [REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

Email: [REDACTED]

Mobile:

[REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 9:10:24 am

Tēnā koutou,

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In summary:

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED]
Ngāti Aukiwa g(2)(a)
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 9:42:49 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngati Kawau, Kaitangata hapu

Phone: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Email: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 9:45:25 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.

Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.

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4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

Naku noa

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngāti Kawai/ Kaitangata hapu o Whangaroa

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 9:55:17 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.

Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.

The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.

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Accordingly, I request that:

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4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

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Nāku noa,
[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ngāti uru hapu o whangaroa

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From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 12:12:50 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
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4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

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Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Ngati Kawau, Te Kaitangata and Te Whanaupani

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission - Proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy (Opposed)
Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 1:51:37 pm
Importance: High

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti), the Whangaroa Papa Hapū (WPH), and the Mandate Review Team

From:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)
Marae affiliation: Waimahana
Email: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Date:

1 Feb 2026

1. Purpose of this Submission

I make this submission to **formally call for an immediate pause and independent review** of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in **January 2026**, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to **process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.**

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is **no clear evidence** that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

A mandate of this scale **cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.**

3. The Process Is Being Rushed

The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making.**

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui

- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes **should not override Hapū tikanga or authority.**

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks **permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga**, particularly through so-called **“full and final” settlement clauses.**

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes **cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval.**

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū whakapapa and tikanga
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

Hapū authority **does not derive from Crown recognition** and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

6. History of Hapū Opposition Has Been Ignored

Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the **Tūhono process**, where a majority of Hapū voted **against** the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures
- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without **full transparency**, including access to information through **plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary.**

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga**.

Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent
- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

9. Rangatahi and Whānau Are Not Adequately Engaged

There has been **insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau**.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

- Involve all generations
- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
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10. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I formally request that:

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Opposition to the current mandate **does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution**.

There is strong support for:

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- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana motuhake

Any future process must be **designed by Hapū, for Hapū**, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

12. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility.

Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,



g(2)(a)

Ngati Aukiwa - Taemaro Bay/Waimahana

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Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable): Ngatikahu ki whangaroa

Address / Location: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date:

28/01/2026
[Insert date]

1. Purpose of this Submission

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing): [REDACTED]

Hapū / Whānau:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakataou (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable): Ngati Pakahi

Address / Location: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date:

29.01.2026

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Hapū / Whānau: Ngati Pakahi

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū Kaiwhakahaere @ whangaroapapahapū.

Mandate Review Team

Org. NZ

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable): Ngati Rua Mahue K Whangaroa.

Address / Location: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

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To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Cc: [Whangaroa Papa Hapu](#)
Subject: Comments on draft WPH mandate strategy
Date: Friday, 30 January 2026 2:35:02 pm
Attachments: [LT Te Tari Whakatau 30.01.26.pdf](#)

Kia ora koutou

I attach comments on behalf of my clients [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have

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Te Tari Whakatau

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(by email only)

Tena koutou

Comments on Whangaroa Papa Hapu Draft Mandate Strategy

The following comments on the draft mandate strategy for the Whangaroa Papa Hapū are made on behalf of our clients, [REDACTED] s(2)(a)

The draft mandate strategy requests feedback especially on

Proposed governance arrangements; and

Proposed voting process and how it would work for hapū.

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More importantly, the feedback requests are based on unsupported presumptions.

- 1) That our clients (and the related claimant community) wish to engage in settlement
- 2) That our clients wish to have Whangaroa Papa Hapū represent them in the mandate and/or settlement process.

Our comments below will address these presumptions and additional issues underlying our clients' opposition to the proposed draft mandate strategy, a consequent mandate and settlement negotiations.

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Nā mihi, ngā

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 16:33:55

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1 What is your name?

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Do you support?:

No m.

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Hapū / Whānau: Ngāti Pakahi

Notice of Objection

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I [REDACTED], of the Whanau; [REDACTED]; of the Hapu, Ngati Tama, Kowhatutaka, Raho Whakairi, Ngati Kiore; of Mangataipa, Mangamuka, Hokianga.

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Hereby present this Notice of Objection; to any pending Tiriti o Waitangi settlement proposal, including that of Whangaroa Papa Hapu; proposed to be carried out, under terms of engagement, with legislation, of the current Crown in Right Government of New Zealand.

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Signed in authorisation by [REDACTED], Rangatira o Nga Hapu Ngati Tama, Kowhatutaka, Raho Whakairi, Ngai Kiore.

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ5A-C

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 10:51:40

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What is your whakapapa?:

Member

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Marae meeting

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This process is not a just process

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I do not want my email publicly disclosed or added to any database.

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Hapū / Whānau: Ngati Rehia / Te Uri Taniwha

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What is your whakapapa?:

He urged o Te Whānau Pani

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Hui ki te marae Te Wātea o te Pātunga

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Do you support?:

Nō - nā te mea horekau kia tautokohia te mana mōtuhaketanga o ngā hapū

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Do support the vote?:

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Any other feedback?:

Koina tāku kōrero

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He Heke nō Tahaawai

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Facebook

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Any other feedback?:

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He uri ahau

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I'm not sure how all of this will impact our future mokopuna. I don't trust this coalition govt and don't think we should be making decisions while they are in power.

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Ngati Kawau

Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa

Ngati Aukiwa

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FACE BOOK

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As per. Q.4

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Hapū / Whānau: Kaitangata, Ngati Torehina, Ngati Rehia Ngati Manu

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Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa

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Signature (if submitting in writing): [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Hapū / Whānau: Tahaawai

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable): Te Tahaawai

Address / Location: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: 30.01.26

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Signature (if submitting in writing): [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Hapū / Whānau: Te Tahaawai, Ngati Kahu ki Whaingaroa

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 12:45:31 pm

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] Whakapapa / Hapū [REDACTED] affiliation (if applicable): g(2)(a)
 Address / [REDACTED]
 Phone [REDACTED]

Date:01/02/2026

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Name:

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Hapū / Whānau:

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From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Subject: Proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapu draft madate strategy
 Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 10:36:45 am

Kia ora,

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 From: [REDACTED]

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Ngā manaakitanga

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#); [REDACTED]
 Subject: Submission on the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy
 Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 10:48:05 am

From a member of NgātiRua (Taupo Bay)

I acknowledge the work undertaken by Whangaroa Papa Hapū in developing this Draft Mandate Strategy and the stated intention to uphold hapū rangatiratanga.

However, I submit that good intent alone is not enough. History has shown our people — repeatedly — that when authority is delegated without strong, enforceable accountability, harm follows. This mandate must therefore be measured not by its language, but by how power is constrained, tested, and held to account.

While the Draft states that mana and ultimate decision-making authority remain with ngā hapū o Whangaroa, this must be made real in practice, not left to trust or goodwill.

1. Hapū authority must be enforceable, not symbolic

Te Wakaminenga and negotiators are given significant influence over the direction, pace, and content of negotiations. There must be clear, compulsory decision checkpoints requiring representatives and negotiators to return to hapū before advancing any major redress positions — particularly where land, cultural redress, governance arrangements, or future rights are concerned.

Without this, hapū risk being informed after the fact, rather than genuinely directing the process.

2. Integrity and honesty are not optional — they are obligations

Those entrusted with representing hapū carry not only authority, but **heavy responsibility**. This mandate must make explicit that honesty, transparency, and fidelity to hapū instructions are non-negotiable standards.

Where representatives or negotiators act outside mandate, withhold information, or prioritise collective convenience or Crown timelines over hapū direction, the **ramifications are serious** — not only for trust in this process, but for the long-term unity of Whangaroa itself.

A settlement reached without full hapū confidence risks becoming another source of division, grievance, and whakamā.

3. Smaller hapū must not be marginalised by process

For hapū such as NgātiRua (Taupo Bay), fixed timelines, complex procedural thresholds, and heavy compliance expectations risk privileging those with greater resources and capacity.

Equity requires more than equal rules — it requires **flexibility and support** to ensure all hapū can participate meaningfully, not just those best positioned to do so.

4. Collective kōrero must carry real weight

The Whangaroa Forum is described as inclusive, yet its role is limited to recommendation only. This risks reducing kaumātua, rangatahi, and urban whānau voices to consultation without consequence.

There must be a requirement that Te Wakaminenga **formally considers, responds to, and records its reasoning** when Forum recommendations are not adopted. Anything less undermines the tikanga foundations the process claims to uphold.

5. Withdrawal and dispute processes must not become barriers

While stability is important, the withdrawal and dispute mechanisms outlined are heavy and may deter legitimate hapū concerns from being raised early.

A mandate that cannot be questioned without great cost is not a strong mandate — it is a fragile one. Hapū must retain real, usable pathways to pause, challenge, or step back **before irreversible decisions are made**.

In Closing

I submit these points in the interests of **protecting hapū rangatiratanga, upholding integrity in leadership, and avoiding the repetition of past mistakes where decisions were made for us, rather than with us**.

Those who step into positions of authority under this mandate must do so knowing they are **answerable — not just administratively, but morally and historically — to the hapū they represent**.

If this mandate proceeds, it must do so with safeguards strong enough to ensure that power is exercised with honesty, humility, and absolute accountability. The consequences of failing to do so would be deeply damaging to Whangaroa, to hapū unity, and to the generations that follow.

Nga mihi.

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From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: Ngāpuhi.Feedback
Subject: Submission Opposing Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy
Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 9:38:48 pm

SUBMISSION OPPOSING WHANGAROA PAPA HAPŪ DRAFT MANDATE STRATEGY

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakataurua

Email: ngapuhifeedback@whakataurua.govt.nz

RE: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation: Ngāti Aukuia, of Waimahana

Marae affiliation: Te puhi o te waka, Waimahana

Address: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: 1st February 2026

1. Purpose of This Submission

I/we make this submission to formally object to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and call for:

- An immediate stay and extension to the submission deadline of 2 February 2026
- The exclusion of Waimahana Marae from the Large Natural Group as set out in Section 3 of the draft mandate strategy
- The exclusion of Wai claims 515 and 517 (and any other Waimahana Marae-specific claims) from Section 4 of the draft mandate strategy
- An independent review of the mandate process to ensure proper consent and tikanga compliance

2. Breach of Tikanga

The mandate application process has fundamentally failed to follow tikanga Māori in relation to Waimahana Marae and its hapū:

- Puhi O Te Waka marae (Waimahana) was not advised of the intention to apply for a mandate to speak on behalf of the marae
- No consultation occurred with the marae committee
- No hui was convened to seek the marae's participation
- Proper tikanga processes require consultation with and consent from the marae before any group purports to represent it in formal negotiations with the Crown

3. Lack of Consent

Waimahana Marae and its hapū have not consented to be involved in this mandate process:

- No mandate was given by the marae community for Whangaroa Papa Hapū to include the marae within their application
- The absence of consent renders any claim to represent the marae invalid
- This lack of consent violates the principle of free, prior, and informed consent required for Treaty settlements

4. Historical Context and Ongoing Concerns

Members of Ngāti Aukiwa have longstanding concerns regarding representation in Treaty settlement processes, particularly concerning:

- Stony Creek Station and the return of ancestral lands
- The involvement of Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa Trust (later the Kahukuraariki Trust Board)
- The original Wai 116 Taemaro claim, which was specifically lodged by Taemaro/Waimahana kaumatua

The current mandate application does not adequately address these historical representation concerns. Proceeding without resolution of these issues compounds existing grievances and undermines the integrity of the settlement process.

5. Wai Claims Specific to Taemaro and Waimahana

The following Wai claims relate specifically to Taemaro, Waimahana, Akatere, Whakaangi, and Stony Creek lands and should not be included in the Whangaroa Papa Hapū mandate without explicit consent from Waimahana Marae:

- Wai 116 (Taemaro land claim - original claim by Taemaro/Waimahana kaumatua)
- Wai 258 (Whangaroa Lands Claim - later combined with Wai 116)
- Wai 515 (as listed in Section 4 of the draft mandate strategy)
- Wai 517 (as listed in Section 4 of the draft mandate strategy)

These claims involve lands and grievances that are inextricably linked to the mana and rangatiratanga of Waimahana Marae and its hapū. The historical record, including the 1997 Muriwhenua Land Report, specifically documents the Crown's breaches relating to Taemaro and Waimahana reserves.

6. Conservation and Takutai Moana Considerations

There are additional considerations regarding:

- Whakaangi Scenic Reserve (59.8315 hectares), which received overlay classification under the Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa Claims Settlement Act 2017
- Akatere Historic Reserve, which has statutory acknowledgements
- Takutai Moana (Marine and Coastal Area) applications covering the Whangaroa

Harbour entrance

These conservation areas and coastal marine areas have specific cultural and historical connections to Waimahana Marae that must be properly addressed before any mandate can proceed.

7. Process Being Rushed - Call for Stay of Proceedings

The current timeframe, with a submission deadline of 2 February 2026, is unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making:

- Hapū processes require time for kōrero and hui
- Whānau need space for proper discussion and deliberation
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts is required
- Deadlines imposed by Crown processes should not override Hapū tikanga or authority

I formally request an immediate stay of proceedings and extension of the submission deadline to allow proper consultation with Waimahana Marae and its hapū.

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There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga, particularly through full and final settlement clauses:

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The Crown has an obligation to actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga. Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent from Waimahana Marae
- Adequate engagement and consultation
- Proper timeframes for deliberation

This fails to meet the Crown's Treaty obligations and risks causing further harm and division.

10. Relief Sought

I/we respectfully request that:

- **A stay of proceedings is granted immediately and the submission deadline of 2 February 2026 is extended**

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- **Wai claims 515, 517, and any other claims specific to Taemaro, Waimahana, and associated lands are excluded from Section 4 of the draft mandate strategy**
- Proper consultation occurs with Waimahana Marae and its hapū before any further proceedings
- An independent review is undertaken to assess consent, process integrity, and alignment with Hapū authority
- Proper tikanga processes are followed, including consultation with and consent from Waimahana Marae

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The historical record is clear: Wai 116 was originally lodged by Taemaro/Waimahana kaumatua. The concerns about representation and the return of Stony Creek Station have never been adequately addressed. This mandate application repeats known failures and disregards longstanding Hapū positions.

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Submission to pause immediately
Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 5:46:54 pm

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū – Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Address / Location: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Date: Sunday 1 February 2026

1. Purpose of this submission

I make this submission to formally call for an immediate pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

This is not a personal attack on any individual. This submission is about process integrity. The process must meet basic standards of fairness and must align with tikanga and hapū decision-making. At present, it does not.

2. Lived experience and why this matters beyond Whangaroa

This submission comes from lived experience.

I'm not Ngāpuhi. I am Ngāti Manunui and Ngāti Hauaroa. I know the pattern: hapū get told they are being "included", but the real authority is quietly redirected into a PSGE because that is what the Crown system recognises, funds, and negotiates with.

That is how hapū become subsumed. Our voices are treated as feedback, not authority. Our tikanga is treated as "context", not the decision-making framework. And over time, mana is effectively shifted away from hapū and into an entity that exists to satisfy Crown requirements.

That is wrong. It is unnatural. It is the opposite of active protection. It is another breach of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi because it diminishes hapū rangatiratanga under the cover of process.

And it becomes a hopeless mess when the people and settings that caused the pain are positioned to assess the fairness of the process. That is not justice. A fair process must be independent.

3. Lack of free, prior and informed consent

There is no clear evidence of free, prior and informed consent at hapū level.

Many whānau have not been properly informed, have not seen the full implications in plain language, and have not had time to decide through hapū tikanga. A mandate cannot proceed without proven hapū consent.

4. Predetermination of outcome

The process looks pre-decided, with consultation used to confirm a path rather than test whether hapū agree. If the outcome is predetermined, consent is not real.

5. Inadequate notice and unreasonable timeframes

The timeframe is unreasonable and cuts across tikanga.

Hapū decisions need time for kōrero, hui, whānau discussion, and intergenerational consideration.

Crown deadlines should not override hapū authority.

6. Failure to engage at hapū level

Engagement must be hapū-led and happen where rangatiratanga sits.

Without proper hapū engagement, the process risks excluding ahi kā, overstating support, and deepening division.

7. Conflict of interest / capture risk

The structure creates a real risk of capture and conflicts of interest—where convenience wins over tikanga and hapū authority. That risk alone justifies an independent review and clear safeguards.

8. Misrepresentation of support

There is a risk that “support” is being misread—especially where multiple hapū positions are collapsed into one mandate and dissent is treated as irrelevant. A process must accurately reflect the hapū position or it has no legitimacy.

9. Failure to provide underlying documents

Hapū cannot give informed consent without the underlying documents and assumptions.

Key information must be provided in full and explained plainly. If documents are missing or unclear, consent cannot be informed.

10. Breach of tikanga-based decision-making

Tikanga is the foundation, not an optional add-on.

A rushed, unclear, non-hapū-led process breaches tikanga-based decision-making and undermines rangatiratanga.

11. What I am asking for

I formally request that:

1. The current mandating process is paused immediately
2. The submission deadline is extended
3. Further hapū-led hui are supported and resourced
4. An independent review is undertaken to test consent, process integrity, transparency, and alignment with hapū authority

12. Closing statement

A mandate obtained through a defective process cannot cure its own defects. Proceeding would compound the breach, not resolve it.

