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Proactive release – Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill: Approval for Introduction

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Office for the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
Cabinet Legislation Committee

Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill: Approval for Introduction

Proposal

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to introduce *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* (the **Bill**).
- 2 The Bill gives effect to the *Tuhinga Whakaae o Te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā/ Deed of On-Account Vesting of Kororipo Pā* (the **Deed**), signed by the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (**TRONR**) on 1 August 2025. The Bill has a priority 5 classification (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2025) in the 2025 Legislative Programme.
- 3 TRONR support the introduction of the Bill.

Background

- 4 Ngāti Rēhia is a Ngāpuhi hapū based in Kerikeri, with interests in the Bay of Islands, Waimate-Taiāmai, and Whangaroa areas. Ngāti Rēhia are represented by TRONR for discussions on the on-account vesting of Kororipo Pā.
- 5 Kororipo Pā, part of the Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve in Kerikeri, is currently in Crown ownership and administered by the Department of Conservation (**DOC**). The pā was occupied by Hongi Hika and was a significant historical place of learning and trade between Ngāpuhi and Pākehā missionaries and settlers. It lies within the traditional area of a number of Ngāpuhi hapū, including Ngāti Rēhia, Ngāti Tautahi, Ngāi Tāwake, Ngāti Whakaeke, Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha and Te Uri o Hua; though numerous other Ngāpuhi hapū also have connections. Ngāti Rēhia is widely acknowledged by Ngāpuhi hapū as being kaitiaki (guardian) of Kororipo Pā.
- 6 Since the 1930s Ngāti Rēhia has sought return of the pā and the adjoining reserves. Given its broader significance to Ngāpuhi, TRONR seek its return as kaitiaki (guardian) on behalf of Ngāpuhi.

Policy

- 7 Since 2022, then Chief Crown Negotiator, Sir Brian Roche, officials from Te Tari Whakatau and DOC, and TRONR have discussed the potential on-account transfer of Kororipo Pā to TRONR. In February 2023, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and TRONR signed Terms of Engagement on the potential on-account transfer of Kororipo Pā.

- 8 In November 2024, Cabinet agreed to the terms of transfer for Kororipo Pā [CAB-24-MIN-0426 refers], including vesting Kororipo Pā in TRONR as redress on-account of a future Ngāpuhi settlement.
- 9 On 3 February I initialled the Deed with TRONR, and in July the Minister for Māori Development and I agreed that the ratification results demonstrated sufficient support from Ngāti Rēhia for the Deed to be signed and for TRONR as the governance entity.
- 10 On 1 August 2025, the Crown and TRONR signed the Deed.

Why is the Bill required?

- 11 The vesting of Kororipo Pā in TRONR requires legislation to be given effect to and implemented. The Crown agreed in the Deed to introduce the Bill to Parliament with the support of TRONR. TRONR support the introduction of the Bill. This will be the first redress the Crown provides to Ngāpuhi in acknowledgement of historical Treaty of Waitangi breaches.
- 12 The Bill I am seeking Cabinet approval to introduce will remove the historic reserve status from Kororipo Pā, rename the site *Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve* (placing a macron over the “a” in “Pā”), vest the site in fee simple in TRONR on-account of a future Ngāpuhi comprehensive settlement, and restore the historic reserve classification.
- 13 Subject to discussions with the Leader of the House, during First Reading I intend to move a motion for a shortened select committee process.

Impact Analysis

- 14 The Ministry for Regulation has determined that this proposal is exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement on the grounds that it is required to implement a Deed of On-account Transfer related to Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Compliance

- 15 The Bill complies with the:
 - 15.1 principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
 - 15.2 disclosure statement requirements;
 - 15.3 principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020;
 - 15.4 relevant international standards and obligations; and
 - 15.5 Legislation Guidelines (2021 edition).
- 16 An assessment of the Bill’s consistency with the Bill of Rights Act is in progress and will be completed before the Bill is introduced.

