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6.	**Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 4 September 2026** *Cabinet minute CAB-26-MIN-0292* Cabinet Office *Meeting date: 7 September 2026*	Some information has been withheld in accordance with the OIA due to being out-of-scope.

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Office of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Chair, Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri: Approval to Initial a Deed of Settlement and to Deliver Shared Redress

Proposal

1 This paper seeks Cabinet decisions to enable the Crown to initial a deed of settlement (**deed**) to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (**Ngāti Mutunga**) and to conclude Chatham Islands shared redress arrangements.

Relation to Government Priorities

2 The proposals in this paper contribute to the Government's priority of progressing the settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Executive Summary

Ngāti Mutunga redress

3 The Crown and the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (**Ngāti Mutunga Trust**) are close to finalising a deed to settle Ngāti Mutunga's historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

4 I seek delegated authority for myself and relevant Ministers to finalise or vary redress within financial and policy parameters approved by Cabinet, and to sign the Ngāti Mutunga deed. Signing the deed is subject to resolution of overlapping interests and ratification results demonstrating sufficient support from the Ngāti Mutunga claimant community.

Chatham Islands shared redress

6 Settlement negotiations with Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga initially proceeded in parallel, intending to deliver individual settlements alongside shared redress through a shared redress deed and bill. The 2020 Moriori Deed of Settlement (**Moriori Deed**) provides that if a shared redress deed is not signed by Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga within specified timeframes, the Crown will consider if there are any other ways to give effect to the shared redress.

7 In March 2023, the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust (**Moriori Trust**) initiated litigation seeking to prevent the Crown from entering a Treaty settlement with Ngāti Mutunga. 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]. However, I intend to continue negotiations and deliver the shared redress in a way that balances the rights and interests of both groups.

8 I seek delegated authority for myself and relevant Ministers to finalise or vary the shared redress within Cabinet-agreed financial and policy parameters, and to determine other ways to give effect to the shared redress if agreement cannot be reached on a shared redress deed.

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Background

9 Ngāti Mutunga are an iwi of approximately 2,200 members. Their area of interest covers the Chatham Islands, as shown at **Appendix 3**. Ngāti Mutunga's grievances relate to the Crown's annexation of the Chatham Islands, denial of voting rights until 1922, the use of their rohe as a penal colony, and the operation and impact of the native land laws. In 2014, the Crown recognised the mandate of the Ngāti Mutunga Trust to represent Ngāti Mutunga in negotiations to settle their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. An Agreement in Principle (**AIP**) was signed on 25 November 2022.

10 Moriori are an imi of approximately 738 adult registered members. The Moriori area of interest comprises the entirety of the Chatham Islands and is fully overlapped with that of Ngāti Mutunga. The Moriori Deed was signed in February 2020, with settlement legislation enacted in November 2021.

Decisions which will enable the Crown to initial a deed with Ngāti Mutunga

11 The Ngāti Mutunga settlement package was approved by Cabinet in October 2018, November 2018, and December 2021, and comprises of financial redress of $13.000 million, a cultural revitalisation payment of $3.000 million, and cultural and commercial redress [CAB-18-MIN-0514, CAB-18-MIN-0603 and CAB-21-MIN-0538 refers]. 9(2)(j) [redacted].

12 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

13 The Minister of Conservation and I have made amendments to the Ngāti Mutunga conservation redress, including the withdrawal of overlay classifications. The final redress package is set out in **Appendix 1**.

Decisions which will enable the Crown to deliver shared redress to Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori

14 Settlement negotiations with Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga initially proceeded in parallel, intending to deliver individual settlements alongside shared redress through a shared redress deed and bill. Cabinet approved, and Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori later accepted, key aspects and parameters of shared redress on the Chatham Islands [CAB-17-MIN-0132, CAB-17-MIN-0386 and CAB-19-MIN-0286 refers]. An overview of the shared redress is set out in **Appendix 2**.

15 The Moriori Deed provides that if a shared redress deed:

15.1 is not signed by 17 February 2023, the Crown will explore other ways to establish the Te Whanga Management Board and the Joint Planning Committee of the Chatham Islands Council while providing Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga representation and participation; and

15.2 is not signed by 17 February 2025, the Crown will consider other ways to give effect to the remaining shared redress, such as site-specific transfers.

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I intend to continue work to deliver the shared redress in a timely manner, despite litigation

16 In March 2023, the Moriori Trust initiated High Court litigation against the Crown, seeking a judicial review of the Crown's decision to enter an AIP with Ngāti Mutunga and seeking a series of declarations as to their customary rights and interests in the Chatham Islands, and seeking to prevent the Crown from entering a Treaty settlement with Ngāti Mutunga. 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

17 On 26 August 2024, the High Court granted the Crown's partial strike out application on the grounds that the claim does not identify a decision amenable to judicial review, and some of the relief sought by the Moriori Trust (to set aside the AIP and the declaration that it would be unlawful for the Crown to enter a settlement with Ngāti Mutunga containing certain redress) were in breach of the principle of non-interference. The declaratory proceedings as to rights and interests can continue but must be re-plead. On 18 September, the Moriori Trust filed a notice of appeal in respect of the High Court decision, which is currently awaiting timetabling.

18 I seek Cabinet delegation on behalf of relevant Ministers to finalise details of shared redress for Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori. I consider it appropriate to continue work towards delivering shared redress in a timely manner, including, if necessary, developing alternative delivery mechanisms as contemplated in the Moriori Deed.