Given these unresolved procedural defects, we submit that the Crown cannot lawfully rely on this process and must pause or restart it.

[REDACTED]

g(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Submission Whangaroa
 Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 1:30:16 pm

To whom this may concern 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED] submission

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]

I am aware on behalf of Kohatutaka, Ngati Tama, Te Uri o Te Aho, Ngati Pou, Ngati Kiore, Te Uri Mahoe, Raho Whakairi, Tahawai, Ihu Tai, Te Uri Kopura as a collective we don't consent to Papa Hapu o Whangaroa manadate to represent or be represented on our behalf.

Nga Hapu o Mangamuka have attend monthly hapu hui for the last 9years. We haven't had any communication or whanaungatanga concerning Papa Hapu o Whangaroa Manadate involving our Marae Mangamuka and Tupuna Whenua.

No consultation, no communication no minutes of their present within Nga Hapu o Mangamuka as a collective hui.

We Nga Hapu o Mangamuka as a collective have selected our own Kai Korero for each Hapu.

We also have documentation when and where these elections had taken place.

Until Nga Hapu o Mangamuka meet with Whangaroa Papa Hapu at Mangamuka Marae Nga Puhi to discuss their submission that has been in process.

We will follow our process at this time and decline and ask to stop the mandate process of Papa Hapu o Whangaroa Manadate.

I am a desendant of Pumuka also decline Papa Hapu o Whangaroa mandate on behalf of our whanau of Ngati Pou.

Kia ora my name [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 [REDACTED] and many more here in Mangamuka.

My Dad has land in the many blocks you speak of in Papa Hapu o Whangaroa draft Manadae.

I decline the Mandate to speak and make a claim on behalf of myself and all my Hapu kia ora

Nga Mihinui

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]



9(2)(a)

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From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: To: Mandate Review Team - Draft Mandate Strategy
Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 12:16:27 pm

Tēnā tātou

Ingoa - [REDACTED] me tōku whānau g(2)(a)
Iwi - Ngāpuhi
Hapū - Te Tahaawai
Marae - Te Tahaawai

He kōrero e pā ana ki - Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Kāhore mātou i te whakaae ki te ara o te Whangaroa Papa hapū draft. Ko tētahi raru nui, ko te tere haere o te taua ara. Me kāti, me āta kōrero ki a mātou kātahi.

Koinā tō mātou tono. E mihi ana.

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

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[REDACTED] g(2)(a)
Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Tamaterā, Ngāti Maniapoto

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Subject: Whangaroa mandate submission
 Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 7:10:29 pm

9(2)(a)

My name is [REDACTED] I am a descendant of Hongi Hika and other Tupuna of Whangaroa. I affiliate to Te Tahaawai Hapu, Ngati Uru, Ngati Pakahi, whanau Pani, and Ngati Kahu within Whangaroa.

I make this submission to formally call for an immediate halt/pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapu draft mandate strategy.

This submission reflects the concerns raised at hui held in January 2026 and previous Hapu hui held by The Tahaawai Hapu and shared widely amongst whanau, Hapu and claimants throughout the motu.

These concerns relate to process, consent, representation, timing and the long term impacts on our Hapu rangatiratanga and Mana motuhake.

We have not seen any evidence of proper consent having been obtained from our Hapu to Whangaroa Papa Hapu to represent and continue this process on our behalf.

In particular Te Tahaawai Hapu have held a number of Hapu hui and provided resolutions that appose settlement and mandates including us. There was a letter also sent to Whangaroa Papa Hapu and Te Tari Whakatau confirming Te Tahaawai Hapu opposition. Yet we are still being included as a Hapu in this process. I see no withdrawal process in this mandate that suits us. This should definitely be looked at as that was a big issue with the Tuhoronuku process.

Many of our Hapu whanau have not had access to full information, legal implications or had sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at a Hapu level.

There has been no sight or evidence to date that all the Hapu noted within this mandate strategy has met enough times to have had acceptable time to consider any consultation process for this mandate let alone their resolutions.

Evidence of hui amongst Hapu in terms of shared interests have not been had, I consider this a priority if Whangaroa wishes to move forward together, we have many Hapu that have conflicting Korero and Tupuna interests within Whangaroa, this would need proper attention, consultation, engagement planning, research, mediation, resources but mostly time which we haven't had.

Deadlines imposed by crown processes should not override Hapu Tikanga or authority.

Our Marae have also been roped into this process, we have four Marae in Te Pupuke and two are closed for repairs, so have struggled to inform whanau of these processes, we fear our beneficiaries and whanau are at a disadvantage because of this, Marae Trustees are concerned about what lays within the boundaries of the reservation not outside as they are responsible to do so, however if our Marae are not open where do our Hapu meet to discuss such issues as a mandate?

There is great concern about full and final settlement clauses.

Removal of the ability to revisit grievances is not acceptable also not a fair process, considering this govt are continuing to move the goal post so to speak all the time to suit

the govt of the day. At first govt said there will be only one settlement for Ngapuhi, since then many different groups of Ngapuhi have settled and planning to settle in fair of being left out or being taken over by other Hapu.

Our sacred sites of significant: some have been land banked without proper consultation with Hapu and iwi, Kororipo is one that has been gifted back without proper consultation with Hapu. This is a prime example of improper processes and follow up strategies to make sure our taonga do not fall into the wrong hands.
Papahapu members played a part in that process.

There is great concern that crown are manipulating this whole process and the ultimate goal is to strip us of our Tinorangatiratanga and Manamotuhake at the end of it all we will have nothing. Money and apologies are worthless without our Tinorangatiratanga, Manamotuhake and our Whenua/Moana.
We should not have to bend the knee to please the crown, it should be the other way round it's because of the crowns breaches of The Tiriti and He whakaputanga that we are at this point.

Hapu authority does not derive from crown recognition and should not be reshaped to suit the crown.

I respectfully request an immediate pause in the process for this mandate.

Submission deadlines be extended allowing more Hapu hui with extensive resources made available to each Hapu as were to claimants.

An independent review is undertaken to assess consents, process integrity, and alignment with Hapu authority (Hapu reps to be included in this process).

In closing,

I would like our Hapu voices to be heard, for an immediate stop to reset the clock so ALL Hapu whanau not just claimants to have the opportunities to look at their options not through the crowns eyes or Papahapu eyes but from their own view point, look at all points good and bad decide for themselves how they want the future of our mokopuna to be decided and written.

Nga mihi,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026 11:44:17 am

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Time frames are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
- Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
- Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I/we request that:

1. The mandating process be paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines be extended
3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)
Te Whānau Panī

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Friday, 30 January 2026 9:03:54 am

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures
- Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
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4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

naku noa na,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

g(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapu draft mandate
Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 1:46:01 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified. Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making. The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.

Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.

Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I/we request that:

The mandating process be paused immediately

Submission deadlines be extended

Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced

An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true

Regards,

[REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]

Hapu is Ngatirumamahue

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██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I'm a descendant of Hongi Hika

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Social media

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, it doesn't represent Tino Rangatiratanga, it doesn't represent NGA MANA KATOA O AOTEAROA the rights and sovereignty my tupuna have over their territories which was agreed to when they signed He whakaputanga which was later re affirmed in T.O.W

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

We decide the process

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 15:23:25

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko kaitangata, whanaupani ratou ko Ngāti Kauwau ōku hapū.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I have not had enough time to decide whether or not i do.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, every registered person of every age should have a say.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Please notify all of whom that this bill will include.

30 January 2026

Keawe Woodmore
 Negotiation and Settlement Manager
 Te Tari Whakataua
 By email: Keawe.Woodmore@tearawhiti.govt.nz

Submission: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy

- 9(2)(a)
1. This submission is made on behalf of the [REDACTED] whānau who have direct whakapapa to Ngāti Hao, through Te Kawehau. In particular, we ([REDACTED]) hold the responsibility of ahikaa for parts of Whakanekeneke whenua, which is situated in Ngāti Hao. Those responsibilities have sat with us, and others who are uri of Te Kawehau, for at least nine generations. We have not, and will not, extinguish those duties and responsibilities we hold. We currently reside on Whakanekeneke, along with many other of our whānaunga. Our responsibilities extend into te ngahere o Puketitī 9(2)(a)
 2. The Whangaroa Papa Hapū DRAFT Mandate Strategy includes all Puketitī and Whakanekeneke in their area of interest.
 3. **The Whangaroa Papa Hapū DRAFT Mandate Strategy is rejected.** The strategy fails to identify with sufficient particularity:
 - a. Why the rohe boundaries have been identified;
 - b. Who the hapū are that are settling in the rohe boundaries;
 - c. The leading tupuna for each hapū; and
 - d. What engagement has taken place with Ngāti Hao – hapū and whānau.

COMMENT

4. Ngāpuhi whakapapa is highly interconnected across whānau and hapū, as are our hapu histories and interests. Such is the nature of Ngāpuhi, whose hapū live closely together, sometimes in confined geographical rohe and who have for many generations, strategically and methodically strengthened hapū and whānau alliances depending on the kaupapa.
5. The real burden falls on whānau to choose sides and potentially severe traditional interests that undermine whānaungatanga relationships which have been established and nurtured by our tupuna over many generations.
6. We can do without challenges to our hapū foundations through the drafting of a strategy. It is our position that whānau and hapū mana (whānau motuhake, hapū motuhake) should not be undermined by the will of a collective, supported by the Crown.

Engagement with Ngāti Hao whānau

7. On the 27th of January 2026, at the invitation of Ngati Toro, Whangaroa Papa Hapū representatives Anaru Kira, Bill Hori and Robyn Tauroa attended a hui to clarify why Ngāti Hao and other hapū were included in their settlement area of interest - why they believe they have rights and interests in rohe that are historically Ngāti Hao, Ngāti Toro, etc. They could not provide satisfactory answers to any pātai put to them.

8. Whangaroa Papa Hapū representatives also referred to their historical evidence placed before the Waitangi Tribunal in the Te Papa Rahi o Te Raki Inquiry process. These are on record. Ngāti Hao hold the view that while each hapū and rohe will have their histories, that doesn't translate into legal 'land grabs' because evidence was given in the Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry process.

9. **Ngā whānau o Ngāti Hao ki Whakanekeke reject the Draft Mandate Strategy proposed by Whangaroa Papa Hapu.**

On behalf of the [REDACTED] whānau 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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1 What is your name?

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██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Hongi Hika through Waihora Hare Hongi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Email

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No It is not inclusive and is time driven.

Very few people understand the process or what it entails

It excludes Claimants and their rights.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

The framework is flawed and needs to be more inclusive including the nucleus of whanau.

The process ignores whanau and Claimants of those whanau. it ignores tikanga but gives it 'lip service'

It's a rush to the podium in an election year.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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1 What is your name?

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█ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

█ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Hauwawe and ururoa

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Wananga online hui at te patunga marae

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not support the mandate strategy...

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I do not support the voting process ss well

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Kahore

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?: g(2)(a)

My tupuna is [REDACTED], we whanau hapu is Te Whanaupani no Matangirau.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Online / Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Kahore

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Kahore

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Kao

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By email:

Keawe Woodmore

Negotiation and Settlement Manager

Te Tari Whakatau

Keawe.Woodmore@tearawhiti.govt.nz

Submission: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy

1. **The Whangaroa Papa Hapū DRAFT Mandate Strategy is rejected.** The strategy fails to identify with sufficient particularity:
2.
 - I. Why the rohe boundaries have been identified.
 - II. Who the hapū are that are settling in the rohe boundaries;
 - III. The leading tupuna for each hapū; and
 - IV. What engagement has taken place with Ngāti Hao – hapū and whānau.
3. Whānau ki Ngāti Hao reject the Draft Mandate Strategy proposed by Whangaroa Papa Hapū.



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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

██████████, Ngāi Tupango te hapū 9(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whānau member

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Kāore, a rushed process, lack of informed consent, and decisions being driven by Crown timelines rather than tikanga Māori.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Korean, as above.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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What's your email?: g(2)(a)

████████████████████

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am from te tahawai marae, kaeo

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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SUBMISSION ON THE

WHANGAROA PAPA HAPŪ MANDATE STRATEGY

Submitted by:

[REDACTED]

On behalf of myself, and with responsibility to my hapū, whānau, and mokopuna

1. OVERARCHING POSITION

I submit that the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Strategy, as currently drafted, does not maintain the level of process integrity required for the settlement of historical grievances with the Crown. The Strategy has proceeded in the absence of clearly demonstrated hapū consent, with insufficient consultation, and in a manner that risks concentrating authority within a small group rather than strengthening hapū rangatiratanga.

The mandate has not been developed through a people-led process. Rather, it has been developed around the people. As a consequence, it is already contributing to division within our communities, undermining trust, and creating conditions for ongoing conflict and harm—outcomes that settlements are intended to resolve, not reproduce.

This submission is grounded not only in tikanga and Tribunal principles, but also in the Crown's own mandate guidance in the Red Book framework, which emphasises open, transparent, informed processes consistent with claimant group tikanga, early engagement (including with Wai claimants), and workable withdrawal mechanisms.

For these reasons, I urge those reviewing this submission to pause the mandating process and return to the people in order to rebuild a stronger, tikanga-led, hapū-centred foundation.

2. FUNDAMENTAL FLAW: LACK OF CONSENT AND CONSULTATION

Inclusion without consent

A core concern is the inclusion of hapū and marae within the Mandate Strategy without formal, explicit consent having been obtained.

The Strategy nevertheless proceeds as though such consent exists. The Mandate Strategy would be strengthened by greater clarity regarding the basis upon which hapū names, marae, and claimant identifiers were included. In particular, it would be helpful to understand:

- what authority was relied upon for their inclusion
- how consent was sought or verified
- how the withdrawal process is intended to operate fairly where inclusion occurred prior to formal agreement

A process that lists people without consent and then places the burden on those people to formally withdraw is, at best, procedurally unfair and risks being inconsistent with the Crown's own minimum standards for mandating integrity and transparency.

Under the Crown's published mandating guidance, the Crown recognises a mandate where it is conferred through an open, transparent process consistent with the claimant group's tikanga, and where members have sufficient information to understand the basis on which mandate is sought. Transparency also includes early and open engagement with those affected, including Wai claimants.

Consent in matters of representation and authority must be **opt-in, not opt-out**.

3. TINO RANGATIRATANGA AND THE ROLE OF HAPŪ AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCESS

A central issue is not only "who holds sovereignty", but what is the role of tino rangatiratanga in this process.

The Strategy is largely framed around meeting Crown expectations of mandate recognition and Crown process steps. In doing so, it does not sufficiently articulate how hapū tino rangatiratanga will be upheld in substance—before, during, and after mandate recognition.

The Crown's own Red Book guidance states that claimant groups decide on mandates (not the Crown), and that mandating processes must be consistent with claimant tikanga and conducted in an open, transparent and informed way; the Crown's role is to support the mandating process and decide whether to recognise it. The guidance also emphasises that the Crown seeks, as far as reasonably possible, to ensure mandating processes align with claimant tikanga, and that members have sufficient information and opportunity to participate.

Against that standard, I submit that the present Strategy places disproportionate weight on Crown procedural requirements while leaving insufficient clarity about:

- how hapū rangatiratanga and tikanga will actively shape the mandate process (not just be referenced)

- how hapū authority will be protected where there is disagreement
- how the Crown will be accountable to tikanga-based decision-making and fairness

If this mandate is designed primarily to satisfy Crown procedural expectations, it risks becoming Crown-led in substance, regardless of Māori governance language. For hapū to engage in good faith, tino rangatiratanga must be visible and operational in the design, not secondary to process compliance.

4. CONSENSUS AND THE 75 PERCENT THRESHOLD

The Strategy states that consensus is preferred; however, where consensus cannot be reached, decision-making defaults to a 75 percent threshold.

This is concerning.

Consensus is a tikanga-based process grounded in kōrero, time, relationship, and careful deliberation. A percentage threshold, by contrast, is a statutory or corporate mechanism rather than a tikanga solution.

In practice, such a threshold may allow:

- a determined majority to override dissent
- minority hapū positions to be marginalised
- unresolved issues to be forced through for the sake of progress

This concern also sits alongside Crown guidance that the Crown must be sufficiently informed about levels of support and opposition, and that mandating must be transparent and informed. A voting mechanism that can override tikanga-based consensus may undermine both legitimacy and durability.

Alternative approaches exist, including:

- continued deliberation until resolution
- deferral of contested matters back to hapū
- separating issues rather than aggregating them
- tikanga-based resolution processes, including *umu tapu*

A rushed vote does not confer legitimacy.

5. WITHDRAWAL MECHANISM

The withdrawal mechanism set out in the Strategy raises further concerns. In particular:

- withdrawal appears complex and burdensome
- withdrawal occurs only after inclusion
- inclusion itself did not require formal consent

This sequence reverses natural justice. It places emotional, administrative, and cultural burdens on those who never agreed to be included or who find the conditions untenable.

The Crown's own guidance explicitly reflects Tribunal criticism of unfair or unworkable withdrawal mechanisms, noting that the Crown considers whether there is appropriate provision for hapū withdrawal where it accords with the tikanga of the claimant group. Crown mandate strategy guidelines also state that the mandate strategy needs to clearly set out how the claimant community can remove or amend the mandate, including a clear hapū withdrawal mechanism, and that the Crown can withdraw recognition if mandate is not maintained.