Consultation

- 17 The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana: Te Tari Whakatau has consulted with and incorporated the views of DOC and Land Information New Zealand in the development of the Bill.
- 18 DOC, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Parliamentary Counsel Office and the Treasury were consulted on this paper. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was informed.
- 19 Crown Law Office is vetting the Bill for Bill of Rights Act 1990 and Human Rights Act 1993 compliance, this will be complete before the Bill is introduced.
- 20 TRONR has received a copy of the Bill and supports its introduction.

Binding on the Crown

- 21 The Bill will be binding on the Crown.

Allocation of decision-making powers

- 22 Not applicable.

Associated regulations

- 23 Not applicable.

Other instruments

- 24 Not applicable.

Definition of Minister/ department

- 25 Not applicable.

Commencement of legislation

- 26 The Bill will come into force on the day after the date of Royal Assent. The vesting of Kororipo Pā in TRONR will occur on the vesting date, which is the date that is 20 working days after the date on which the Act comes into force.

Parliamentary stages

- 27 The Deed contains a provision stating it is unconditional upon legislation coming into force and the Crown will propose the vesting legislation for introduction.
- 28 The Bill has a priority 5 classification (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2025) in the 2025 Legislation Programme. I recommend the Bill be introduced on the first available date once the Deed is signed and be referred to the Māori Affairs Committee.

Proactive Release

- 29 I intend to proactively release this paper, making any necessary redactions, following the introduction of the Bill.

Recommendations

- 1 I recommend that the Cabinet Legislation Committee:
- 2 **note** *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* holds a priority 5 classification (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2025) in the 2025 Legislative Programme;
- 3 **note** the *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* gives effect to aspects of the *Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā/ Deed of On-Account Vesting of Kororipo Pā* signed by the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust on 1 August 2025;
- 4 **note**, subject to discussions with the Leader of the House, I intend to move a motion during the First Reading of *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* for a shortened select committee process;
- 5 **note** Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust supports the introduction of *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* into the House;
- 6 **approve** the *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 7 **agree** that the Bill be introduced after Cabinet has approved the *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* for introduction; and
- 8 **agree** the Bill be:
 - 8.1 referred to the Māori Affairs Committee for consideration; and
 - 8.2 enacted, if possible, in 2026.

Authorised for lodgement

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Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Appendix One – Disclosure statement

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Departmental Disclosure Statement

Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill

This disclosure statement was prepared by The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana: Te Tari Whakatau

Te Tari Whakatau – The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and understanding, the information provided is complete and accurate at the date of finalisation below.

6 August 2025.

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Part One: General Policy Statement

Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill (the **Bill**) gives effect to certain matters contained in Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā/Deed of On-account Vesting of Kororipo Pā (the **Deed**) between the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (**TRONR**), which was signed on 1 August 2025.

The Deed provides for the vesting of Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve (**Kororipo Pā**) in TRONR. The Bill contains provisions required to implement the vesting of Kororipo Pā in TRONR on account of a future comprehensive Ngāpuhi settlement.

The Bill comprises 2 Parts and a Schedule, as follows:

- *Part 1* (preliminary matters)—
 - sets out the purpose of the Bill; and
 - provides that the provisions of the Bill take effect on the vesting date unless a provision states otherwise; and
 - specifies that the Bill binds the Crown; and
 - defines terms used in the Bill; and
 - provides for access to the deed of on-account vesting;
- *Part 2* (vesting of Kororipo Pā) provides for the renaming and vesting of the fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā in TRONR:
- the *Schedule* describes Kororipo Pā.