9(2)(h) [redacted]

19 9(2)(h) [redacted]

9(2)(h) [redacted]

20 9(2)(h) [redacted]

21 9(2)(h) [redacted]

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9(2)(h) [redacted]

Next steps

22 On balance, I consider there are sufficient reasons to continue to progress the Ngāti Mutunga settlement and to engage with Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori to finalise and deliver the shared redress. I will assess any ongoing risks prior to initialling the deed.

Delegation to Act

Delegated authority to initial the Ngāti Mutunga deed of settlement

23 Final details of redress may require variation, including as a result of overlapping interests engagement. I propose Cabinet authorise myself and relevant Ministers to finalise or vary Ngāti Mutunga redress within Cabinet-agreed policy and financial parameters. I seek authority to initial the deed on behalf of the Crown subject to the resolution of overlapping interests.

24 Following the initialling, the Ngāti Mutunga Trust will seek endorsement of the deed and the post-settlement governance entity through a ratification process. I seek delegated authority, with the Minister for Māori Development, to assess the ratification results. Should the ratification results demonstrate sufficient support from Ngāti Mutunga, I seek authority to sign the deed on behalf of the Crown.

Delegated authority to finalise or vary, and deliver shared redress

25 Final parameters and technical details of shared redress may require minor variation. I therefore seek delegated authority for myself and relevant Ministers to finalise or vary the shared redress within the Cabinet-agreed financial and policy parameters.

26 As per Clauses 7.8 and 7.9 of the Moriori Deed, I seek delegated authority to determine other ways to give effect to the shared redress if agreement cannot be reached on a shared redress deed within the specified timeframes. I will ensure that any mechanism adequately protects the interests of both Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga.

Overlapping interests

27 I seek delegated authority to make a final determination as to whether overlapping interests have been addressed to the Crown's satisfaction prior to initialling the deed.

28 On 13 November, the Moriori Trust met with the Crown to discuss their concerns about the terms of settlement being offered to Ngāti Mutunga, including overlapping interests. Consequently, I consider some of the amendments to the Ngāti Mutunga settlement package outlined at paragraphs 12-13 go some way to address their concerns. However, Ministerial decisions may still be required to determine the final redress package.

29 Ngāti Mutunga have indicated they will lead engagement with Ngāi Tahu to resolve any issues about redress on the Auckland Islands. As discussions with Ngāi Tahu progress, officials will write to representatives of the overlapped groups outlining the Crown's understanding of agreements reached through these discussions.

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Mandate

30 The Ngāti Mutunga Trust have provided satisfactory mandate maintenance reports to officials outlining their engagement with the Ngāti Mutunga community.

Tax indemnity

31 An indemnity will be sought from the Minister of Finance for income tax and Goods and Services Tax (**GST**) upon the transfer of settlement redress. The Inland Revenue Department has published interpretation statements that support the view that the transfer of settlement redress does not give rise to income tax or GST consequences. To ensure that Ngāti Mutunga retains the value of their settlement, and for the avoidance of doubt, the Minister of Finance's agreement will be sought to indemnify the post-settlement governance entity against income tax and GST on the transfer of redress.

Cost-of-living implications

32 There are no direct cost-of-living implications arising from this paper.

Financial Implications

33 9(2)(j), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted].

34 9(2)(j), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

Estimated costs to the Crown of the Ngāti Mutunga settlement

35 Table 1 below details the estimated costs to the Crown of the Ngāti Mutunga settlement.

Table 1: Financial implications of the proposed settlement	$ million
Ngāti Mutunga financial redress	13.000
Ngāti Mutunga cultural revitalisation payment	5.000
Ngāti Mutunga total settlement value	18.000

9(2)(j) [redacted]

36 9(2)(j) [redacted]

37 The total cost of the settlement and associated relativity clause implications will be charged against the *Vote Te Arawhiti Multi-Year Appropriation: Historical Treaty of Waitangi*

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Settlements when a deed is initialled. Interest is payable on the financial redress from the date of signing the AIP to the day before settlement date.

DOC implementation costs

38 Treaty settlements establish extra commitments for the Department of Conservation (**DOC**) which impose additional costs such as enhanced iwi engagement on managing specific sites and implementing relationship agreements. The cumulative fiscal impact on DOC of settlement implementation costs is substantial and will continue to grow as more settlements are completed. With negotiations still ongoing, it is not yet possible for DOC to provide final implementation costs before initialling a deed with Ngāti Mutunga.

39 I therefore ask Cabinet to note DOC's estimated implementation costs for:

39.1 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

39.2 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

39.3 authorise the Minister of Finance and Minister of Conservation to approve DOC's final implementation costs for the Ngāti Mutunga settlement and shared redress when available and to change any relevant Vote Conservation appropriations.

40 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

41 Subject to pre-approval from the Minister of Finance, and noting of final costs by delegated Ministers, joint Ministers will increase the relevant Vote Conservation appropriations through a technical adjustment at the next baseline update, as was the agreed process by Cabinet in 2010 [CAB Min (10) 9/7 refers].

DOC impairment costs

42 Part of one public conservation land site is transferring in the shared redress but no impairment is required as the transfer value is higher than the book value.

Ministry of Education ongoing costs

43 The proposed shared redress package includes one site (Kaingaroa School – land only) as sale and leaseback redress. If Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori elect to purchase the site, there will be an ongoing cost to the Ministry of Education (**MOE**) based on the market value of the school site (land only). 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted] Should the school become surplus to Education operational requirements, Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori would have the opportunity to purchase the site from the Crown through their shared right of first refusal.