A just and tikanga-consistent process would:

- require explicit consent before inclusion
- treat non-response as non-consent until further engagement occurs
- allow straightforward withdrawal without penalty

6. PREPARATION OF A DEED IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONFIRMED MANDATE

I am concerned to understand that preparatory work toward a Deed of Settlement may be underway while the mandate itself remains unresolved.

This raises serious questions about:

- authorisation
- representation
- and whether assumptions are being embedded prior to mandate legitimacy

The Crown's own emphasis on early transparency, informed participation, and understanding levels of support and opposition highlights the importance of ensuring mandate robustness before moving to steps that signal predetermined outcomes.

Preparing a Deed before mandate authority is established risks undermining good faith and trust.

7. NARROWING OF ISSUES AND EXCLUSION OF CORE MATTERS OF JUSTICE

The Strategy restricts negotiations to twelve Statements of Issues. This narrowing is concerning.

Notably absent are:

- mana wahine and the specific harms experienced by wāhine through colonisation
- the ongoing disruption to whakapapa, whānau, and relationships with whenua and with each other
- explicit recognition of tikanga as central to justice
- clear rejection of the extinguishment of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, after settlement has been confirmed
- recognition of Māori cultural, political, spiritual, and social worldviews

The Crown's own mandating guidance emphasises that members must have sufficient information to understand the basis on which mandate is sought, including the aim and scope of settlement. If the scope is framed narrowly in a way that excludes key justice concerns, this raises serious questions about whether informed mandate is possible.

A settlement that addresses redress without addressing these broader justice concerns may be procedurally tidy but substantively unjust.

8. TIMING AND LENGTH OF CONSULTATION

The release of the Strategy immediately prior to Christmas, during a period when whānau gather and care for mokopuna and kaumātua, significantly limited the ability of hapū to hui and engage.

Crown guidance anticipates that mandating is demanding and typically takes substantial time to build a robust mandate, noting mandating commonly takes 12–18 months and that investing time reduces risk and conflict. The Crown also indicates it will work to timeframes that are reasonable and Treaty consistent, having regard to circumstances.

Against that standard, the timeframe here has not enabled the quality of engagement required for informed and tikanga-consistent decision-making.

9. CONCENTRATION OF POWER AND REPRESENTATION

There is concern that members of the same family may hold positions across multiple hapū structures, concentrating influence and decision-making.

To safeguard integrity, consideration should be given to:

- limiting representation to one member per family
- rotating roles
- transparent disclosure of relationships

These measures protect fairness and balance and align with principles of transparency and accountability expected in mandate structures. This is about safeguarding fairness, not questioning whakapapa.

10. TRUST AND LEGITIMACY

It must be acknowledged that there is a lack of trust in the current process among many of our people.

Proceeding with a mandate under these conditions risks deepening division, entrenching resentment, and re-traumatising communities already harmed by colonisation.

The Crown's own approach to mandate recognition requires reasonable efforts to understand support and opposition, and transparency in engagement. Trust cannot be assumed. It must be rebuilt through process.

11. A BETTER WAY FORWARD: UMU TAPU AND PEOPLE-LED DESIGN

I have long held the view that our people must be the designers of our settlement pathway, not merely respondents to a pre-formed mandate framework.

The *umu tapu* process that I was previously involved in was intended to:

- create safe, tikanga-led spaces
- surface difficult truths
- enable people to speak without fear
- rebuild relationships before decisions are made
- establish tikanga-based pathways for resolution

Crown mandate strategy guidance recommends that mandate hui be supported by a standardised information pack and clear presentation so people are informed on what they are voting on, with accurate recording and independent scrutiny. However, I submit that information provision alone is not enough where relationships are strained and tikanga-based resolution is needed.

In this context, a mandate should be **one element of a broader process**, not its driver, and should follow extensive consultation and shared understanding.

Accordingly, I support:

- pausing the mandate
- facilitated wānanga and workshops
- explicit inclusion of wahine and rangatahi
- strengthening hapū capability so engagement is genuine, not tokenistic
- allowing tikanga, pono, tika me te aroha to guide decision-making

12. SUMMARY AND REQUEST

In summary, the Mandate Strategy has proceeded:

- without demonstrated consent
- without permission to include hapū and marae
- without adequate preparatory process to support informed decision-making

These shortcomings are contributing to division and confusion, particularly regarding the implications of settlement and the role of hapū representatives within proposed governance structures.

I therefore respectfully request that reviewers:

- place a hold on the mandating process
- return to the people to rebuild the foundation in a tikanga-led manner
- extend timeframes so engagement is reasonable and Treaty consistent
- ensure there is clear information about the scope and consequences of settlement so that any mandate is genuinely informed

We all seek a better future for our mokopuna. That future will not be achieved by repeating the very injustices we are attempting to settle.

APPENDIX A

Alignment to Crown “Red Book” Mandating Guidance and Mandate Strategy Features

Mandate Strategy Area	Relevant Crown “Red Book” / Te Tari Whakatau guidance	Where the submission identifies misalignment
Mandate legitimacy	Mandate is conferred by claimant group through open, transparent, informed process consistent with tikanga; Crown must assure itself of process integrity.	Sections 1–2 (consent not clearly demonstrated; people-led design absent)
Transparency and early engagement	Transparency includes early and open engagement with those affected, including Wai claimants; members must have sufficient information to understand basis of mandate.	Sections 2, 7, 10 (inclusion/identifiers; insufficient clarity; trust)
Mandate hui and voting	Mandate hui should be clearly advertised (recommended at least 21 days); standardised presentation/info pack; opportunity to debate and vote; independent scrutineers; accurate records.	Sections 2, 8, 11 (timing constraints; informed participation questioned)
Withdrawal mechanism	Mandate strategy must clearly set out removal/amendment and hapū withdrawal; unfair withdrawal mechanisms criticised; Crown may withdraw recognition if mandate not maintained.	Section 5 (burdensome withdrawal, especially where inclusion occurred without consent)
Reasonable timeframes	Mandating typically takes 12–18 months; Crown agrees to timeframes that are reasonable and Treaty consistent having regard to circumstances.	Section 8 (consultation timing and duration inconsistent with tikanga and robustness)
Hapū representation in structure	Crown considers scope and entity structure to provide for appropriate hapū representation; Crown must be sufficiently familiar with hapū circumstances/tikanga.	Sections 4, 9 (threshold voting; representation and concentration risks)

Mandate integrity during process

Crown takes reasonable efforts to understand support/opposition; may apply conditions or require issues addressed if not satisfied.

Sections 1, 10, 12 (division and lack of confidence signal mandate fragility)

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Submission to:

Te Tari Whakataou (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable):

Address / Location: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date:

2 February 2026

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A mandate of this scale **cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.**

3. The Process Is Being Rushed

The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making.**

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes **should not override Hapū tikanga or authority.**

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks **permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga**, particularly through so-called “**full and final**” **settlement clauses.**

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- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
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- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
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Ignoring this history:

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- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

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Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without **full transparency**, including access to information through **plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary**.

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The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga**.

Advancing a mandate without:

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- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

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Decisions of this magnitude must:

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- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
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12. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Hapū / Whānau:

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What is your whakapapa?:

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am from and whakapapa to the many villages covering the Whangaroa coastline and inner villages but predominantly, Matangirau/Matauri

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I don't not

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

The whole overall process needed to be halted , it is being rushed through..and mors time is needed

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Address / Location: & [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

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We have an interest in this process on 2 fronts;

- It is an area of interest to Ngati Kuta Wai 1307, and we note that Te Rawhiti is also of interest to the Whangaroa hapu. This relationship has not been explored to its fullest extent and needs to be.
- Māori cannot afford a rushed process; there is too much at stake. A lot of work has been done so far to meet the Crown process and disciplines. Māori need to negotiate their own balance and disciplines into the same process, rather than just following a designed pathway.

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The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga**.

Advancing a mandate without:

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Failing to meet this responsibility risks **further harm and division**. The outcome we all seek is harmony and balance without eroding our customs and traditions. In that way, we all benefit.

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa, Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Hapū / Whānau: [REDACTED], Ngati Kuta ki Te Rawhiti

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[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

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What is your whakapapa?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)
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3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Post in Nga Uri A Iwi O Te Popoto facebook page [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

NO

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Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Not at this time

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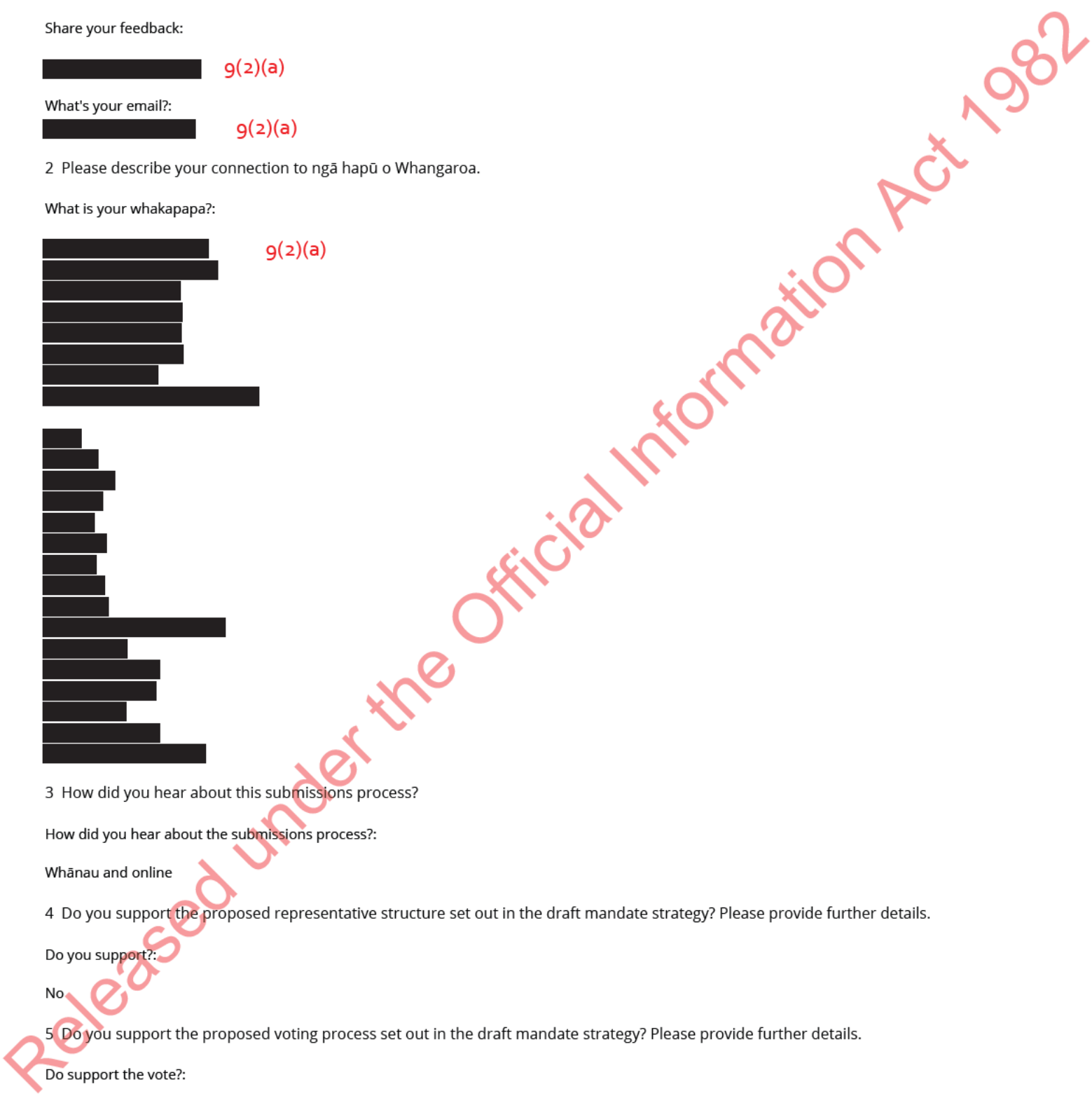
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██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa? g(2)(a)

Ngā Puhī Ki Whangaroa is where my tipuna on my ██████████) are from therefore I whakapapa back there also.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

My ██████████ g(2)(a), who is tangata whenua ki Whangaroa.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not fully support the proposed representative structure as outlined. While representation is important, the current draft does not clearly ensure that Hapū authority, whānau input, and rangatahi perspectives are central to decision-making. Without more defined mechanisms for engagement and accountability, the structure risks marginalising the voices of those most affected. A structure that is by Hapū, for Hapū, and reflects tikanga and whakapapa, is essential.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not fully support the proposed voting process. The draft lacks sufficient clarity on how consent will be meaningfully obtained and how all members, including whānau and rangatahi, will be informed and engaged. A fair voting process must allow full transparency, adequate information sharing, and time for considered decision-making, so that all Hapū members can participate knowledgeably and confidently.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I do not fully support the proposed representative structure or voting process. The draft does not guarantee Hapū authority, or meaningful engagement with whānau and rangatahi. Clear informed consent is essential, along with access to information, transparency, and time for considered decision-making. Any mandate must be by Hapū, for Hapū, guided by tikanga and whakapapa, so all members' voices are heard and respected.

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He uri no Ngāti Ruamahue me Ngāti Kura

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanaunga

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, I request a pause on the process so that proper due process is followed and the hapu drive the process.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No. Again, I request a pause on the process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I will never agree to an extinguishment strategy and want to make sure our people are not shafted by this process.

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

My connection is that the hapū of Whangroa is putting claims to the bush the my people over in Ngati Toro come from and look after.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Online and very last minute

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No.

Unfair process

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No.

Unfair process with lack of Free, Prior and Informed Hapū Consent

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Do things according to proper tikanga when dealing in the realm of tikanga maori

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1 What is your name?

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2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am of Ngapuhi descent from wainui, ngatiruamahue

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

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Online

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not support it, removes mana from Marae/hapu and hands it to a governance board.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I do not, it does not address differences of individual Marae Hapu within in this collective. It promotes one box fits all approach.

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Any other feedback?:

Concerned that govt haste to settle within their own guide lines removes good faith in this settlement process, forced upon us.

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Submission on the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Strategy

Submitted by:

[REDACTED]

9(2)(a)

[REDACTED] . Ngāti Ruamahue whānau currently residing in Australia

Our whānau connection and position to home

We are a Whangaroa, Ngāti Ruamahue whānau currently living in Australia. Although we live away from Aotearoa, our connection to our whenua, our hapū, and our people remains strong, active, and enduring.

We return home regularly, maintain close relationships with our whānau, and continue to value, practise, and uphold our reo, tikanga, and cultural responsibilities. Our identity as Ngāti Ruamahue is not diminished by distance. Our obligations to our tūpuna, our hapū, and our mokopuna remain.

We are aware that processes are underway toward the settlement of Treaty claims. As a whānau, we hold a strong desire to ensure that Ngāti Ruamahue is appropriately represented, and that the mana, mana motuhake, and tino rangatiratanga upheld by our tūpuna are protected for future generations.

Lack of hapū consent and meaningful engagement

Through our ongoing connections with whānau at home, we understand that prior consent was not sought from our hapū in relation to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Strategy. We also understand that engagement processes that would have enabled meaningful participation by hapū members—both at home and living abroad—were not provided.

This is deeply concerning. A process that proceeds without hapū consent, and without genuine engagement, does not reflect tikanga, nor does it meet the standard of fairness required for matters of this significance.

As uri living overseas, we rely on hapū-led, tikanga-based processes that enable those at home to make decisions that affect us all. That expectation has not been met through this Strategy. We therefore support our Ngāti Ruamahue hapū submission.

Mana motuhake, tino rangatiratanga and whānau consent

Our tūpuna have always upheld the mana and tino rangatiratanga of Ngāti Ruamahue. As parents, we carry a responsibility to ensure that this legacy is not weakened for our children and mokopuna.

We support our whānau at home having the authority to make decisions according to tikanga and through hapū-led processes. We do not support any mandate or settlement approach that, in effect or intent, assumes, transfers, or diminishes hapū authority without consent.

If this process in any way undermines our mana motuhake or our tino rangatiratanga, we categorically oppose it.

Our position on the Mandate Strategy

Based on what we have read and understood of the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Strategy, we believe it is fundamentally flawed. It has not been built with hapū, does not demonstrate clear hapū consent, and does not adequately protect hapū authority.

For these reasons, we do not support the Mandate Strategy in its current form, and await further engagement with our hapū.

Conclusion

We make this submission as a whānau, in good faith, out of love for our people and respect for our tūpuna. We seek a future where our mokopuna can stand secure in their identity, knowing that decisions made on their behalf were made with care, integrity, and respect for hapū and our rangatiratanga.

We ask that all efforts be made to protect the mana motuhake and tino rangatiratanga of Ngāti Ruamahue, to pause and reset this process, and to ensure that hapū consent and tikanga sit at the centre of any pathway forward.

Until that occurs, we oppose the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Strategy.