Part Two: Background Material and Policy Information

Published reviews or evaluations

2.1. Are there any publicly available inquiry, review or evaluation reports that have informed, or are relevant to, the policy to be given effect by this Bill?	NO
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Relevant international treaties

2.2. Does this Bill seek to give effect to New Zealand action in relation to an international treaty?	NO
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Regulatory impact analysis

2.3. Were any regulatory impact statements provided to inform the policy decisions that led to this Bill?	NO
<i>"The Ministry for Regulation has determined that this proposal is exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement on the grounds that it is required to implement a Deed of On-account Transfer related to Treaty of Waitangi claims, other than those that would amend or affect existing regulatory arrangements."</i>	

Extent of impact analysis available

2.4. Has further impact analysis become available for any aspects of the policy to be given effect by this Bill?	NO
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2.5. For the policy to be given effect by this Bill, is there analysis available on:	
(a) the size of the potential costs and benefits?	NO
(b) the potential for any group of persons to suffer a substantial unavoidable loss of income or wealth?	NO

2.6. For the policy to be given effect by this Bill, are the potential costs or benefits likely to be impacted by:	
(a) the level of effective compliance or non-compliance with applicable obligations or standards?	NO
(b) the nature and level of regulator effort put into encouraging or securing compliance?	NO

Part Three: Testing of Legislative Content

Consistency with New Zealand's international obligations

3.1. What steps have been taken to determine whether the policy to be given effect by this Bill is consistent with New Zealand's international obligations?

No specific steps have been taken

Consistency with the government's Treaty of Waitangi obligations

3.2. What steps have been taken to determine whether the policy to be given effect by this Bill is consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi?

During engagement, Te Tari Whakatau – The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana and TRONR engaged with hapū whose interests are affected by the proposed transfer of Kororipo Pā. The on-account redress given effect to by this Bill is consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles and the Treaty of Waitangi Settlement policy.

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

3.3. Has advice been provided to the Attorney-General on whether any provisions of this Bill appear to limit any of the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?

YES

*Assessment of the Bill's consistency with the Bill of Rights Act is in progress. Advice provided to the Attorney-General by the Crown Law Office, or a section 7 report of the Attorney-General, is generally expected to be available on the Ministry of Justice website upon introduction of a Bill. Such advice, or reports, will be accessible on the Ministry's website at:
<http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/constitutional-law-and-human-rights/human-rights/bill-of-rights/>*

Offences, penalties and court jurisdictions

3.4. Does this Bill create, amend, or remove:

(a) offences or penalties (including infringement offences or penalties and civil pecuniary penalty regimes)?

NO

(b) the jurisdiction of a court or tribunal (including rights to judicial review or rights of appeal)?

YES

The Bill removes the jurisdiction of courts, tribunals, and other judicial bodies in respect of the deed of on-account vesting, the act and the vesting provided (clause 10 (1)). Although, it does preserve the jurisdiction of courts, tribunals and other judicial bodies in respect of the interpretation or implementation of the deed of on-account vesting or the act (clause 10(2)).

3.4.1. Was the Ministry of Justice consulted about these provisions?

NO

These are standard provisions, and the template has been agreed between the Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana: Te Tari Whakatau, the Parliamentary Counsel Office and Crown Law for many years.

Privacy issues

3.5. Does this Bill create, amend or remove any provisions relating to the collection, storage, access to, correction of, use or disclosure of personal information?	NO
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External consultation

3.6. Has there been any external consultation on the policy to be given effect by this Bill, or on a draft of this Bill?	NO
<i>During engagement, the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti and TRONR engaged with hapū whose interests are affected by the proposed transfer of Kororipo Pā (Ngāti Tautahi, Ngāi Tāwake, Ngāti Whakaeke, Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, and Te Uri o Hua).</i>	

Other testing of proposals

3.7. Have the policy details to be given effect by this Bill been otherwise tested or assessed in any way to ensure the Bill's provisions are workable and complete?	YES
<i>The proposed provisions are tested throughout the negotiation process by consultation with relevant agencies, key stakeholders and engagement with third parties. The Deed was ratified by Ngāti Rēhia during a hui-a-hapū on 29 June 2025</i>	

Part Four: Significant Legislative Features

Compulsory acquisition of private property

4.1. Does this Bill contain any provisions that could result in the compulsory acquisition of private property?	NO
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Charges in the nature of a tax