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Human Rights

44 The proposals outlined in this paper do not appear to raise any issues of inconsistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993.

Legislative Implications

45 Legislation is required to implement aspects of the Ngāti Mutunga settlement and the shared redress. I will seek Cabinet approval to introduce the settlement legislation for Ngāti Mutunga and the shared redress in due course.

Impact Analysis

Regulatory Impact Statement

46 A Regulatory Impact Statement is not required as the legislation will implement deeds of settlement and will not amend or affect existing regulatory arrangements.

Use of External Resources

47 Due to the highly specialised nature of the work that the Office for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti (**Te Arawhiti**) undertakes in terms of Treaty settlements, external experts are required to support engagement with claimant communities and to facilitate negotiations. Examples of this include the employment of a Chief Crown Negotiator, independent facilitators, experts in tikanga and te ao Māori and utilising the support of local expertise. External resources are contracted as and where required, and in line with relevant guidance including from the Public Service Commission.

Consultation

48 In preparing this paper, Te Arawhiti has consulted DOC, Land Information New Zealand, the Department of Internal Affairs (including the National Library and Archives New Zealand), the Ministry of Health, Health New Zealand, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Kāinga Ora, the New Zealand Geographic Board, Te Puni Kōkiri, MOE, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Ministry for the Environment, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (on behalf of the culture and heritage agencies), the Treasury and the Ministry for Primary Industries. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Crown Law have been informed.

Communications

49 Te Arawhiti and Ngāti Mutunga will develop a communications strategy to ensure that interested parties are informed of the content of the deed, at the time it is initialled. Te Arawhiti will work with both Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori to ensure interested parties are informed in relation to the shared redress.

Proactive Release

50 I intend to proactively release this paper, making any necessary redactions, within 30 business days after the deed has been initialled, as the content will remain confidential to negotiations until that time.

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Recommendations

51 The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations recommends that the Committee:

1 **note** that Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown signed an Agreement in Principle on 25 November 2022;

Initial a deed of settlement with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

2 **note** that in October 2018, November 2018 and December 2021, all redress was approved by Cabinet for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement package comprising of financial redress of $13.000 million, a cultural revitalisation payment of $3.000 million, and additional cultural and commercial redress [CAB-18-MIN-0514, CAB-18-MIN-0603 and CAB-21-MIN-0538 refers];

3 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

Deliver shared redress to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori

4 **note** that the Moriori Deed of Settlement records the Crown offer of shared redress on the Chatham Islands approved by Cabinet and detailed at **Appendix 2** [CAB-17-MIN-0132, CAB-17-MIN-0386 and CAB-19-MIN-0286 refers];

5 **note** that the Moriori Deed of Settlement records the Crown's commitment to deliver shared redress to Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, and if a shared redress deed:

5.1 is not signed by 17 February 2023, the Crown will explore other ways to establish the Te Whanga Management Board and the Joint Planning Committee of the Chatham Islands Council; and

5.2 is not signed by 17 February 2025, the Crown will consider other ways to give effect to the remaining shared redress;

Negotiations on the shared redress deed has been delayed due to litigation

6 **note** that in March 2023, the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust initiated High Court litigation seeking to prevent the Crown from entering into a Treaty settlement with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri;

7 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

8 **note** that on 26 August 2024, the High Court granted the Crown's partial strike out application and on 18 September 2024, the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust filed a notice of appeal in respect of the High Court's decision;

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9(2)(h) [redacted]

9 9(2)(h) [redacted]

10 9(2)(h) [redacted]

Next steps

11 **note** that on balance, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations considers there are sufficient reasons to progress the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement and finalise and deliver the shared redress;

Financial implications

12 **note** the following elements of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri total settlement value to be charged against *Vote Te Arawhiti Multi-year Appropriation: Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements* appropriation when the deed of settlement is initialled:

Financial implications of the proposed settlement	$ millions
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri financial redress	13.000
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri cultural revitalisation payment	5.000
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri total settlement value	18.000

9(2)(j) [redacted]

Department of Conservation implementation and impairment costs

13 **note** the Department of Conservation's estimated implementation costs for:

13.1 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

13.2 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

14 **note** the Department of Conservation will provide the Minister of Finance and Minister of Conservation the final costs when available;

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15 **note** there are no impairment costs for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement or shared redress;

Delegation to act

16 **authorise** the Minister of Finance and Minister of Conservation to approve the final implementation costs for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement and shared redress when available, and to change any relevant Vote Conservation appropriations;

17 **authorise** the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations to:

17.1 with relevant Ministers, to finalise or vary Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri redress within Cabinet-agreed financial and policy parameters;

17.2 make a final determination as to whether overlapping interests have been addressed to the Crown's satisfaction prior to initialling the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed of settlement;

17.3 initial the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed of settlement on behalf of the Crown;

17.4 together with the Minister for Māori Development, assess whether the results of the ratification process demonstrate sufficient support from the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri claimant community, for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed of settlement and the post-settlement governance entity;

17.5 should the ratification results demonstrate sufficient support from Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, sign a deed of settlement with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri on behalf of the Crown;

17.6 together with relevant Ministers, to finalise or vary the technical details of shared redress for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori within the financial and policy parameters agreed by Cabinet; and

17.7 determine other ways to give effect to the shared redress if agreement cannot be reached on a shared redress deed within the timeframes set out in the Moriori Deed of Settlement.