Submission to Te Tari Whakatau

Regarding: **Objection to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Settlement Mandate**

To: Te Tari Whakatau – Mandate Review Team

Re: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Settlement Mandate Strategy

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Date: 01/02/2026

1. Introduction

“No te whenua, ka taea matou nga mea katoa
Koia ta matou ukaipo
Te puna o matou mana
Hore kau he pai te tuku ki etahi atu”

Spoke by our Ariki, Makoare Te Taonui to Lt Governor William Hobson at Mangungu on the 12th of February 1840.

This submission is made in response to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Settlement Mandate Strategy currently under consideration by Te Tari Whakatau.

We oppose the inclusion of certain whenua within the proposed Area of Interest on the basis that **we hold unextinguished property rights and mana whenua over specific land blocks** that are presently included within the draft mandate. These whenua must be **excluded from the mandate**.

This submission is made to ensure that our customary and legal rights are protected and that the Crown does not recognise a mandate that prejudices or overrides those rights.

For clarity, I have attached a list of All land blocks over which we hold and exercise manawhenua. See Te Popoto Land Blocks

2. Unextinguished Property Rights and Mana Whenua

We affirm that we hold **unextinguished property rights** to specific whenua currently captured within the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū Area of Interest. These rights arise from longstanding and continuous occupation, use, and authority, consistent with tikanga Māori and supported by historical evidence.

The inclusion of these lands within the proposed mandate is inappropriate and premature. Any mandate recognised by the Crown must not purport to represent or negotiate in relation to whenua over which another hapū or whānau holds mana whenua and property rights that have **never been ceded, extinguished, or lawfully transferred**.

Recognition of the draft mandate in its current form would risk prejudicing our rights and would be inconsistent with the Crown's duty to act fairly, honourably, and in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

3. Engagement with Whangaroa Papa Hapū

We note that we have **met directly with representatives of Whangaroa Papa Hapū**, during which we clearly communicated our objection to the inclusion of our whenua within their proposed mandate.

At that meeting, it was acknowledged by both parties that:

- There is an overlap issue that requires further discussion; and
- We agreed to continue discussions in good faith to determine where the **boundary between our respective mana whenua should and has traditionally sat.**

It was understood that **no final agreement has yet been reached** regarding these boundaries. Accordingly, it is inappropriate for the draft mandate to proceed as if these matters are settled.

4. Requirement for Exclusion Pending Agreement

Until such time as:

- Boundary discussions are completed; and
- A mutually agreed understanding is reached regarding the extent of mana whenua,

the whenua over which we hold unextinguished property rights must be **explicitly excluded from the mandate.**

Proceeding otherwise risks entrenching an inaccurate representation of mana whenua and creating further dispute at later stages of the settlement process.

5. Supporting Map of Mana Whenua

Attached to this submission is a **map identifying the land blocks over which we traditionally and continuously exercise mana whenua.** This map reflects our historical boundaries and is provided to assist Te Tari Whakatau in understanding the extent of the overlap and the basis of our objection.

6. Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, we respectfully request that Te Tari Whakatau:

1. Decline to approve the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Settlement Mandate in its current form; or
2. Require that the identified whenua over which we hold unextinguished property rights be **excluded from the mandate** pending resolution of boundary discussions.

This approach is necessary to ensure that the mandate process is fair, accurate, and consistent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and that it does not prejudice the rights of parties who have not consented to representation.

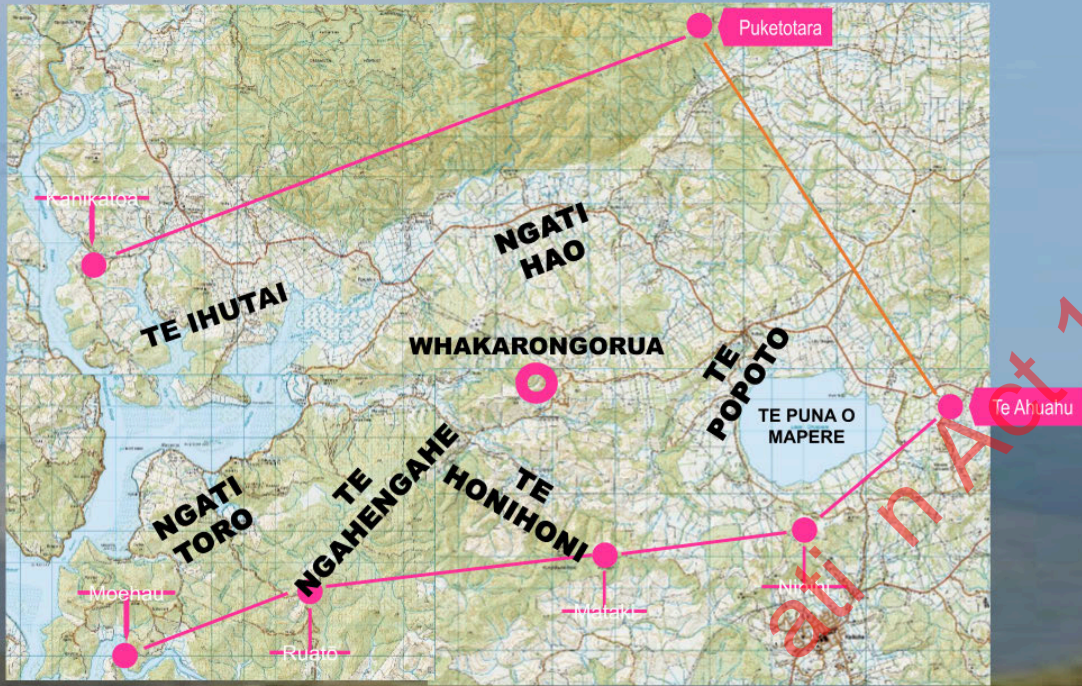
We are willing to continue discussions in good faith with Whangaroa Papa Hapū and with the Crown to resolve these matters appropriately.

Nā mātou noa, nā

g(2)(a)

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NGA WHENUA O TE POPOTO ME ANA HAPU RIRIKI
THE BOUNDARY OF TE POPOTO AND ITS CONSTITUENT HAPU



KO WHAKARONGORUA TE MAUNGA, KEI RAKAPIKE TE MANA, KO UTAKURA TE AWA, KO UTATEWHANGA TE RAORAO, KO TAURATUMARU TE TANGATA

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Te Popoto Land Blocks Alienation (Old Land Claims) table

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<i>Block</i>	<i>Acres/roods /perches</i>	<i>Date of original Transaction</i>	<i>Surplus retained by Crown</i>	<i>Acres remaining as Maori land</i>	<i>Schedule No.</i>	<i>OLC No.</i>
Puketotara & c	3,000	18 Aug 1836		0	809	333G
Waihou	40,000	7 Aug 1882		0	1043	455
Pukeaitanga	1,500	12 Sept 1827		0	318	159
Tarana (Waihou)	50	Dec 1827		0	939	389A
Mangungu	1,000	1 Sept 1829		0	940	389B
Motu Karaka	2,560	1831		0	1034	449B
Te Rawana	640	16 Jan 1833		0	540	253A
Puparahaka	1,800	23 Nov 1834		0	461	225
Wharewharekauri	1,000	23 Nov 1834		0	40	34
Motiti Islet	8	8 June 1835		0	512	243
Te Mata (W. White)	150	15 June 1835		0	513	243A
Rotoponga	1,000	Sept 1835		0	515	243C
Hautapu	250	22 Sept 1835		0	315	158C
Te Take (Waihou)	1,500	26 Sept 1835		0	247	122
Rawhia	300	29 Oct 1835		0	316	158D
Horeke (near Waihou)	12,800	1836		0	1032	449
Mataka	5,500	1836		0	1033	449A
Whankanekeneke & c	4,000	4 Mar 1836		0	634	289A
Te Maire	500	23 Mar 1836		0	943	389B
Hui Tohia No.1	400	2 July 1836		0	399	204
Hui Tohia No.2	300	2 July 1836		0	400	204A
Te Ngaio	100	6 Dec 1836		0	248	122A
Pakirikiri	110	1837		0	1044	455A
Tokoroa	254	20 Nov 1837		0	389	197C
Ohauti	470	4 Jan 1839		0	518	243F

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Rangiwakataka	1,000	5 Jan 1839		0	87	58
Orira	10,000	30 Jan 1839		0	519	243G
Motu Kiore	300	8 Feb 1839		0	969	402
Taketahi	400	28 Feb 1839		0	402	204C
Otarihau		10 Feb 1840		0	209	101A
Puketi	11,741	28 Feb 1839		0	402	204C
Rawene	3,500	10 Feb 1826		0	209	101A
Tei (Mangamuka)	300			0	94	276
Hokianga (Waima)	323 316 validated			0	1367	279
John Marmon	200			?	312	
Te Koki J Marmon	200	12 April 1834		0	313	158A
J Marmon	250			?	314	
Ruapapaka (Horeke)	2		87	0	514	265
Lake Omapere Kerikeri	2112?				172	423, 211-2 13
Kerikeri)CMS)	3100				735	3
					1360a	
Te Mata, Hokianga	500		0	?	516	85 &64

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Block	Acres/roods/perches	Date of Alienation	Mode of alienation	Acres remaining as Maori land
Whakarongorua	No. 1 - 810/0/0	April 1875	Crown Purchase	0
	No.2 - 263/3/00	Various	Lease and sale	2B - 131/2/30
	No.3 - 55/2/00	Various	Lease and sale	0
Okaihau NO. 1 Mawhekairangi	4,554	December 1858	Crown Purchase	0
Okaihau No.2	10,030	November 1864	Crown Purchase	0
Hauhaupounamu	142			
Kauriroa	642	June 1867	Private Purchase	0
Arawhatatotara ???	4116			
Ngamahanga	64			0
Oikura	2106	1880	Crown Purchase	0
Omataroa	3320	1875	Crown Purchase	0
Te Waitaroto	7590	21 Apr 1875	Crown Purchase	0
Okaka	915	June 1875	Crown Purchase	0
Pukoro No 2	35	1927	Private Purchase	0
Pukoro A	15/2	1911	Private Purchase	0
Pukoro	6	pre 1900	Private Purchase	0
Taihoa Block	223	10 November 1876	Crown Purchase	0
Te Totara	268/2	Note held for 4 hapu Te Popoto, Ngati Toro, Ngahengahe and Te Honihoni		268.49
Waihou	7,900	Various	Crown and private ownership	1579
Waikoropupu No.1	4,772	5 Feb 1879	Crown Purchase	0
Waikoropupu No. 2	1,728	5 Feb 1879	Crown Purchase	0
Waikoropupu No. 3	1,804	5 Feb 1879	Crown Purchase	0
Wairere	1,634	Various	Private Purchases	677
Utakura 1	2,730/2/00	Various	Crown and private purchases	3/6/20

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Utakura 2	5,154/2/00	Various	Crown and private purchases	472
Whakanekeneke	1445	Various	Private Purchases	409
Wharikiriki	341	1916	Private Purchase	0
Whataipu	2,716	June 1875	Crown Purchase	0
Whataipu	66	Unknown	Unknown	49.96
Ahutoatoa	4,277	Unknown	Hokianga Land Settlement Company	0
Huatau	184/18	Various	Private Purchases	58.97
Mangapukahukahu	360	12 Feb 1879	Private Purchase of Kauri Timber Company	0
Pateko	26	1914 and 1918	Private Purchases	0
Horeke	16/28	Various	Private Purchases	3
Rawene/Okura/Herds Point		Initial transaction 1827 1858 OLC Commission	Old Land Claim	0
Motukiore	2,685	Various	Private Purchases	
Te Tapuwae				
Mangataraire	2,730	20 April 1875	Crown Purchase	0
Te Karu	417	2 May 1877	Crown Purchase	0
Oikura	2106		Crown Purchase	0
Ahuahu	128		Private Purchase	0
Hapanga (Te)	13	1 Nov 1866 Prior to 1990	NLC Award / Private Purchase	0
Hapanga (Te)	116	1940?		0
Haratai	146	1 Nov 1867	Private Purchase	0
Herepoho	66	23 June 1913 1917-1921 1961 1967 1991	Partitioned, Private Purchase, Public Works	40
Horo (Te)	132	1 Nov 1876	Crown Purchase	0
Kahikatoa	797	2 July 1866 1897	Crown Purchase / Private Purchase	0
Kaingapokanoa	107	1 Feb 1869 3 May 1912	Lease / Private Purchase	0
Kaiwhakarau	11	24 April 1917 1 Nov 1918	Lease / Private Purchase	0

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Karawa (Te)	76	20 Oct 1887	Crown / Partitioned / Private Purchase	0
Karewa	45	7 March 1866 27 Jan 1977	Maori Reservation	45
Komiti (Te)	170	1 Feb 1868	Private Purchase	0
Korakanui	0/3/14	11 April 1865	Private Purchase	0
Marutuna	12	26 Aug 1893 1912 1921 1928 1930	Private Purchase	3
Omahuta	8,532	3 June 1875	Crown Purchase / Private Purchase	0
Omapere	1,465	25 Jan 1879	Private Purchase / Amalgamation	402
Onewa	27	19 Nov 1964	Private Purchase	0
Otaere	25	5 Dec 1868 prior to 1990	Private Purchase	0
Otaere No.2	121	prior to 1990	Private Purchase	0
Otarihau	1,170	20 June 1867	Crown Purchase / Private Purchase	0
Otautu	316	10 Oct 1870	Private Purchase	0
Oturoi	147	22 Oct 1906	Private Purchase	147
Papakauri	1012	10 Feb 1885 1894 1921 1913 1913 1921 1947 1956	Numerous Partition / Private Purchase	43/4/0
Papua	576	5 June 1872 1913 1914	Awarded / Partitioned / Lease / Private Purchase	254/1/0
Parapara	110	4 Nov 1867 1918	Awarded / Lease	0
Pataikoka	67	3 July 1866 9 Oct 1906	Awarded / Partitioned / Private Purchase	0

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Pimiro	863	3 Jan 1867 1915 1917 1916 1970's	Awarded / Private Purchase / Partitioned	87/1/95
Poieke	5/3/00	16 July 1912 19 Feb 1970 2 June 1977	Maori Reservation / Burial Ground	5/3/00
Pokapu	14	13 June 1872 23 Aug 1898	Awarded / Private Purchase	0
Pokapu	135	7 Jul 1868 1897 1901	Awarded / Private Purchase	0
Pukepoto	411	8 April 1910 12 July 1911	Awarded / Partitioned / Private Purchase	0
Ruapapaka	69/2/0	3 Jan 1870	Awarded	Now measures 70a all Maori Land
Tangatapu	10/3/20	15 May 1877	Awarded	10/3/20
Tangatapu	863	23 Feb 1905 1913 1915-1916 1916-1926 1944 1946, 1967	Awarded / Partitioned / Lease	73/1/00
Taraire	915	11 Feb 1879 12 Feb 1879	Awarded / Crown Purchase	0
Taraire	6115	31 March 1908 1910-1915 1970	Awarded / Partitioned / Private Purchase / Lease / Crown Purchase	74/17/197
Taumataroa	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Tautahanga	1250	1 Dec 1868 2 July 1968	Awarded / Private Purchase	0

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Umuhapuku	139	1 Feb 1869	Awarded / Information not available	0
Umupakeke	17	1 Dec 1868	Awarded / Private Purchase	0
Urupa	311	1 Dec 1866 28 Mar 1867	Awarded / Partitioned / Private Purchase	0
Wahamarangai	565	6 Mar 1866	Awarded / Private Purchase	0
Wahamarangai	2	29 May 1876	Awarded / Crown Grant	0
Waihoanga No.1	1380	1 Apr 1875	Awarded / Crown Purchase	0
Waihoanga	481	23 Oct 1876	Awarded / Crown Purchase	0
Waima North	Exceeds 4646a (Records incomplete)	8 May 1942 1943 1960-1980	Awarded / Consolidation / Partitioned / Lease / Private Purchase / Crown Purchase	3948
Waimahutahuta	161	19 Oct 1876 16 Oct 1882	Private Purchase / Crown Purchase	1/3/34
Wairenga	31	1911 1917	Private Purchase	0
Waitata	25	2 Dec 1867	Private Purchase	8
Whatitiri A + B	46		Partitions / Private Purchase	0
Poru (Te)	100	Information not available	Information not available	Information not available

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name:

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable):

Address / Location:

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[Insert date]

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Key concerns remain regarding:

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Advancing a mandate without:

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fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

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There has been **insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau**.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

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- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
- Reflect long-term collective aspirations

10 Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I/we formally request that:

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2. **Submission deadlines are extended**

3. **Further Hapū-led hui are supported and resourced**
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Opposition to the current mandate **does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.**

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- Tikanga-based governance models
- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana motuhake

Any future process must be **designed by Hapū, for Hapū**, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

12. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name:

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Hapū / Whānau:

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Submission
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I am a great great great mokopuna of Hohepa Pura Otene who signed Te Tiriti of Waitangi

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From:

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There has been **insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau**.

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The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

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Kohatutaka / Mahuika

Submission to

Te Tari Whakatau (formerly Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review Team

From: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation - Nga Puhi Ki Whangaroa

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Date:

02-02-2026

1. Purpose of this Submission

I'm making this submission to call for an immediate pause to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate process and for an independent review of the mandate strategy. These concerns have come up consistently at hui in January 2026 and are shared widely by whānau, hapū, and claimants. They relate to the integrity of the process, including issues of consent, representation, timing, transparency, and the long-term impacts on hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.