Authorised for lodgement

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Appendix 1: Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Proposed Settlement Package

Historical Redress

1 Historical account

2 Crown acknowledgements

3 Crown apology

Cultural Redress

Table 1: Conservation redress

Type of conservation redress
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri: Nomination of a member of the Chatham Islands Conservation Board
Outlying islands, islets and reefs interest statement in the Chatham Islands Conservation Management Strategy
Deed of Recognition over Crown-owned public conservation land
Coastal statutory acknowledgement

Table 2: Relationships with Crown agencies

Agency	Form of agreement
Department of Conservation	Relationship Agreement
Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities	Relationship Agreement
[Ministry for the Environment]	[Relationship Agreement]
Ministry of Health/Health New Zealand	Joint Relationship Agreement
Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	Relationship Agreement
The following agencies from the culture and heritage sector (also known as Te Ara Taonga) Ministry for Culture and Heritage Manatū Taonga, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Department of Internal Affairs (as the agency responsible for the National Library Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, and Archives New Zealand Te Rua Mahara o Te Kāwanatanga), and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	Whakaaetanga Tiaki Taonga This relationship instrument allows for the parties to work together to develop a positive, collaborative and enduring relationship that puts the taonga aspirations of Ngāti Mutunga at its centre.

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Agency	Form of agreement
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Resource Markets branch)	Crown Minerals Protocol
Ministry for Primary Industries	Primary Industries Protocol
Ngā Taonga Sound and Vision	Letter of Introduction

Table 3: Geographic name proposals

Original Māori Names		
Existing name	**Original Māori name**	**Geographic feature type**
Port Hutt (Whangaroa Harbour)	Whangaroa	Bay
Cape Pattisson	Tupuangi	Cape
Ministerial agreement for additional official geographic names and additional original Māori names may be sought under delegation from Cabinet.		

Table 4: Other forms of cultural redress

Types of cultural redress
$5.000 million cultural revitalisation payment to support the construction of a new marae and to commission a general history of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri
The Crown offers the ability for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri to erect a memorial marker on the Auckland Islands, subject to addressing overlapping interests with Ngāi Tahu.

Financial and commercial redress

Table 5:Type of financial and commercial redress

Type of financial and commercial redress
$13.000 million to be paid to the governance entity on settlement date
Fisheries quota right of first refusal – Within the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri area of interest over species managed under the Fisheries Act 1996 and are introduced in the quota management system after the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement date.

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Table 6: Commercial Properties

Sites to transfer				
Number	**Name of site**	**Description**	**Conditions**	**Landholding Agency**
1	3 Meteorological Lane, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council* 0.2364 hectares, more or less, being Lot 1 DP 486165. All record of title 692571 for the fee simple estate.	2-year deferred selection period	Land Information New Zealand (Treaty Settlements Landbank)
2	6 Wilson Place, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council* 0.1142 hectares, more or less, being Lot 2 DP 49761. Part record of title WN56A/20 for the fee simple estate.	2-year deferred selection period	Land Information New Zealand
3	7 Wilson Place, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council* 0.1248 hectares, more or less, being Lot 5 DP 49761. Part record of title WN56A/20 for the fee simple estate.	[2-year deferred selection period]	Land Information New Zealand
4	9 Wilson Place, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council* 0.1128 hectares, more or less, being Lot 4 DP 49761. All record of title WN44A/633 for the fee simple estate.	2-year deferred selection period	Land Information New Zealand (Treaty Settlements Landbank)
5	Highet Place, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council*	2-year deferred selection period	Land Information New Zealand (Treaty Settlements Landbank)

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Sites to transfer				
Number	**Name of site**	**Description**	**Conditions**	**Landholding Agency**
		1.7169 hectares, more or less, being Lot 2 LT 570193 (Part Kekerione 62 Block). Part record of title WN54C/73 for the fee simple estate.		

Table 7: Shared Right of First Refusal with Moriori

The shared right of first refusal (RFR) is in relation to a disposal by the Crown or Health New Zealand of any land listed in Table 7 below as shared RFR land that, on the date the RFR commences, is owned by the Crown or Health New Zealand.

The Crown may withdraw the RFR land to use as Treaty settlement redress for Ngāti Mutunga or shared redress for Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori.

The RFR is for a period of 179 years on and from the date the RFR commences. The RFR commences on the earlier of the following: the date that is 36 months after the settlement date under the Moriori Claims Settlement Act 2021; or the settlement date. The RFR becomes operative for Ngāti Mutunga on the Ngāti Mutunga settlement date.

RFR Area		
Land within the shared RFR Area shown on SO 536545 which on the date the RFR commences is vested in the Crown or is held in fee simple by the Crown.		
RFR List – if on the date the RFR commences is held in fee simple by Health New Zealand		
Landholding Agency	**Name of site**	**General description**
Health New Zealand (formerly Canterbury District Health Board)	Chatham Islands Nurses Accommodation 6 Hospital Road, Waitangi, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council* 2.8836 hectares, more or less, being Part Kekerione 1 Subdivision 62 Block. Balance record of title WN370/115 for the fee simple estate.
Health New Zealand (formerly Canterbury District Health Board)	Chatham Island Hospital 6 Cornflat Road, Waitangi, Chatham Island	*Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council* 0.0846 hectares, more or less, being Lot 11 DP 74262. All record of title WN41B/635 for the fee simple estate.

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Appendix 2: Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori – Proposed Shared Redress Package

Table 1: Potential shared cultural redress properties

Number	Name of site	Conditions	Landholding Agency
1	Te Whanga Lagoon and related sites	Bed vesting fee simple and administered by Te Whanga Management Board. This does not include the water or rights to the water. The title of the bed of Te Whanga Lagoon will be inalienable and its owners will not be able to mortgage or give a security interest in Te Whanga Lagoon. All rights and responsibilities over Te Whanga will be held by the Te Whanga Management Board. Third right party rights will be protected, and public access maintained. Ownership of the airspace above the water, and the space occupied from time to time by the waters at their highest level without overflowing the banks, is subject to ongoing negotiations. Any liabilities transferring with ownership and/or management will be determined prior to reaching shared redress deed and are subject to ongoing negotiations.	The Office for Māori-Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti
2	Site 110, ex-Wharekauri Station	Vesting fee simple and administered by Te Whanga Management Board. The land will be inalienable, and its owners will not be able to mortgage or give a security interest in the land. All rights and responsibilities over the land will be held by the Te Whanga Management Board. Third party rights will be protected, and public access maintained. Any liabilities transferring with ownership and/or management will be determined prior to reaching shared redress deed and are subject to ongoing negotiations	Land Information New Zealand
3	Site 111, ex-Wharekauri Station		Land Information New Zealand
4	Site 112, ex-Wharekauri Station		Land Information New Zealand
5	Site 113, ex-Wharekauri Station		Land Information New Zealand
6	Site 114, ex-Wharekauri Station		Land Information New Zealand
7	Tikitiki Hill	Vesting fee simple, subject to there being	Department of Conservation

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Number	Name of site	Conditions	Landholding Agency
	Conservation Area – white house (land and buildings)	no historic values to be protected.	
8	Tikitiki Hill Conservation Area – southern site	Vesting fee simple. Subject to an agreed registrable ground lease for the Education asset located onsite, with ownership of the improvements remaining unaffected by the transfer.	Department of Conservation
9	Tikitiki Hill Conservation Area - paddocks	Vesting fee simple.	Department of Conservation
10	Tikitiki Hill Conservation Area – Conical Hill	Vesting fee simple as a reserve.	Department of Conservation

Table 2: Governance structures

Entity	Purpose
Joint Planning Committee	Establishment of a permanent joint committee of the Chatham Islands Council with functions to oversee and develop a resource management plan under the Chatham Islands Council Act 1995. 50/50 Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri/Moriori appointees and Chatham Islands Council appointees.
Te Whanga Management Board	Administering body for Te Whanga Lagoon and related sites. Fulfil the functions of owner of bed of Te Whanga Lagoon. Implement natural resources policies and plans set by Chatham Islands Joint Planning Committee for Te Whanga Lagoon. Seek opportunities to raise funds and support ongoing health and wellbeing of Te Whanga Lagoon. Prepare, approve, and implement a natural resources management plan for Te Whanga Lagoon, integrating conservation and fisheries management. Membership: Moriori (2), Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (2), Chatham Island Council (1), and Department of Conservation (1).

Table 3: Shared Official Geographic Names

Existing Name	Official geographic names	Geographic feature type
Puhina	Pūhina	Hill
unnamed	Momoe-a-Toa Point	Point

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Rangiauria Point	Rangiauria Point	Point
Motuhinahina Island	Motuhinahina	Island
Wairua	Waitua	Hill
Cattle Point	Te Kiato	Point
Little Mangere Island (Tapuaenuku) the Fort	Tapuaenuku / The Fort	Island
The Castle (Rangiwheau)	Rangiwheao / The Castle	Island
unnamed	Matawhenua	Beach
Cape Young	Tokotoko-o-Utangaroa / Cape Young	Cape
Cape Fournier	Tupouranga / Cape Fournier	Cape
Point Gap	Waiwera / Point Gap	Point
Flower Pot (Onoua)	Ōnoua / Flower Pot	Locality
Glory Bay	Orokonga / Glory Bay	Bay
Canister Cove (Waikokopu)	Waikokopu / Canister Cove	Bay
Point Weeding	Hokoro / Point Weeding	Point
Ocean Bay	Pohauta Bay	Bay
Unnamed (local use name Cape Wishart)	Ōhinepapa	Historic site
Long Beach	Kekerione / Long Beach	Beach
North-East Reef (Terangi-taumaewa)	Te Rangi Taumaewa Reef	Reef
Ahuru (Eastern Reef)	Ahuru Reef	Reef
French Reef	Rongomaiongo Reef	Reef
Takapu	Takapu	Locality
Mount Diffenbach (Hemokawa)	Hemokawa / Mount Dieffenbach	Hill

Table 4: Shared Alternative Official Geographic Names

Existing Name	Official alternative geographic name	Geographic feature type
Chatham Island	**Rēkohu** or **Wharekauri** or **Chatham Island**	Island
Chatham Islands	**Rēkohu Islands** or **Wharekauri Islands** or **Chatham Islands**	Island group

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Pitt Island (Rangiauria)	**Rangihaute** or **Rangiauria** or **Pitt Island**	Island

Table 5: Other forms of shared redress

Redress	Purpose
A commitment to explore an arrangement for natural resources sector agencies to hold an annual joint meeting with Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri	To discuss issues, upcoming agency consultation and other matters any party wishes to raise
Development of customary non-commercial fisheries regulations	Within 80 business days of the Moriori Settlement Act 2021 settlement date, the Ngāti Mutunga governance entity, the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust and Fisheries New Zealand will agree a work programme to develop customary non-commercial fisheries regulations for the Rēkohu / Wharekauri fisheries area that will apply to the management of fisheries subject to the Fisheries Act 1996.