2. Absence of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There's no clear evidence that Whangaroa hapū have given free, prior, and informed consent.

Many hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- haven't been properly informed about the mandate strategy
- haven't had access to all the legal and constitutional information
- haven't been given enough time or space to kōrero and make decisions at a hapū level

Free, prior, and informed consent is more than just being told what's happening or consulted after decisions are already underway. A mandate this big can't go ahead legitimately unless hapū lead the process and clearly give their consent.

3. Timeframes Inconsistent with Tikanga and Hapū Decision-Making

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Hapū decision-making requires:

- adequate time for meaningful kōrero and hui
- space for whānau discussion and reflection

- careful consideration of intergenerational and constitutional impacts

Crown-imposed deadlines must not override hapū tikanga, authority, or rangatiratanga. Processes that pressure outcomes within arbitrary timeframes undermine the legitimacy of consent.

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As a 21-year-old Ngāpuhi man, I'm seriously concerned that this mandate and settlement plan could permanently take away hapū authority and rangatiratanga, especially through these "full and final" clauses.

Such outcomes would:

This mandate could permanently strip hapū of authority and rangatiratanga, leaving future generations with no say

Decisions like this could stop hapū from revisiting grievances and bind our tamariki and mokopuna without their consent.

"Full and final" clauses like this risk taking hapū power away forever and locking us into Crown-made structures.

Decisions that affect generations and can't be undone shouldn't happen without clear hapū consent and full understanding.

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The proposed mandate holder and governance arrangements:

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Hapū authority is innate and does not come from the Crown. Governance structures should be created by hapū, not altered to suit Crown convenience or settlement timelines.

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Hapū have previously opposed similar approaches, including during the Tūhono process, where most hapū rejected the proposed mandate model.

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Hapū and whānau can't give real consent unless we get full transparency, clear information, and, if needed, Official Information Act disclosures.

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The Crown has a responsibility to actively uphold hapū rangatiratanga.

Pushing a mandate process without:

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- meaningful, inclusive engagement
- timeframes consistent with tikanga

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Rangatahi, mokopuna, and the wider whānau haven't been properly involved.

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That's why I urge the Crown and everyone involved to pause, listen, and reset this process in a way that truly respects hapū authority and mana motuhake.

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Tēnā koutou,

On behalf of our Hapū Ngāti Ruamahue, please find attached the submission of Ngāti Ruamahue in response to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy.

This submission sets out:

- Ngāti Ruamahue's constitutional position,
- our concerns with the proposed mandate architecture,
- and our formal recommendations regarding hapū authority, consent, and process.

It is made in the exercise of our hapū rangatiratanga and reflects positions consistently articulated by Ngāti Ruamahue, including before the Waitangi Tribunal.

We request that this submission be formally received, recorded, and taken into account in any mandate assessment, validation, or related Crown process

Please also confirm receipt of this submission by return email.

Ngā mihi,

Nā ngā uri o Ngāti Ruamahue

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Ko Whakarara me Tu Kohatu ngā Maunga.

Ko Ngāmoko te Awa

Ko Wainui te Moana

Ko Rawhitiroa te Pā

Ko Muimui te Tūpuna

Ko Ngāti Ruamahue te Hapū

Ko Wainui me Mahinepua ngā Kainga.

Tēnā koutou,

Ngāti Ruamahue: Response to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy

1. Status and Standing

Ngāti Ruamahue makes this response in the exercise of our hapū rangatiratanga, grounded in whakapapa, tikanga, and our constitutional position as articulated before the Waitangi Tribunal (Wai 3300). We speak as a people with our own inherited authority, not as a constituent group within a delegated structure.

2. Acknowledgement of Historical Role (*Support, not Authority*)

Ngāti Ruamahue acknowledges the historical role Whangaroa Papa Hapū has played in supporting whānau and hapū of Whangaroa to progress claims, navigate Crown processes, and sustain collective advocacy at times when resourcing, access, and institutional barriers were significant.

That support has been important. It enabled many claimants to participate who otherwise may not have been able to, and it reflected a long-standing commitment to the wellbeing of the wider Whangaroa community.

However, Ngāti Ruamahue has not consented to Whangaroa Papa Hapū acting as a representative body on our behalf in this capacity.

Our concern, therefore, is not with Whangaroa Papa Hapū's historical facilitation role, but with the shift from facilitation to assumed representation. The current draft mandate strategy proceeds as if such authority already exists. In doing so, it departs from tikanga, from constitutional principle, and from the relational foundations that must underpin any process that purports to speak for, or bind, hapū.

3. Fundamental Constitutional Position

Ngāti Ruamahue does not support the structural model proposed in the Whangaroa Papa Hapū (WPH) Draft Mandate Strategy.

Our opposition is not to the kaupapa of redress, but to the constitutional architecture through which authority is being organised, represented, and ultimately constrained. In particular, we fundamentally disagree with the centralised, Crown-facing model being advanced, and with the implicit hierarchy that positions WPH as an apex decision maker for the rohe.

In its place, Ngāti Ruamahue formally recommends adoption of the attached Plural Māori Authority Constitutional Process – Whangaroa (Appendix A), a Matike Mai aligned, Tiriti based, process architecture grounded in the recognition that Māori political authority is inherently plural, relational, and hapū based.

This is not an aspirational overlay. It is a constitutional design. It is intended to replace, not supplement, the current centralised mandate model.

4. Hapū Consent and Constitutional Integrity

The draft mandate strategy has proceeded on the basis of assumed inclusion rather than informed, hapū specific constitutional consent.

Ngāti Ruamahue was named and positioned within a proposed representation and settlement architecture without full prior disclosure of the constitutional and legal consequences, including mandate authority, extinguishment, PSGE entrenchment, and intergenerational finality, and without an explicit, recorded resolution of our hapū, reached through consequence aware wānanga, to be included on that basis.

Inclusion without informed, tikanga consistent, hapū mandated consent cannot be treated as a lawful or constitutional expression of our rangatiratanga.

This is not a procedural deficiency. It is a structural failure that flows directly from a mandate model that presumes authority before it is conferred.

5. Hierarchy and Aggregation

The draft mandate strategy reproduces a Crown preferred structure characterised by pre-determined terms that must be accepted in order to come to the negotiation table, a centralised decision making authority that synthesises distinct hapū positions into a single aggregated mandate for Crown interface, and a hierarchy determined by administrative convenience rather than tikanga, whakapapa, or constitutional order.

This is precisely the form of aggregation and mandate capture warned against by Matike Mai and

consistently resisted by our people.

Ngāti Ruamahue rejects any structure that re-engineers hapū authority and living relationships into a top down framework that abstracts uri into “constituents”, treats the co-existence of distinct hapū authorities as a problem to be resolved rather than a constitutional reality.

Any Crown facing interface can only exist by, and remain accountable to, hapū authority.

Whangaroa Papa Hapū cannot be its source.

6. Engagement, Process, and Constitutional Sequencing

Ngāti Ruamahue records its disappointment at the limited and inadequate engagement with our hapū in the development of the mandate strategy.

Meaningful constitutional design cannot occur through consultation after the fact. It must be co-constructed from the outset.

The absence of deep engagement on authority, representation, readiness, red lines, and constitutional preference has produced a mandate architecture misaligned with the positions we have consistently articulated, including before the Waitangi Tribunal.

7. Crown Designed Logic

We are particularly concerned that the draft strategy aligns closely with Crown templates, Te Tari Whakatau mandate validation frameworks, and a settlement first, constitution later logic.

This is constitutionally backwards. It inverts the proper sequence by entrenching post settlement power before hapū have determined whether, how, or on what terms they will relate.

The Plural Māori Authority Process affirms that no organisation holds default supremacy, no Crown facing structure should be created until hapū have determined readiness, relationships, and coordination on their own terms, and constitutional form must be generated from Māori authority, not Crown convenience.

8. Plural Authority and the Four Pou

The Plural Māori Authority Process gives constitutional effect to the foundations of Ngāti Ruamahue authority:

- Mana Atua - Authority derives from the atua and the sacred order of Te Ao Māori, beyond Crown delegation.
- Mana Toto - Rangatiratanga is inherited through whakapapa and cannot be created, transferred, or extinguished by mandate structures.
- Mana Tangata - Authority is exercised through the people, relationally and collectively, under tikanga.
- Mana i te Whenua. Authority is grounded in whenua and moana as tūpuna and constitutional sources, not mere jurisdiction.

These are not values. They are sources of constitutional legitimacy.

9. Waitangi Tribunal Alignment

Ngāti Ruamahue’s position aligns directly with our evidence to the Waitangi Tribunal on hapū centred authority, constitutional transformation, Matike Mai’s tri sphere framework, and the rejection of imposed hierarchy and corporate proxies for rangatiratanga.

The WPH draft mandate strategy reproduces the very constitutional distortions our Tribunal evidence seeks to dismantle.

10. Recommendations

Ngāti Ruamahue therefore states that:

1. The current WPH mandate architecture must be set aside.
2. Ngāti Ruamahue must be removed from the draft mandate strategy, and no future mandate or related strategy may include Ngāti Ruamahue without our prior, explicit, and informed consent, given freely and on the basis of full disclosure.
3. The Plural Māori Authority Constitutional Process should be considered as a foundational framework for engagement.
4. Phases 1–3 of that process must occur before any mandate or Crown negotiations.
5. Hapū authority must be formally recognised as constitutionally prior, not delegated.

This is not an operational disagreement.

It is a constitutional one.

We are not debating governance style.

We are asserting rangatiratanga.

Any process that requires hapū to collapse plurality before dialogue is not Tiriti based. It is administratively convenient for the Crown and constitutionally invalid for our people.

Whakapae tonutia kia puta te rā, e kore, e ngaro, tau!

Ngā mihi, kia tūpato

Nā ngā uri o Ngāti Ruamahue

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Appendix A: Plural Māori Authority Constitutional Process – Whangaroa

(*Matike Mai-aligned, Tiriti-based, multi-organisational model*)

Purpose of this Process

This document sets out a **plural, Tiriti-based constitutional process** designed to recognise and coordinate multiple Māori organisational forms while avoiding premature aggregation, Crown-imposed hierarchy, or forced consolidation into a single representative entity.

The purpose of the process is to create a **structured but flexible architecture** that:

- Recognises that Māori authority is exercised through **multiple legitimate organisational forms**, including hapū, marae, whānau groupings, urban Māori organisations, kaupapa-based collectives, trusts, and service entities
- Enables these organisations to participate **without surrendering autonomy** or being subsumed into a single Crown-mandated/approved structure and entity
- Provides time, space, and process for coordination and alignment **before** any mandate, negotiation, or settlement engagement occurs. And additionally, supports coordination, alignment, and collective decision-making through the process itself.
- Strengthens Māori constitutional coherence so that authority is exercised from hapū outward, on our own terms, rather than being re-shaped in response to Crown expectations.

This process is written as **practical constitutional architecture**, not aspirational language, and is intended to be lifted directly into mandate strategies, governance frameworks, or constitutional design documents.

Context and Framing: Matike Mai Aotearoa

Matike Mai Aotearoa was a Māori-led inquiry that asked what governance would look like if Te Tiriti o Waitangi was respected in everyday practice. It deliberately rejected a single uniform model, recognising instead that Māori governance has always been **plural, relational, and context-specific**.

From this perspective:

- Māori authority was never exercised through one structure alone
- Authority flows through whakapapa, tikanga, kaupapa, and collective responsibility
- Te Tiriti affirms the continuation of Māori decision-making alongside Crown kāwanatanga, not beneath it

Matike Mai conceptualises governance as operating across **distinct but related spheres**, rather than within a single chain of command:

- A Māori authority sphere (plural and diverse)
- A Crown authority sphere (bounded)
- A relational sphere where engagement occurs by agreement

This process is grounded in that understanding.

Foundational Premise

Māori political authority is **inherent, plural, and exercised through multiple organisational forms**, not created by Crown recognition or limited to a single representative vehicle.

No one organisation speaks for all others by default.

Any Crown-facing engagement must therefore adapt to Māori organisational readiness, diversity, and alignment — **not force Māori authority into administratively convenient forms**.

Phase 1: Organisational Planning and Preparation (Non-Negotiation Phase)

Purpose

To allow Māori organisations connected to Whangaroa — including hapū, marae committees, urban Māori organisations, trusts, and kaupapa collectives — the time, space, and resources to determine:

- Whether they wish to engage in Crown processes
- How they understand their authority and responsibilities
- What forms of coordination (if any) they are willing to enter

This phase sits entirely within the Māori authority sphere.

Key Features

- No mandate sought or tested
- No Crown engagement on substance
- No assumption of hierarchy between organisations
- No pressure to aggregate or consolidate

Organisational Activities

Each organisation may undertake:

- Internal hui or governance processes
- Discussion of historical experience, kaupapa, and aspirations
- Assessment of risks, benefits, and limits of settlement engagement
- Identification of non-negotiables and red lines
- Determination of how it relates to other Māori organisations

Outcomes

Each organisation produces an **organisational readiness position**, which may include:

- Readiness to engage
- Conditional engagement
- Decision not to engage

Phase 2: Inter-Organisational Alignment and Design

Purpose

To enable Māori organisations to **design how they relate to one another** before any Crown-facing structure is created.

This phase allows for **coordination without consolidation**.

Possible Alignment Forms

Organisations may choose to participate through:

- Loose coordination forums
- Thematic or kaupapa-based clusters
- Regional or rohe-based assemblies
- Time-limited working groups
- Shared negotiation delegations with retained autonomy

Participation is **voluntary, reversible, and non-exclusive**.

Key Discipline

No structure exists unless it can be:

- Reconfigured
- Withdrawn from
- Dissolved without penalty

Phase 3: Relational Interface Establishment (Pre-Mandate)

Purpose

To establish a **relational constitutional interface** between Māori organisations and the Crown **before** any mandate is tested or recognised.

This phase treats Te Tiriti as a **relationship framework**, not a transaction mechanism.

Key Elements

Joint recognition that:

- Māori authority is plural and non-hierarchical
- Crown authority is bounded and conditional
- No single Māori organisation holds default supremacy

Agreement on:

- How engagement will occur
- What matters sit outside Crown jurisdiction
- How disagreement and dissent will be managed
- Tikanga-consistent engagement protocols

What Does Not Occur

- No mandate validation
- No negotiation of redress
- No pressure to progress to settlement

Phase 4: Mandate or Instruction Confirmation (If and When chosen)

Purpose

To formalise **specific instructions** from participating organisations — not to transfer authority or collapse plurality.

Key Features

Any mandate or instruction is:

- Time-bound
- Purpose-specific
- Revocable
- Explicit about retained autonomy

Mandate documents must state clearly:

- What authority remains with participating organisations
- What authority is exercised collectively
- What authority is not delegated at all

Phase 5: Negotiation Within the Relational Sphere

Purpose

To negotiate redress or arrangements **without collapsing organisational plurality**.

Structural Requirements

- Negotiators act only on instruction
- Organisations retain internal decision-making
- Dissenting positions remain visible, not absorbed
- Tikanga-based dispute resolution is embedded

Phase 6: Post-Settlement Continuation of Plural Authority

Purpose

To ensure settlement does not become constitutional closure or organisational erasure.

Key Commitments

- Ongoing relational forums continue
- Organisational autonomy is reaffirmed
- Crown engagement remains relational, not managerial
- Future policy changes re-enter the relational sphere

Why This Process Matters

This approach:

- Reflects lived Māori organisational reality
- Avoids false unity and forced hierarchy
- Protects against Crown mandate capture
- Strengthens legitimacy through plurality
- Treats settlement as one moment, not an endpoint

Final Note

A process that requires Māori to **collapse diversity before dialogue** is not Tiriti-based — it is administratively convenient.

This model restores **choice, alignment, and authority across multiple Māori organisations**, consistent with the intent of Matike Mai and the constitutional promise of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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Whangaroa Papa Hapū

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Date: 01/02/2026

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we make this submission to **formally call for an immediate pause and independent review** of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

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- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications

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The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making.**

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Signature

Hapū / Whānau: on behalf of the [REDACTED] whanau, Mangaiti Marae, Ngati Pakahi

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What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whangaroa is my southern Kai basket. I have dug graves at Matangirau. [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No. Do not move forward on government proposal. We have time. Use it to get our sovereignty back as envisioned by He Whakaputanga.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No. This is not hapu led. Do not negotiate with this fraud Crown. You are extinguishing your rangatiratanga. This government is illegal. Signing this legitimises their sovereignty taken illegally. We want equality in government. Not Maori seats that can be extinguished by a majority vote of this coalition government.

We want rangatiratanga full and final.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQMw-T

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 16:47:00

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

Tēnā koutou, 9(2)(a)

I [REDACTED] submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Mokopuna of Ngatirumahue hapu

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau hapu korero

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not support this proposed mandate.

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.

Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.

The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through "full and final" settlement and Crown-designed structures.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not support the proposed voting process...

Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.

Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Accordingly I request that:

The mandating process be paused immediately

Submission deadlines be extended

Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced

An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ4Y-3

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 09:02:46

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Socials

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Yes

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Yes

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Kahore.