Commercial shared redress

Table 6: Potential deferred selection property or potential commercial redress property, subject to sale and leaseback as a shared redress arrangement between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori

Landholding Agency	Name of site	General description	Conditions
Ministry of Education	Kaingaroa School site (land only) Kaingaroa Road, Kaingaroa, Chatham Island	Wellington Land District – Chatham Islands Council 1.4762 hectares, more or less, being Part Wharekauri No. 1. All *Gazette* notice 297977.1.	TBC

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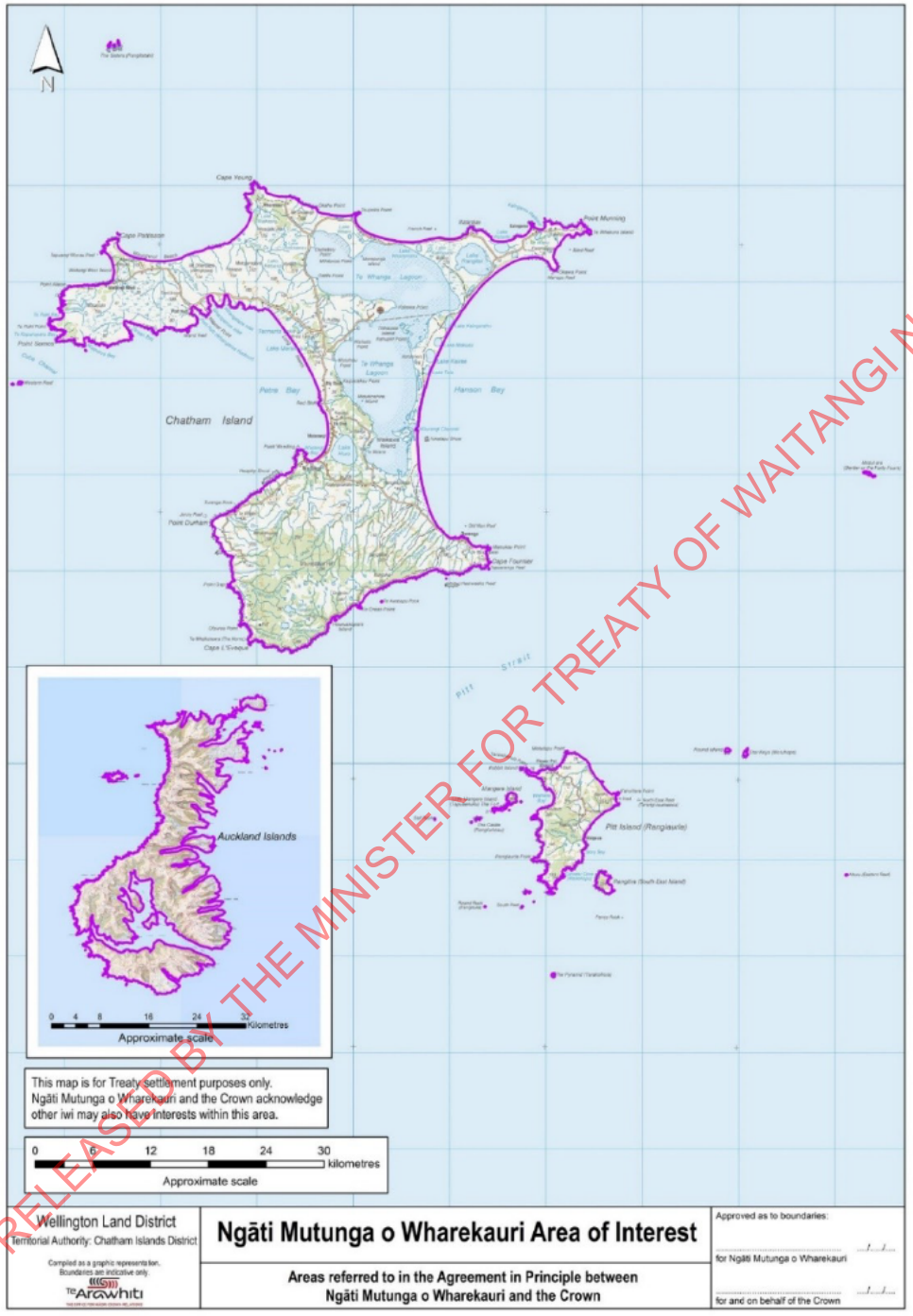
Appendix 3: Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri area of interest



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Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri: Approval to Initial a Deed of Settlement and to Deliver Shared Redress

Portfolio **Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**

On 2 December 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee:

Background

1 **noted** that Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown signed an Agreement in Principle on 25 November 2022;

Initial a deed of settlement with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri

2 **noted** that in October 2018, November 2018, and December 2021, the previous government approved all redress for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement package, comprising of financial redress of $13.000 million, a cultural revitalisation payment of $3.000 million, and additional cultural and commercial redress [CMR-18-MIN-0026, MCR-18-MIN-0008, MCR-21-MIN-0018];

3 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted];

Deliver shared redress to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori

4 **noted** that the Moriori Deed of Settlement records the Crown offer of shared redress on the Chatham Islands approved by Cabinet and detailed at Appendix 2, attached to the paper under CBC-24-SUB-0128 [TOW-17-MIN-0008, TOW-17-MIN-0019, MCR-19-MIN-0018];

5 **noted** that the Moriori Deed of Settlement records the Crown's commitment to deliver shared redress to Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, and if a shared redress deed:

5.1 is not signed by 17 February 2023, the Crown will explore other ways to establish the Te Whanga Management Board and the Joint Planning Committee of the Chatham Islands Council; and

5.2 is not signed by 17 February 2025, the Crown will consider other ways to give effect to the remaining shared redress;

Negotiations on the shared redress deed has been delayed due to litigation

6 **noted** that in March 2023, the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust initiated High Court litigation seeking to prevent the Crown from entering into a Treaty settlement with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri;

7 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

8 **noted** that on 26 August 2024, the High Court granted the Crown's partial strike out application, and on 18 September 2024, the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust filed a notice of appeal in respect of the High Court's decision;

9(2)(h) [redacted]

9 9(2)(h) [redacted]

10 9(2)(h) [redacted]

Next steps

11 **noted** that on balance, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations considers that there are sufficient reasons to progress the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement and finalise and deliver the shared redress;

Financial implications

12 **noted** that the following elements of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri total settlement value to be charged against the Vote Te Arawhiti Multi-year Appropriation "Historical Treaty of Waitangi Settlements" appropriation when the deed of settlement is initialled:

Financial implications of the proposed settlement	$ millions
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri financial redress	13.000
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri cultural revitalisation payment	5.000
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri total settlement value	**18.000**

9(2)(j) [redacted]

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Department of Conservation implementation and impairment costs

13 **noted** that the Department of Conservation's (DoC) estimated implementation costs for:

13.1 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

13.2 9(2)(j) 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

14 **noted** that DoC will provide the Minister of Finance and Minister of Conservation the final costs when available;

15 **noted** that there are no impairment costs for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement or shared redress;

Delegation to act

16 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and Minister of Conservation to approve the final implementation costs for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement and shared redress when available, and to change any relevant Vote Conservation appropriations in line with the decisions under CBC-24-MIN-0128;

17 **authorised** the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations to:

17.1 with relevant Ministers, finalise or vary Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri redress within Cabinet-agreed financial and policy parameters;

17.2 make a final determination as to whether overlapping interests have been addressed to the Crown's satisfaction prior to initialling the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed of settlement;

17.3 initial the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed of settlement on behalf of the Crown;

17.4 together with the Minister for Māori Development, assess whether the results of the ratification process demonstrate sufficient support from the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri claimant community, for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed of settlement and the post-settlement governance entity;

17.5 should the ratification results demonstrate sufficient support from Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri, sign a deed of settlement with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri on behalf of the Crown;

17.6 together with relevant Ministers, finalise or vary the technical details of shared redress for Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori within the financial and policy parameters agreed by Cabinet; and

17.7 determine other ways to give effect to the shared redress if agreement cannot be reached on a shared redress deed within the timeframes set out in the Moriori Deed of Settlement.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

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Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Simon Watts

Officials present from:
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Report of the Cabinet Business Committee: Period Ended 6 December 2024

On 9 December 2024, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Business Committee for the period ended 6 December 2024:

Out of scope	[redacted]	[redacted]
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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill and Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill: Approval for Introduction

Proposal

1 This paper seeks approval to introduce the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill (the Ngāti Mutunga Bill) and delegated authority to introduce the Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill (the Shared Redress Bill).

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Bill gives effect to the Ngāti Mutunga Treaty settlement

2 The Ngāti Mutunga Bill gives effect to the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Deed of Settlement (Deed), signed by the Crown and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (Ngāti Mutunga) on 17 August.

3 Ngāti Mutunga are an iwi of approximately 2,961 individuals. Their area of interest covers all the Chatham Islands. Ngāti Mutunga grievances relate to the manner of the Crown's annexation of the Chatham Islands and disregard for their rangatiratanga, the use of their rohe as a penal colony, and the operation and impact of the native land laws.

4 On 16 March 2015, the Crown recognised Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust as the mandated entity to represent Ngāti Mutunga in negotiations to settle their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

5 Between 2018 and 2024, Cabinet took decisions on redress for Ngāti Mutunga, comprising financial redress of $13.000 million, a cultural revitalisation payment of $3.000 million, and commercial and cultural redress [CMR-18-MIN-0026, MCR-18-MIN-0008, MCR-21-MIN-0018, and CBC-24-MIN-0128 refer].

6 Ngāti Mutunga signed their Agreement in Principle on 25 November 2022 and initialled their Deed of Settlement on 11 December 2025.

7 Between May and June 2026, the Deed was ratified by the members of Ngāti Mutunga with a 90% approval rate. The Minister for Māori Development and I have considered and approved the ratification results.

8 Ngāti Mutunga and the Crown signed the Deed of Settlement on 17 August 2026. The Ngāti Mutunga Bill will give effect to elements of the Deed requiring legislation, including the full and final settlement of Ngāti Mutunga's historical claims.

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The Shared Redress Bill gives effect to shared redress for Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga

9 The Shared Redress Bill gives effect to the redress provided for in the Chatham Islands Shared Redress Deed (the Shared Redress Deed) between Ngāti Mutunga, Moriori, and the Crown, which is intended to be signed by 16 September 2026.

10 The Chatham Islands are within the area of interest of both Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga. Moriori are an iwi of approximately 1,806 individuals. The Crown and Moriori signed a Deed of Settlement on 14 February 2020 and the Moriori Claims Settlement Bill was enacted on 26 November 2021.

11 Settlement negotiations with Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga initially proceeded in parallel, with the intention of delivering individual Treaty settlements as well as shared redress, recognising areas where both have interests.