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQMU-R

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 16:53:14

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I belong to Ngāti Aukiwa a hapū of Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa and we are part of te rohe pōtae o Whangaroa. Our Kāinga are Taemaro and Waimahana.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I heard about this process from whānau at a hui in Waimahana and through conversations with other whānau members from Whangaroa.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support this process or the structure because it does not represent the sovereignty and authority vested in the hapū. It is my belief that the crown should be negotiating directly with individual hapū and not with another entity. In He Wakaputanga authority is vest with hapū and their rangatira not in an entity that is not hapū. Whatever is being claimed or negotiated should be discussed and negotiated with the right people the hapū not Whangaroa Papa Hapū.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I do not support the voting process as set out in the mandate because I do not support the mandate. As aforementioned I do not support any process or any mandate that does not engage or directly negotiates with the right rōpū which are the hapū.

KO MĀTOU NGĀ TINO RANGATIRA.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No I think my contribution is self explanatory.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ48-2

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 08:59:24

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko Ngāti Kahu ki Whaingaroa tōku iwi.

Ko Ngāti Rua tōku hapū.

Nō Taupō Bay ahau.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Family and friends

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No. Please see below

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No. Please see below

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I do not support the way this mandating process is being pushed through.

What is happening does not feel like genuine partnership, informed consent, or respect for hapū rangatiratanga. It feels rushed. It feels pressured. And it feels designed to move us into a Crown-controlled pathway before whānau have had the time, clarity, or resources to properly understand what is being proposed.

Mandate is not a small decision. Once given, it is extremely difficult to undo. That alone demands caution, openness, and full hapū engagement not deadlines that silence people through exhaustion or lack of access to information.

At the same time, this process is unfolding under a government that has been clear about its intent to weaken Te Tiriti o Waitangi in law and policy. That context matters. It matters deeply. You cannot ask Māori to hand over decision-making authority while actively signalling a rollback of Māori rights.

The Waitangi Tribunal has reaffirmed that tino rangatiratanga was never extinguished. Yet this process risks doing exactly that in practice by locking our people into a settlement framework designed by the Crown, on the Crown's terms, with limited ability for future generations to revisit those decisions.

This is not about attacking anyone, it is not about division. It is about protecting our collective right to decide as hapū, as marae, as descendants with whakapapa to Whangaroa.

If this mandate proceeds without genuine, informed hapū consent:

Our rangatiratanga is narrowed.

Our mokopuna inherit fewer rights than we did.

Decisions are made about us, without us.

Asking for a pause is not rejection. A pause is responsibility. A pause is tikanga. A pause is saying that decisions of this scale must be made carefully, openly, and together.

Silence should never be treated as consent. Speed should never replace trust. And convenience should never override whakapapa.

I am calling for this process to take careful consideration of us as maori, to respect hapū decision-making, and to allow whānau the time and space to truly understand what is being asked of us and what it means for generations to come.

Ngā mihi

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:06:10

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

██ 9(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Submitted on 2026-02-02 08:55:13

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Kahu
Taupo Marae

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

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Nga mihi

██████████ 9(2)(a)

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g(2)(a)

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Nga mihi

g(2)(a)

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:12:09

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

█ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

█ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Kai Tangata
Ngati Kahu

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through our Runganga
Whangaroa Papahapu

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No please suspend all action till a resolution has happened between hapu

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No it's closing out all grievances from several hapu
And it extinguishes our rights to govern as we see fit!
Our resources lifestyle and decision making

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 08:16:40

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

g(2)(a)

██████████ I am a direct descendant of Te Ururoa a signatory in 1835 who did not sign the Treaty of Waitangi

What's your email?:

g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Te Ururoa, a signatory of the 1835 He Wakaputanga, ka puta ko Hone Heke Ururoa, who ordered the flag to be chopped at Kororarika, ██████████

g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

g(2)(a)

██████████ of Te Tahaawai. Te Tahaawai is the principal hapu for Whaingaroa and all other hapu since 1835 to this current day, as they did not sign the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi. Te Tahaawai does not support the Whaingaroa Papahapu mandate. In fact, we must conduct a serious fraud audit to investigate corruption. ██████████ and her mother, ██████████, have a conflict of interest. ██████████

g(2)(a)

██████████ marae, hapu and stated claimants must prove they have been here since 1840 to 1992. I can tell you most of the hapu stipulated in these claims do not exist and cant prove that they have been here since 1840. We would like to challenge these marae, hapu and whanau individuals to clarify their tupuna, and relations that are here today since 1840.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Absolutely not, as the 1835 made it clear who is who in the zoo.

Te Ururoa signed for Ngapuhi Ngati Kahu Te Tahaawai and the Uri O Ururoa

Hare Hongi Hika signed for the heads of tribes, being Ngati Uru, Ngai Te Wake and Te Tahaawai

Hemi Kepa Tupe signed for the heads of tribes, being Ngati Kahuiti, Te Whanau Pani, Ngati Kawau, Te Tahaawai and the Uri O Putete

Where do all the other hapu, marae and individuals come from?

g(2)(a)

Some of these hapu did not exist after 1840 but and have been claiming fisheries profit. The ██████████ whakapapa disagrees with the Whangaora Papahapu and would like a chance to expose their links to our tupuna and their true intentions in an open forum.

g(2)(a)

The Whangaroa Papahapu have been given a mandate but have never had the real descendants, but claimed their tupuna without the whakapapa.

██████████ needs the Serious Fraud Squad to do an investigation on her whanau for ring-fencing the funding amongst them. The descendants would like to challenge them publicly this being an opportunity to do so.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

There are made-up hapu that have not been here since 1840 and are voting to outvote the whakapapa. Some of these hapu have been utu from Te Ururoa principal hapu Rangatira and his alliance ,which can be proven. The stipulation is from 1840 to 1992; we challenge on this basis all hapu identified by the Whangaora Papahapu and their processes of representing the whanau without proper consultation to whakapapa.

g(2)(a)

██████████ stole from Te Runanga O Whaingaroa, and we have proof of this. ██████████ Te Runanga O Whangaroa (TROW) Chairman and

██████████, CEO at the time, made a personal profit operating TROW business affairs illegally. ██████████ has a personal conflict being a ██████████, a representative for TROW and her ██████████ being the project manager for the Whaingaroa Papahapu. A whanau affair.

g(2)(a)

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Te Tahaawai is the main principal hapu of Whaingaroa, has been undermined by the Whangaroa Papahapu operation as she is not listening and making up hapu to have numbers for voting purposes. I propose the Serious Fraud Squad to look into the Whaingaroa Papahapu processes and see if they are bias, illegal and not inclusive of whakapapa that have the real claims in Whaingaroa.

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQMC-6

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:15:38

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am Ngati Kura from Matauri

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

At a hui held at Te Putanga Marae in Pupuke.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support the draft mandate strategy.

I believe that it does not support the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 of which supports He Wakaputanga 1835.

The draft mandate strategy supports the government's desire to make a settlement whereby any rights to redress that our mokopuna are adversely affected by will be extinguished. That the structure of the draft mandate undermines Tinorangatiranga our right to govern to decide to control. The draft mandate does not acknowledge the extent of our grievances for historic breaches to Te Tiriti o Waitangi nor shows any remorse for the confiscation via created legislation of our lands nor does the draft mandate structure acknowledge Maori as Partners in Te Tiriti o Waitangi rather it ignores our contractual rights and uses power that contractually doesn't have to dictate to us what and how we can make redress to these breaches.

I say no to the draft mandate because I believe Maori are being rushed to make decisions with the threat of closing any further attempts at redress as this is a government tactic and one that does not support Tikanga Maori in terms of what Tikanga dictates and the guidelines provided for Maori when making decisions of any nature.

Maori as Treaty Partners must follow Tikanga as this is our foundation and never changes this is why we Maori can still stand strong against the constraints of colonial oppression forced upon tangata whenua.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not support the proposed voting system as it does not reflect Tinorangatiranga and our right to be in the decision seats rather than be given an ultimatum wrapped up to look like a choice.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Date: Sunday, 1 February 2026 10:30:32 am

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakataua (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation (if applicable): Te Huia
 Address / Location: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 Email / Phone: [REDACTED]

Date:

01/02/26

1. Purpose of this Submission

I/we make this submission to **formally call for an immediate pause and independent review** of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in **January 2026**, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to **process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.**

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is **no clear evidence** that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

A mandate of this scale **cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.**

3. The Process Is Being Rushed

The current timeframe — including the **February 2 submission deadline** — is widely seen as **unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making**.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes **should not override Hapū tikanga or authority**.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks **permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga**, particularly through so-called “**full and final**” settlement clauses.

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes **cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval**.

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū whakapapa and tikanga
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

Hapū authority **does not derive from Crown recognition** and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

6. History of Hapū Opposition Has Been Ignored

Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the **Tūhono process**, where a majority of Hapū voted **against** the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures
- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without **full transparency**, including access to information through **plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary**

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to **actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga**.

Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent
- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing **further harm and division**.

9. Rangatahi and Whānau Are Not Adequately Engaged

There has been **insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau**.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

- Involve all generations
- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
- Reflect long-term collective aspirations

10. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I/we formally request that:

1. **The current mandating process is paused immediately**
2. **Submission deadlines are extended**
3. **Further Hapū-led hui are supported and resourced**
4. **An independent review is undertaken** to assess consent, process integrity, and alignment with Hapū authority

11. Support for Hapū-Led Alternatives

Opposition to the current mandate **does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.**

There is strong support for:

- Hapū-led pathways
- Tikanga-based governance models
- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana motuhake

Any future process must be **designed by Hapū, for Hapū**, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

12. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to **pause, listen, and reset this process** in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Signature (if submitting in writing):

Hapū / Whānau: Te Huia Marae / [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Cc: p.goldsmith@ministers.govt.nz; paul.goldsmith@parliament.govt.nz
 Subject: Submission: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy
 Date: Monday, 2 February 2026 5:20:45 pm

Tēnā koutou,

We write on behalf of the Whangaroa Te Tiriti Action Group to formally notify the Minister and officials of **serious procedural breaches** affecting the integrity and legitimacy of the mandating process known as *Ngā Takenga Mai*, currently being advanced in relation to Whangaroa hapū.

This letter is provided **prior to the close of submissions at 5:00pm on 2 February**, and is intended to place the Crown on clear notice of defects that, in our view, **fatally undermine the process** and preclude lawful reliance on its outcomes.

1. Failure to ensure Free, Prior and Informed Consent

The mandating process has proceeded without ensuring that whānau and hapū were provided with sufficient, accessible, and complete information to allow **free, prior and informed consent**, including:

- failure to disclose key underlying documents in a timely manner;
- inadequate explanation of the legal and constitutional consequences of mandating;
- lack of clarity as to the scope, limits, and irrevocability of the proposed mandate

These failures directly compromise the ability of affected hapū to participate meaningfully in the process.

2. Predetermination of Outcome

The structure, framing, and sequencing of Ngā Takenga Mai strongly indicate that the outcome of the process was **effectively predetermined**, with consultation operating as a confirmatory exercise rather than a genuine decision-making process.

This includes:

- presentation of a single preferred pathway without genuine alternatives;
- advancement of the process despite sustained and recorded objections;
- continuation of the process notwithstanding unresolved concerns regarding legitimacy and representation.

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The Crown has relied on **compressed and unreasonable timeframes** that are inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making and the realities of hapū-level engagement.

These timeframes have:

- limited whānau participation;
- excluded kaumātua and those with limited digital access;
- prevented collective deliberation across marae and hapū.

4. Failure to Engage at Hapū Level

Engagement has not occurred in a manner that recognises **hapū as the primary political and decision-making units** under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Instead, the process has privileged aggregated or proxy forms of engagement that obscure hapū authority and undermine tino rangatiratanga.

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There are serious concerns that levels of support for Ngā Takenga Mai have been **misrepresented or overstated**, including:

- assumptions of consent where none was given;
- reliance on silence or non-participation as implied support;
- failure to record or give effect to explicit opposition.

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Repeated requests for documents and information necessary for meaningful participation have not been adequately met. As a result, whānau and hapū were denied a fair opportunity to assess, critique, or respond to the process.

This failure is itself a breach of procedural fairness.

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The process has failed to reflect tikanga Māori principles, including:

- collective deliberation;
- respect for dissent;
- protection of hapū autonomy;
- good faith engagement.

This represents a substantive departure from both Tiriti principles and established Crown commitments to tikanga-aligned processes.

Notice of Proposed Further Action

Given the above, we formally notify the Crown that:

- any reliance on the Ngā Takenga Mai process in its current form will be **contested**;
- the Crown is **on notice** that proceeding despite these defects may compound Treaty breaches rather than resolve them;
- we are actively considering, and reserve the right to pursue:
 - an **urgent application to the Waitangi Tribunal**;
 - **judicial review** of any Crown decision relying on this process;
 - further procedural and public accountability actions.

For the avoidance of doubt, a mandate obtained through a procedurally defective process **cannot cure its own defects**.

Proceeding in reliance on such a process would expose the Crown to significant legal and Treaty risk.

Requested Action

We formally request that the Crown:

1. **Pause** reliance on the Ngā Takenga Mai process;
2. Decline to recognise any mandate arising from it;
3. Engage in a genuine, hapū-led reconsideration of process design, consistent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi and tikanga Māori.

We expect this letter to be placed on the official record and taken into account in any decisions relating to Whangaroa.

Nā mātou noa, nā

On behalf of the **Whangaroa Te Tiriti Action Group**

9(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
 To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
 Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
 Date: Monday, 2 February 2026 8:54:17 am

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)
 Whangaroa Papa Hapū
 Mandate Review Team

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)
 Ngāti Kura - [REDACTED]

2 February 2026

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g(2)(a)

Ngāti Kura / [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 2 February 2026 4:38:10 pm

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In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.
Accordingly, I/we request that:

The mandating process be paused immediately
Submission deadlines be extended
Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
Ngati Pakahi
[REDACTED]

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJ2-J

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
 Submitted on 2026-02-02 07:56:27

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[Redacted] 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[Redacted] 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I whakapapa to Ngāi Tupango, whose mana and identity are grounded in Te Ngāere, and which is recognised as a hapū within Ngā Hapū o Whangaroa.

[Redacted] 9(2)(a)
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted]

[Redacted]. Our whānau have an enduring relationship with Te Ngāere, expressed through generations of living on, caring for, and maintaining the whenua.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Online through Facebook.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

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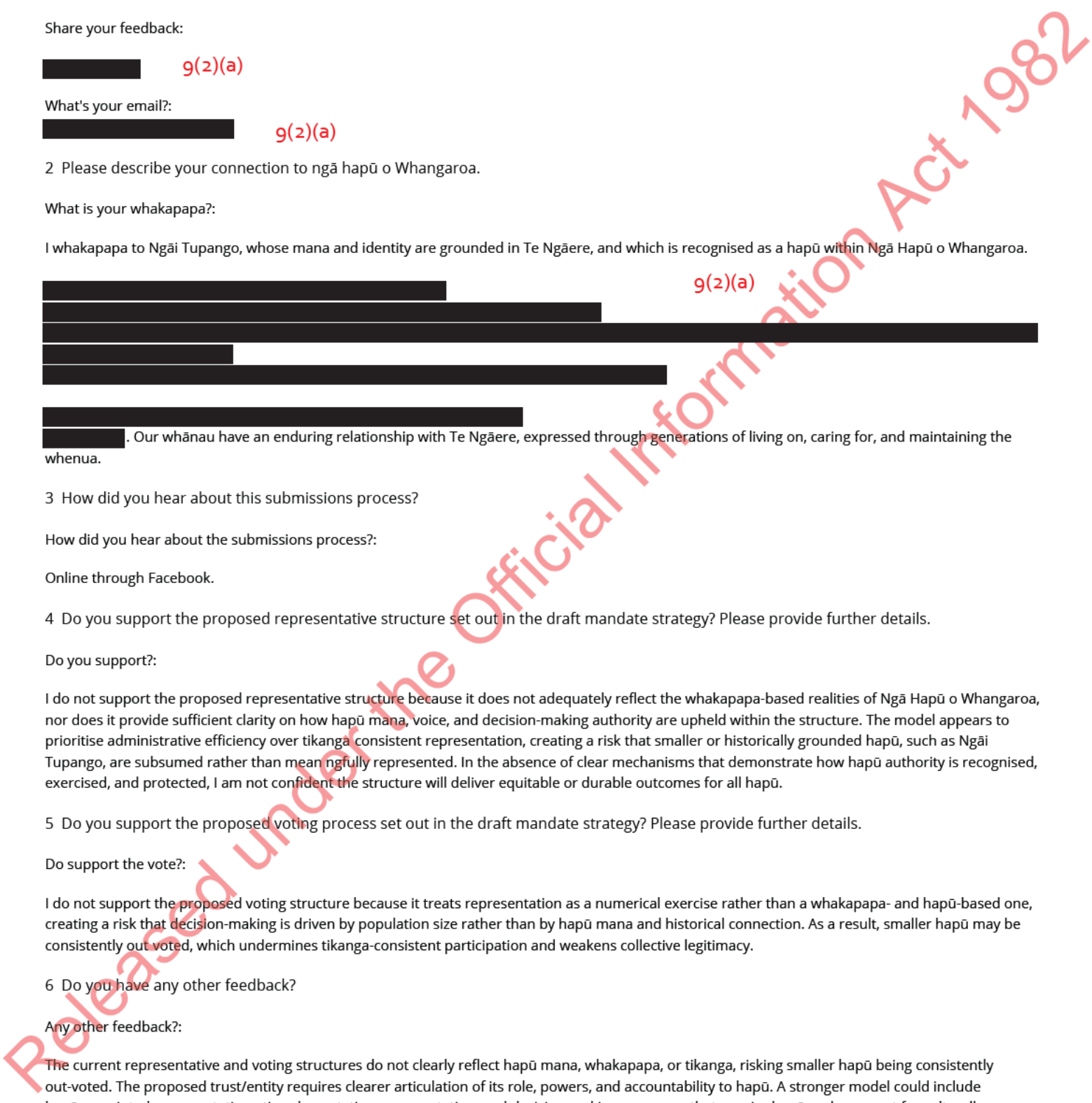
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6 Do you have any other feedback?