12 In 2017 and 2019, Cabinet agreed to the elements of redress to be shared between Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori reflecting what had been agreed to by all parties through those negotiations (agreed shared redress) [TOW-17-MIN-0008, TOW-17-MIN-0019, and MCR-19-MIN-0018].

13 The elements of the agreed shared redress were recorded in the 2020 Moriori Deed of Settlement. Part 7 of the Moriori Deed recorded the parties' mutual intention that Moriori, Ngāti Mutunga and the Crown would enter into a Shared Redress Deed to give effect to those arrangements. Additionally, if a Shared Redress Deed was not entered by February 2025, the Crown would explore alternative mechanisms to give effect to the shared redress, subject to specified conditions.

14 The elements of the agreed shared redress and the same specified conditions were also recorded in an Agreement in Principle signed on 25 November 2022 between Ngāti Mutunga and the Crown, along with redress proposed for the Ngāti Mutunga individual settlement.

15 In 2024, Cabinet:

15.1 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

15.2 authorised me and relevant Ministers to vary or finalise the Ngāti Mutunga redress and shared redress within the parameters agreed by Cabinet and the terms of the parties' respective settlement documentation; and

15.3 authorised me to explore and determine alternative mechanisms to give effect to shared redress in line with Part 7 of the Moriori Deed [CBC-24-MIN-0128 refers].

Decision to proceed with shared redress

16 In October 2025 I decided to proceed to deliver the Chatham Islands Shared Redress (in accordance with the Cabinet authority referred to above) concurrently with the Ngāti Mutunga settlement.

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28 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

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30 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

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31 Accordingly, I seek Cabinet delegated authority to introduce the Shared Redress Bill once I consider it appropriate. I also seek delegated authority to approve any further changes required to the Shared Redress Bill prior to introduction.

Regulatory analysis

32 Te Tari Whakatau has determined that this proposal is exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Analysis Summary on the grounds that it implements deeds of settlement for Treaty of Waitangi claims and does not amend or affect existing regulatory arrangements.

Consistency with principles of responsible regulation

33 The Regulatory Standards Act 2025 excludes Treaty Settlement Bills from the requirement to produce a Consistency Accountability Statement.

Compliance

34 The Ngāti Mutunga Bill and the Shared Redress Bill comply with:

34.1 the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;

34.2 the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020;

34.3 relevant international standards and obligations; and

34.4 the Legislation Guidelines (2021 edition).

35 An assessment of the Bills' consistency with the Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Human Rights Act 1993 will be completed before the Bills are introduced.

Consultation

36 The following departments were consulted in the development of the policy implemented in these Bills: Ministry for Culture and Heritage; The Treasury; Department of Conservation; Ministry of Education; Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport; Land Information New Zealand; Te Puni Kōkiri; Ministry for Primary Industries; Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment; New Zealand Geographic Board.

37 Chatham Islands Council was consulted on relevant elements of shared redress.

38 Ngāti Mutunga has received a copy of the Ngāti Mutunga Bill and support its introduction. 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted]

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Binding on the Crown

39 The Bills will be binding on the Crown.

Commencement of legislation

40 The Ngāti Mutunga Bill and the Shared Redress Bill will come into force on the day after the date on which each Bill receives Royal Assent.

41 Many of the actions or matters occurring under the Ngāti Mutunga Bill and the Shared Redress Bill will occur or take effect on settlement date, which is the date that is 40 working days after the date on which the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Act comes into force.

Parliamentary stages

42 Both the Ngāti Mutunga Bill and the Shared Redress Bill hold a category 5 priority on the 2026 Legislation Programme – to proceed to a select committee before the 2026 General Election.

43 I will propose that the Ngāti Mutunga Bill and the Shared Redress Bill be introduced at the same time, and that both Bills be progressed.

44 I propose the Ngāti Mutunga Bill and the Shared Redress Bill be referred to the Māori Affairs Committee.

Proactive Release

45 I intend to proactively release this paper in whole, making any necessary redactions, once both the Shared Redress Bill and the Ngāti Mutunga Bill are introduced.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

46 **note** that the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill gives effect to the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Deed of Settlement which was signed on 17 August 2026;

47 **note** that the Shared Redress Bill gives effect to redress to be shared between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori recorded in the Shared Redress Deed;

48 **approve** for introduction the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill, subject to the final approval of the government caucuses and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;

49 **agree** to delegate authority to the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations to introduce the Shared Redress Bill when he considers appropriate;

50 **agree** to delegate authority to approve any further changes required to the Shared Redress Bill prior to introduction; and

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51 **agree** that the government propose that the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill and Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill be:

51.1 referred to the Māori Affairs Committee for consideration;

51.2 enacted in 2027, if possible.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

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Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill and Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**

On 3 September 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

1 **noted** that the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill gives effect to the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Deed of Settlement, which was signed on 17 August 2026;

2 **noted** that the Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill gives effect to redress to be shared between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori recorded in the Shared Redress Deed;

3 **approved** the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill [PCO 20385/21.0] and the Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill [PCO 21832/2.10] for introduction;

4 **authorised** the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations to introduce the Bills when he considers appropriate;

5 **authorised** the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations to approve any further changes required to the Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill, prior to its introduction;

6 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Claims Settlement Bill and Chatham Islands Shared Redress Bill be:

6.1 referred to the Māori Affairs Committee for consideration;

6.2 enacted in 2027, if possible.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:
Hon David Seymour
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon James Meager
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Mike Butterick
Stuart Smith MP

Officials present from:
Officials Committee for LEG

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Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 4 September 206

On 7 September 2026, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Legislation Committee for the period ended 4 September 2026:

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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