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQM2-N

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:18:39

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Share your feedback:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Cousin [Redacted] put out panui on facebook g(2)(a)

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Do you support?:

No.....as a hapu and iwi have had no consultation.moving to fast
No.....no.....no.....no.....no.....no.....

Need the process to slow down so we can say aye or nay whether we agree or disagree

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Do support the vote?:

No.....as a iwi and hapu we did not get to vote.like I said moving to fastneed to slow down let people have a say whether they agree or not.....the government [] push/push

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I really don't like what's happening.government wants to settle maybe it's best if the people who agree with the government need to go and struggle like us as maori to go back to Europe and claim some land.now who's the outsider God forbid you you have a dark tan

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJC-3

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 07:01:46

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 06:08:56

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

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What is your whakapapa?:

Ngāti Pakahi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

[REDACTED] + Facebook g(2)(a)

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Do you support?:

No

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Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Slow down the process and let our people decide!

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJF-6

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 03:14:53

Share your feedback

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I dont have a connection to Whanagroa

The group know as

Whangaroa Papa Hapu has

misrepresented

The Puketi Omahuta Boundry between Nagti Toro and Whangaroa

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Social Media

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not.

I come from Ngati Toro Hapu

There Boundry with my Hapu is incorrecr

And their draft claim has taken in all Our Traditional Hapu Lands

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Do support the vote?:

No.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJH-8

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 02:41:31

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

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What is your whakapapa?:

I am not sure about any connection at present.

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Facebook

Whanau

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Mandate Review Team

From:

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ph. [REDACTED]

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From:

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Ngati Hao, Ngati Toro, Ngati Hine, Te Rarawa

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Ph. [Redacted]

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A mandate of this scale cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.

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Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without full transparency, including access to information through plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary.

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The Crown has an obligation to actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga.

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- Clear Hapū consent
- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

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For these reasons, We urge the Crown and all parties involved to pause, listen, and reset this process in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nāku,

g(2)(a)

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJ7-Q

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 00:05:08

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1 What is your name?

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[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

No connection

I am Ngāti Hāo, Ngāti toro

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Social media, whānau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

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Given these unresolved procedural defects, we submit that the Crown cannot lawfully rely on this process and must pause or restart it.

Nāku [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support the vote?:

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQM5-R

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:19:56

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1 What is your name?

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██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Nō Waihapa me Taupo

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I Support a pause so I can better understand our way forward and how i can contribute.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I Support a pause so I can better understand our way forward and how i can contribute.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I Support a pause so I can better understand our way forward and how i can contribute.

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6W-3

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 17:47:11

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What's your email?:

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2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Pakahi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Yes I do.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Yes.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No.

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQMK-E

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:20:52

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whānaunga links from my happy Te Popoto in the Hokianga

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 23:43:19

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Kaitangata
Ngati kawau
Ngati mokokohi
Ngati kahuiti
Ngai tupango

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No,
There are many flaws

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, I don't agree to that process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Our sovereignty is not to be alienated in any way or form.

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQV8-4

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:27:21

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█ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

█ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am from kaeo Whangaroa matangirau

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I support to be against the mandate being put forward

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJG-7

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 22:17:40

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whakapapa whenua tuku iho

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Hui whanau papa hapu

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No because you only have one representative to represent my hapū which doesn't align with tikanga Maori

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No because not enough people are informed and aren't ready to vote in time by the time a vote arises

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Let the hapū decide what they want to do with their whenua in their own time with their own process

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQVY-5

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:45:05

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What's your email?:

████████████████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Part of whangaroa through Ngati Kura.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Yes

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-01 22:03:28

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

9(2)(a)

[REDACTED], I whakapapa to the hapū Ngāti Ruamahue and Ngāti Kura of Ngāti Kahu ki Whaingaroa and Ngāpuhi ki Whaingaroa, within Whangaroa.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whānau.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No.

I do not support the proposed structure because it does not adequately uphold hapū tino rangatiratanga. The structure appears to prioritise Crown requirements and timelines over hapū-led authority and tikanga-based decision-making. It risks replacing living hapū authority with Crown-approved entities that are not accountable in the same way to whānau, now or into the future. Rangatiratanga cannot be exercised through structures designed primarily to achieve Crown closure.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support the vote?:

No.

I do not support the proposed voting process as it risks binding current and future generations to outcomes they have not meaningfully consented to. A single voting process does not reflect the diversity of hapū perspectives, nor does it allow space for careful, informed, tikanga-aligned deliberation. Silence or disengagement must not be treated as consent, particularly where the consequences are permanent and irreversible.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Our tino rangatiratanga must not be ceded or traded for a settlement. The extinguishment of claims must not result in the extinguishment of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a living agreement. Te Tiriti was never intended to be closed off as a historical issue, and any process that requires hapū to permanently surrender future rights is fundamentally inconsistent with partnership.

The Crown describes the settlement process as justice and healing, yet "full and final" settlements require Māori to agree that all Treaty claims, past, present, and future, are permanently closed. This means future generations lose rights they never consented to give up, and Te Tiriti loses legal force for those bound by settlement legislation. That is not rangatiratanga.

There should be no single, one-size-fits-all settlement deal imposed across hapū. Real rangatiratanga means hapū deciding for themselves, with authority that continues into the future, guided by tikanga rather than Crown deadlines. The current process prioritises containment and closure over genuine partnership.

Given the pace at which mandates and settlements are being advanced, it is critical that further time, engagement, and reconsideration occur. Decisions made now will be legally binding on our mokopuna. Silence must not be taken as consent.

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:55:15

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He whakapapa nōku ki a Whangaroa.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau mā runga ipurangi.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Kao! Ka whakahē rawa atu.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Kao! Ka whakahē rawa atu!

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Whakaaukatingia tēnei hōtaka/āhua/huarahi, kei takahia te mana motuhake o ōku whanaunga, o ōku hapū.

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-01-26 17:59:29

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Share your feedback:

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What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whakapapa
Marae

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support or tautoko this process as I believe our people have not been fully informed or even aware of the mandate.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Until the many hapū affected by this mandate have been fully informed, i do not agree or support this mandate.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No authority has been given from our Marae to be included in this mandate.

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 21:54:07

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██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Te Uri O Te Aho
Whaanau Pani

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Hapuu Hui

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Do you support?:

NO
Requesting immediate pause and an independent review.

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Tēnā koutou, 9(2)(a)

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Nāku noa,

██████████ 9(2)(a)

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██████████ 9(2)(a)

g(2)(a)

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g(2)(a)

Te Uri O Te Aho

Whaanau Pani

g(2)(a)

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

NO

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQVJ-P

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-26 18:42:00

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Through our Tupuna Hongi Hika,
Maraea Puketutu

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No do not support the proposed representative structure.

It's another rushed ploy from the crown to force us into a Mandate.

We as a hapu have never agreed to proposals put forward from Whangaroa Papa Hapu, and have always spoken up to that.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, it distinguishes our Mana Motuhake

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Stop stop stop. Land Back

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJ1-H

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 21:49:15

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati kawau

Kaitangata

Ngati kahuiti

Ngati mokokohi

Ngai tupango

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Hapu hui, whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, it's a process that will not protect our sovereign rights to our whenua.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, i do not agree to that process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

This current coalition government are not looking after the best interest for maoridom in this new zealand, our SOVEREIGNTY is not for SALE!! under any mandate.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQVV-2

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-01-26 18:45:48

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko Ngati Kura, Ko Ngati Kawau, Ko Ngati Ruamahue nga hapu.

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

[Redacted]

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Matua Anaru Kira. g(2)(a)
I hate the perspective of [Redacted], but he has posted avidly on the link to submissions, which I used to find today.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

He maimai aroha: We do this in honour of our tupuna who began this process. Firstly by trusting in He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and then those that remembered those promises were worth participating in a process to seek redress.

[Redacted] g(2)(a)

• And the many others that did not labour in vain. Just like us.

This process was there to support the resolve of the Wai 1040 Inquiry, 71 claims and the tupuna names below. They did not start a process to see it not completed, to see it delayed when promises are due to their descendants. We proceed and tautoko with this claim to honour their legacy.

Money is not a drawcard for negotiations. But decision-making for Taiao and things like that have not been highlighted enough.

- We need to show our people examples of what was possible with the Waikato River Authority, that we don't have to fight all authority and that we can actually be in charge, that it's possible
- We say we want landback, but we struggle to activate lands already in our hands, particularly to make it sustainable. ie responsibilities to rates, council or development (if we were to dream about our lands trusts. I have worked with one of our lands trusts when we said we wanted papakainga but actually we just wanted to play pretend and debate, our people feared action and someone actually getting a house built)

Whakamana: Re-investing in our own – train us in co-operatives and help us to start a model as an example to grow trust over time.

Our people are afraid of formal structures. Our people have also been burned within them too. Well-intentioned. From the inside out. Maybe I'm about to become one of them. Yes we do need to consider the appropriate entity. Perhaps it is in more collaborative structures that Farmers are well accustomed to that gives a more devolved model that could amplify hapu voices in a greater way. Our people never say it except for people like Matua [REDACTED] who said in a Redress hui ki Matangirau Nov 2025 "don't trust us, we aren't good with money" – I said "well you and your marae might not be but don't assume the worst of all of us. Times have changed and things are changing."

Cultural Redress: Wairua things have united our people better than political things, or tangible things. The Taiao.

- The spiritual act of maunga authority and decision-making carved out as an example
- The waterways and how this might change the attitudes of our people
- Breaking down for our people what "statutory recognition over crown land" means. Paying for large placards and descriptors to help our whanau dream again. This is what we did when we had to beg our whanau to dream that it might be possible to take Motuekaiti off the private market through the landbanking scheme, instead of the planned protest everyone thought might be successful. We ran wananga along the coast, talking with our kaumatua and had a graphic drawn up of our tupuna looking over the island site. We used that image/graphic that highlighted wairuatanga for everything. And we trusted one another along the way. Even to this day as we consider what an exclusive lease to occupy might look like, the closest to ownership we have had in over 100 years.

Whangaroa today: the stats are stacked against us. We need capital and we need an injection of courage that it's still possible, amidst the heart of protest.

- We own homes at half the rate of New Zealanders. That means only 1 in 5 of us have stability in our whanau. At any time a landlord could call in on our whanau to move. Redress means we have means to collectivise and offer home ownership, but more importantly stability and leverage to our whanau.
- The changing economy and future of work- our unemployment is double that of New Zealand. We have to work twice as hard to ensure there are employers that will employ our people, and keep our people employed. The easiest way to do this is to have control over transitions and tension points, for young people and men in their 50s. To own the companies. To own the decision-making on hiring. To create the pastoral lines of tautoko that support procurement or even set up as a pākihi, tax, acc payments. We need umbrellas and a hapu, an Iwi Runanga or whatever we want to use, an Auntie or cousin on her own, cannot afford to do this without doing it together, with support and means and capital-backing. We must maintain our legacy of entrepreneurship. The Whangaroa stats do not reflect the economy that is within our own hands, both in Whangaroa and amongst the world.
- There is a whanaunga who I haven't met yet who called me about the proposed Mussel Farm Development (in support) and is apparently a tax structure and co-operative expert. His name is [REDACTED]. I am yet to meet him or do anything with him. Fund us directly (not Tupu Tonu because they never fund us for anything we apply for) so we can grow a model ground up and gain trust. Tupu Tonu wouldn't even fund us a hapu and wider iwi database to help with this redress process. At this point I don't know why they exist as they are just another added layer of bureaucracy to go through, although I do appreciate the pakeha staff as it brings a level of independence. They are also good people, the navigators, but unfortunately just bring false hope, opting to fund a dying breed to have cups of teas and loud voices opposing any sort of togetherness which isn't helpful.

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Opposition can be noisy, but it doesn't represent everyone.

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This mahi of Whangaroa Papa Hapu is a takoha amongst hoha people that are loud but often achieve nothing for the benefit of collectives but heroic individual profiles. If hapu can't see this mahi as a koha, carry on without them. Let them watch from the sidelines.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I support, but we over-emphasise and overrate the connection ability and engagement/facilitation abilities of our hapu.

I am part of the back-end backbones of our hapu and we don't even have our own database of whanau yet to lack of funds, structure, lack of trust to even create a legal entity with Ngati Ruamahue. So how on earth do we think hapu are going to be able to reach whanau to participate.

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Any other feedback?:

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Whakaaro from wider whaanau

- That our enemy is not one another – it is the Crown. We need to hold them to account and not get distracted.
- Whangaroa have never been afraid to make moves first (He Whakaputanga, He Whenua Rangatira, Trade, Claims)
- Trauma, healing is needed
- We need kotahitanga as we move forward together
- Whanaungatanga is needed – so we can trust one another
- aroha tētahi ki tētahi, kōrero whakapapa, kōrero tuku iho, kaitahi, kōrero kotuitui tangata, kōrero anga whakamua
- hapū participation and contribution to shape process especially on choosing hapū kaikorero
- Kotahitanga means we should expect fairness and sharing between us if we are working on the basis of whanaungatanga and kotahitanga

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 21:24:37

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati kawau

Kaitangata

Ngati kahuiti

Ngati mokokohi

Ngai tupango

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau, hapu

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, totally disagree.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, not at all.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Our sovereign rights are not for sale.

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Kaitangata

Ngati mokokohi

Ngai tupango

Ngati kahuiti

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Tapu hui

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Do you support?:

No, I did not agree to that arrangement.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, I did not agree with that process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I'm not willing to agree to a government process that extinguishes our sovereign rights.

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 20:44:44

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He uri ahau no whangaroa rohe

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook post from whangaroa te tiriti action group

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?: g(2)(a)

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Do support the vote?:

No i dont not support the proposed

Voting process in the draft mandate strategy.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-01 20:21:29

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Share your feedback:

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He uri ahau no Maunga Whakarara me Maunga Taratara.

Ko Te Tapui ki Matauri te Marae.

Ko Ngati Kura , ko Ngati Torehina nga hapu.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I heard of this process through whanau discussions.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate process.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review

██████████ hereby formally make my submission as follows

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I make this submission to formally call for an immediate pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy. This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in January 2026, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.

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There is no clear evidence that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

A mandate of this scale cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.

3. The Process Is Being Rushed

The current timeframe — including the February 2 submission deadline — is widely seen as unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based

decision-making.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
- Space for whānau discussion
- Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts

Deadlines imposed by Crown processes should not override Hapū tikanga or authority.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga, particularly through so-called “full and final” settlement clauses.

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval.

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū whakapapa and tikanga
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

Hapū authority does not derive from Crown recognition and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

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Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the Tūhono process, where a majority of Hapū voted against the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures
- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without full transparency, including access to information through plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary.

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga.

Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent
- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing further harm and division.

9. Rangatahi and Whānau Are Not Adequately Engaged

There has been insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

- Involve all generations
- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
- Reflect long-term collective aspirations

10. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I formally request that:

1. The current mandating process is paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines are extended
3. Further Hapū-led hui are supported and resourced
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Opposition to the current mandate does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.

There is strong support for:

- Hapū-led pathways
- Tikanga-based governance models
- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana motuhake

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12. Closing Statement

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Nāku noa

████████████████████
Ngati Kura, Ngati Torehina.

g(2)(a)

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

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What's your email?:

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

No Ngati Ruamahue to matou whanau.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

From extended whanau korero and discussions.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

We do not support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

We do not the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate process in its current iteration.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

g(2)(a)

I hereby present my formal submission as members/uri of Ngati Ruamahue and Whangaroa whanui.

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He uri ahau no Whangaroa whanui,
Ko Taratara te Maunga , Ko Otangaroa te Marae.

Ko Ngati Rangī, ko Ngati Rangī Matamomoe, Ko Ngati Rangī Matakaka, Ko Te Hoia nga hapu

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I heard of the process via whanau.

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Kia oho kia tu Kia mataara!
We're in the last hours now.
We're asking for one more final push today and tomorrow

This is the moment to flood the process with submissions. Every name. Every whānau line. Every network.

Our priority right now: Get as many submissions in as possible using all registers, socials, and whānau connections.
Evidence of malpractice comes next. Volume and consistency matter now.

THE DEADLINE IS TOMORROW

5:00pm, Monday 2 February (Submissions close sharply – late submissions are usually excluded.)

ACT NOW!

FILE MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS

Encourage submissions from:

- * whānau
- * marae committees
- * kaumātua
- * hapū collectives\

Important: Each submission should repeat the same core defects. Do not add new arguments. Repetition = impact.

USE THESE CONCERNS (Officials recognise these as red flags)

Use these as headings in submissions:

- * Lack of free, prior and informed consent
- * Predetermination of outcome
- * Inadequate notice & unreasonable timeframes
- * Failure to engage at hapū level
- * Conflict of interest / capture
- * Misrepresentation of support
- * Failure to provide underlying documents
- * Breach of tikanga-based decision-making

TACTICAL TIP — THIS MATTERS

End every submission with this sentence (copy + paste it):

"Given these unresolved procedural defects, we submit that the Crown cannot lawfully rely on this process and must pause or restart it."

That wording matters.

NAME THE PROCESS, NOT THE PEOPLE

This protects you and strengthens the submission.

Don't say: "This chair is corrupt" Say: "This process fails basic standards of fairness"

Officials respond to process failure, not political attacks.

STRONGEST STATEMENT (USE THIS)

This sentence belongs in every submission:

"A mandate obtained through a defective process cannot cure its own defects. Proceeding would compound the breach, not resolve it."

Final ask: If these concerns are yours too — submit now and share this message everywhere. Every submission adds weight. Every hour counts.

HERE IS A TEMPLATE SUBMISSION

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The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna. For these reasons, I/we urge the Crown and all parties involved to pause, listen, and reset this process in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Nā matou noa

g(2)(a)

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJJ-A

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 19:49:37

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko ngati kura me ngati ruamahue oku hapu.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whangaroa te tiriti action group

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?: 9(2)(a)

Kia ora i ██████████, reject this process and proposed draft mandate in its entirety.

This does not empower honour or uphold hapu rangatiratanga.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No i do not support the proposed voting process set out in this draft mandate.

Again this compromises hapu rangatiratanga.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJB-2

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 19:37:02

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I te taha o toku papa

No Ngati kura me Ngati ruamahue toku hapu.

I te taha o toku mama,

No Ngati kura me whanaupani.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whangaroa Te tiriti action group

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Tēnā koutou,

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

I [REDACTED], submit this submission in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy. We formally request an immediate pause and independent review of the mandate process.

Summary of Concerns

1. ***Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent***: Hapū consent has not been clearly obtained or verified, undermining hapū rights and authority.
2. ***Rushed Timeframes***: Inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making processes, risking inadequate consultation and consideration.
3. ***Risk of Binding Future Generations***: Proposed mandate risks permanent settlement and Crown-designed structures without ensuring hapū aspirations are met.
4. ***Inadequate Representation***: Governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority and decision-making.
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Requests

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2. Submission deadlines be extended to allow for proper consultation.
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4. An independent review of the mandate and process be undertaken to ensure fairness and alignment with tikanga.

This submission is not opposition to resolution but a call for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No i do not support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 19:24:15

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What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko Matauri tōku kainga noho, kei te rohe o Whangaroa
████████████████████ g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Ngāti Kura Te Tapui facebook page, and Te Karere TV1

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

A pause is not a "no".

A pause is saying: slow down, be honest, respect our tikanga, and let whānau decide.

Please don't assume someone else will speak up.

This is the moment.

Share this. Talk to your whānau.

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Submitted on 2026-01-26 18:54:41

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

matangirau

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 19:23:19

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ko Ngati kura te hapu, no Matauri ahau.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Te tiriti action group

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Tēnā koutou, g(2)(a)

I [REDACTED] submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.

Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.

The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through "full and final" settlement and Crown-designed structures.

Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.

Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I request that:

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Submission deadlines be extended

Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced

An independent review of draft mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No i do not support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy.

It is contradictory of tikanga and hapu automomy. It looks to breakdown the strength and unity within a hapu collective capacity, undermine tino rangatiratanga.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

This crown process is one of conform.

This process and draft mandate strategy is one of duress to hapu/whanau/tangata

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 19:16:36

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Te Pupuke
Whangaroa

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Te Tahaawai rangatira were the first to sign He Whakaputanga. g(2)(a)
Hongi Hika, Te Tahaawai o Nga-Puhi, leading Rangatira.
[REDACTED]

Te Tahaawai is my hapu, we are descendants of Hongi Hika who conquered Whangaroa in the late 1820s and chased out many hapu who had resided there, it was also his mother's land Te Tuhikura as she was daughter of Te Tahapango who resided on Taratara, which overlooks the Whangaroa harbour prior to the conquest of Hongi. Te Tahaawai rangatira have always claimed this land through conquest and continued occupation as documented through our ancestors korero in the minute books and deeds and korero tuku iho and this still remains in those who know of them.

Like many others I am of many hapu of Whangaroa not just the one with this making our linked genealogy unique to say the least. As the hapu on He Whakaputanga for Whangaroa, I know that at any negotiations I should be there on behalf of those rangatira mentioned and more also the government have much to explain for.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

From the people of Whangaroa and going to hui,

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

NO,

I think it needs more dialogue with more the whanau leaders of the hapu as that is where the basis of our tikanga begins, whanau, hapu, then iwi, if you are not the kaikorero for you family then how can you be a hapu kaikorero? if your own whanau are displeased in the person you are, it remains a thread crucial factor for the integrity of the iwi to be strong and filled through structures derived from the ukaipo or nucleus of the family structure, thus baby steps as we say. Our Whakapapa although unique is the essence that pushes us forward, the struggle for our society is so unbelievably being eroded consistently without a thought consistently exploded any opposition to assume our inherited rights for things soon where to change to a forced English rule as soon as foreign European entities arrived upon our seas and made landfall.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote :

NO,

Because somehow if you oppose the organisation, they immediately shut down my own korero which makes it corrupt and misleading, sometimes what is important is not noted because of the corruption people working on their own hidden agendas and keeping what you have to say under wraps or hidden away just to create a narrative suited to the wrong people taking a position that doesn't belong to them especially through genealogy of Whangaroa.

I deserve every right to speak to any negotiations pertaining to Whangaroa harbour and lands.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

YES

Start a whole new strategic program and take more time and involve the ones who actually know the real unspoken history and can contest the history of Whangaroa, If you do not know about the conquest of Whangaroa and beyond then you should not be at any negotiations with parties unfamiliar to oneself such as the New Zealand company that is still stealing this country Aotearoa.

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-01 19:13:49

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Kawa
Whanau Pani
Ngatiruamahue
Ngati Kura

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I belong here, this is my Whenua Have attended many of these Hui

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Yes I do, it looks fair and straightforward

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do support the process set out in the draft mandate strategy

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Not at this stage.

.am looking forward to the outcomes

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQJX-R

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 18:54:42

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He Uri ahau no te marae o Otangaroa.

Ngati Rangi, Ngati Rangi Matamomoe, Ngati Rangi Matakaka, Te Hoia nga hapu.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I heard of the submission process from whanau.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support thr proposed representative structure in its current formatt.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not support the prosed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review

██████████ g(2)(a)

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- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

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The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

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- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

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- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

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Key concerns remain regarding:

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Nāku noa [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Ngati Rangī, Ngati Rangī Matamomoe, Ngati Rangī Matakaka , Te Hoia

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Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He Uri ahau no Maunga Taratara
Ko Mangawhero te marae o Otangaroa

Ko Ngati Rangī, Ngati Rangī Matamomoe, Ngati Rangī Matakaka, ko Te Hoia nga Hapu

██ 9(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Mai nga korero ki taku whanau.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support the proposed representative mandate structure

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Submission to:
Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)
Whangaroa Papa Hapū
Mandate Review Team

██████████ 9(2)(a)
I ██████████ formally submit my submission

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g(2)(a)

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 18:03:19

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Share your feedback:

g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am a Uri I Ngapuhi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through social media

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Date:

01/02/2026

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Nāku noa,

Name: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support the vote?:

See full submission above

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 17:22:24

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1 What is your name?

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██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Family

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

"Me haere tonu nga mahi nei!

Kaua e mea, ko ngaro rātou kua oti.

Kua oti kē o rātou, engari nga mea e toi ana

He mahi tonu ana kei mua".

Koia tēra te maharatanga kia rātou.

Toku nei whakaaro rā.

Te maha o rātou ia taua e kōrero nei

E mahara tonu ana kia rātou.

(Matua Nuki)

██████████ 9(2)(a)

31/1/2026

Re Papatupu Mandate Strategy.

Omanuwhiri te maunga

Waimahana te moana

Puhi ote Waka te marae

Ngati Aukiwa te Hapu

He mihi kau atu kia koutou e te Taumata o Papa Hapu,

Kia ora mai tātou,

My name is [REDACTED]. g(2)(a)

In response to this Draft Mandate Strategy Plan I support the submission from the Waimahana marae committee.

g(2)(a)

My parents) were [REDACTED] (may they rest in peace). It is no secret within the Whangaroa Community that my [REDACTED] vociferously opposed the Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa Trust Broad NKKWTB) and the Kahukuraariki Trust (KT) over hapu sovereignty.

Today, we continue to exercise our tino rangatiratanga over our rohe. I find it extraordinary however that this Plan recognises the KT given its track record dealing with us. I note with caution that this Strategy Plan intends to replicate these two entity's and furthermore the Strategy Plan recognises the KT as a possible collaborator. Both red flags for me.

My question is how will the process guarantee hapu effective representation throughout the process. The current numbers with regard to mandate are y 30 Hapu, 69 WAI numbers and around 20 marae not-withstanding overlapping interests. Theres a lot of work to do here concerning effective representation at all levels.

I also think the withdrawal of mandate process should be streamlined toward traditional practices e.g. recognition of kaumatua and kua direction and engagement rather than the egalitarian view of equal rights. The argument here is that the Ahikaroa have a closed relationship with the marae and the whenua. I don't think the hapu should be obligated to hold hui under the direction of anyone else other than the kaumatua and kua or the marae committee.

I love the idea of reviving Te Wakaminenga and the practice of hapu sovereignty. I think the withdrawal of a hapu mandate process is too complicated in comparison as to how easy it is to submit ones mandate.

In its current form I tend to agree with our whanaunga MS. Its a different headline from the same old play book
Accordingly I don't support this Plan

Re:WAI Numbers g(2)(a)

I would like to bring to the attention [REDACTED] WAI numbers 515 and 517 which appear on the register of outstanding WAI numbers. For you information the 'principal claimant' for these two WAI numbers is [REDACTED] In saying this I recognise and appreciate the work of [REDACTED] (may he rest in peace) and his whanau in keeping these two WAI numbers front and center in the discussions . g(2)(a)

I would also like to acknowledge that Ngati Aukiwa has interests in the Motukahakaha claim. Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry (WAI 45).

Kind Regards

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 16:38:13

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1 What is your name?

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

g(2)(a)

I am of the hapu Ngāti Pakahi o Whangaroa and our marae is Mangaiti in Kāeo, ██████████. We are descendants of Hongi Hika through my mum's whakapapa. This also connects to Ngāti Uru as well.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Kōrero was shared through our whānau, hapū and marae hui last year.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Āe.

There has been nō consultation with our hapū about these kaupapa and move to fast track government changes that undermine the relationship with the crown and our iwi, hapū and whānau through breaches of our Te Tiriti o Waitangi contractual relationship.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Āe.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Kao

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-01 16:35:44

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Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Hapu; Ngati Uru

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through Whanau and Hapu

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

See feedback

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

See Feedback

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

FORMAL SUBMISSION: Opposition to the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy

Date: 2/02/2026

Submitter Identification

- Submitter: [REDACTED], Ngāti Uru / [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
- Address: [REDACTED]
- Contact: [REDACTED]

Executive Summary

I formally oppose the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy in its current form. This submission demands an immediate halt to the mandating process and a comprehensive independent review. The current strategy fails to meet the threshold of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) and threatens the long term Rangatiratanga of our Hapū.

Key Points of Opposition

1. Breach of Tikanga and Rushed Timeframes

The imposition of a February 2 deadline is a direct contradiction of Tikanga-based decision-making.

- Whānau have not been afforded the necessary time for deep kōrero and deliberation.
- The rush to meet Crown-imposed milestones undermines the gravity of the intergenerational decisions being made.

2. Absence of Informed Consent

There is a lack of transparency regarding the legal implications of this mandate.

- Hapū and claimants have not been provided with plain-language documentation.
- Without full access to the potential legal consequences, any "consent" claimed by the Crown is manufactured and invalid.

3. Threat of Permanent Extinguishment

We hold grave concerns regarding the "Full and Final" nature of the proposed settlement framework.

- This strategy risks the permanent removal of the ability for future generations to revisit grievances.
- It locks our mokopuna into Crown-designed governance structures that do not reflect our whakapapa.

4. Failure to Recognize Hapū Autonomy

The proposed governance models appear designed for Crown administrative convenience rather than Hapū empowerment.

- These structures risk relegating Hapū to symbolic roles.
- Hapū authority is inherent; it should not be reshaped to fit a Crown legal template.

5. Disregard for Historical Opposition

The Crown is repeating past failures by ignoring the results of the Tūhono process, where the majority of Hapū expressed clear opposition. Proceeding despite this history further erodes trust between the Crown and Whangaroa Hapū.

6. Inadequate Engagement with Rangatahi

The most affected stakeholders—our rangatahi and mokopuna—have been largely excluded from the dialogue. A mandate that binds future generations must be co-designed by them in safe, inclusive spaces.

Formal Requests for Action

In light of these points, I formally request:

1. An immediate pause to the current mandating process.
2. An extension of all deadlines to allow for genuine, resourced Hapū-led hui.
3. An independent review to assess the integrity of the process and its alignment with Hapū authority.
4. A reset of the process toward a Hapū-led, Tikanga-based pathway that respects Mana Motuhake.

Conclusion

The Crown has a Treaty obligation to actively protect Hapū Rangatiratanga. Advancing this mandate against the expressed concerns of whānau and claimants is a breach of that duty. We remain open to resolution, but only through a process that is designed by Hapū, for Hapū.

Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name: [REDACTED], Ngāti Uru / [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am Ngapuhi ki Whangaroa.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Hui held by Whangaroa Papa Hapu.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Ae I support it.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Yes I do.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No.

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am an uri of Ngāpuhi.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through whānau members.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

That is for ngā hapū o Whangaroa to decide.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

That is for ngā hapū o Whangaroa to decide.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I strongly oppose the progression of the Whangaroa Pāpā Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy. The boundaries extend into Whakanekeneke, the lands of which Ngāti Hao are Mana Whenua. I am of the eighth generation of kaitiaki, through direct lineage, to occupy one of the blocks of Whakanekeneke.

This Draft Strategy directly imposes itself within the boundaries of Ngāti Hao and other neighboring hapū at the Hokianga end of Puketitī and Omahuta. A hui was held on the 27th of January 2026, hosted by Ngāti Toro, where an invitation was extended to Whangaroa Pāpā Hapū. No effort to consult with Ngāti Hao was made prior to this invitation. During that hui, no context was provided regarding their reasons for extending their boundaries beyond Whangaroa and into the Hokianga area. If you cannot speak to your reason for doing so, what grounds do you have to lay claim to these areas?

I will not relinquish the rights of my whānau, my tūpuna, or my mokopuna ever, certainly not through a process that fails to act fairly, respectfully or in accordance with tikanga

My suggestion to Whangaroa Pāpā Hapū is to move the boundary back, excluding the blocks of Whakanekeneke and significant wāhi tapu within Puketitī, and to make a genuine attempt to consult with Ngāti Hao.

In its current state, I reject the Whangaroa Pāpā Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy.

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-01 14:57:55

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He uri ahau no te marae o Otangaroa me Waihapa puta noa ki nga marae maha o Whangaroa.

Ngati Rangī, Ngati Rangimatamomoe, Ngati Rangimatakaka, Te Hoia

██████████ g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I heard about the process through whanau discussions.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not support the representative structure proposed in the mandate strategy.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

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6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakataū (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review

From ██████████ g(2)(a)

I hereby formally present my submission.

1. Purpose of this Submission

I/we make this submission to formally call for an immediate pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in January 2026, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.

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There is no clear evidence that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

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A mandate of this scale cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.

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There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga, particularly through so-called “full and final” settlement clauses.

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Such outcomes cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval.

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Hapū authority does not derive from Crown recognition and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

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Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the Tūhono process, where a majority of Hapū voted against the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

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Key concerns remain regarding:

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Nāku noa,

9(2)(a)

Ngati Rangī, Ngati Rangimatamomoe, Ngati Rangī Matakaka, Te Hoia

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[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

No Tākou toku tupuna a Waitai Puru

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No.

I totally oppose the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

From: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

1 Feb 2026

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Given unresolved procedural defects, we submit that the Crown cannot lawfully rely on this process and must pause or restart it.

A mandate obtained through a defective process cannot cure its own defects.

Proceeding would compound the breach, not resolve it."

I oppose the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft management strategy

Nā

g(2)(a)

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He uri ahau nō Kahukuraariki.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No. I do not support. You have included my Marae without consulting us first.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I do not support this mandate strategy.

You do not consult mine and other Marae first.

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