4.2. Does this Bill create or amend a power to impose a fee, levy or charge in the nature of a tax?	NO
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Retrospective effect

4.3. Does this Bill affect rights, freedoms, or impose obligations, retrospectively?	NO
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Strict liability or reversal of the usual burden of proof for offences

4.4. Does this Bill:	
(a) create or amend a strict or absolute liability offence?	NO
(b) reverse or modify the usual burden of proof for an offence or a civil pecuniary penalty proceeding?	NO

Civil or criminal immunity

4.5. Does this Bill create or amend a civil or criminal immunity for any person?	NO
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Significant decision-making powers

4.6. Does this Bill create or amend a decision-making power to make a determination about a person's rights, obligations, or interests protected or recognised by law, and that could have a significant impact on those rights, obligations, or interests?	NO
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Powers to make delegated legislation

4.7. Does this Bill create or amend a power to make delegated legislation that could amend an Act, define the meaning of a term in an Act, or grant an exemption from an Act or delegated legislation?	NO
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4.8. Does this Bill create or amend any other powers to make delegated legislation?	NO
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Any other unusual provisions or features

4.9. Does this Bill contain any provisions (other than those noted above) that are unusual or call for special comment?	NO
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Appendix Two – *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* for introduction

Proactively released by the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

IN CONFIDENCE

This draft Bill presented for signing was provided for the ratification process, but is subject to PCO quality assurance measures that will be undertaken after it has been signed and before it is introduced in the House.

Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill

Government Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

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The Bill comprises 2 Parts and a Schedule as follows:

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 - sets out the purpose of the Bill; and
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 - defines terms used in the Bill; and
 - provides for access to the deed of on-account vesting;
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- the *Schedule* describes Kororipo Pā.

Departmental disclosure statement

The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana—Te Tari Whakatau is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Bill. The disclosure

statement provides access to information about the policy development of the Bill and identifies any significant or unusual legislative features of the Bill.

A copy of the statement can be found at [PPU to insert URL and link] (if it has been provided for publication).

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 is the Title clause.

Clause 2 is the commencement clause. If the Bill is enacted, the Act will come into force on the day after Royal assent.

Part 1

Preliminary matters

Te Horopaki/Background

Clause 3 sets out the background to the vesting of Kororipo Pā by the Bill.

Preliminary provisions

Clause 4 states the purpose of the Bill.

Clause 5 provides that the provisions of the Bill take effect on the vesting date unless stated otherwise. The vesting date is defined in *clause 9* as the date that is 20 working days after the date on which the Bill comes into force.

Clause 6 provides that the Bill binds the Crown.

Clause 7 gives an outline of the Bill.

Interpretation provisions

Clause 8 provides that the Bill is to be interpreted in a manner that best furthers the agreements expressed in the deed of on-account vesting.

Clause 9 defines certain terms used in the Bill, including the following terms:

- deed of on-account vesting (which, in general terms, is the deed of on-account vesting entered into by the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust);
- Kororipo Pā (which is defined as the land of that name described in the *Schedule* and is the land that is the subject of the deed of on-account vesting and is vested in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust);
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (which is defined as the board named Te Runanga o Ngati Rehia Trust that was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on 8 April 2002 and has the registered number 1203918);
- trustees of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (which is defined as the trustees, acting in their capacity as the trustees, for the time being constituting Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust).

Jurisdiction of courts, etc

Clause 10 removes the jurisdiction of courts, tribunals, and other judicial bodies in respect of the deed of on-account vesting, the Bill, and the vesting provided under that deed or under the Bill (but not in respect of the interpretation or implementation of that deed or the Bill).

Access to deed

Clause 11 requires the chief executive of the Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana—Te Tari Whakatau to make the deed of on-account vesting available for inspection or purchase at that Office, and on an internet site maintained by or on behalf of that Office.

Part 2

Vesting of Kororipo Pā

General provisions applying to vesting

Clause 12 revokes the existing reservation of Kororipo Pā as a historic reserve that is subject to the Reserves Act 1977 and vests the fee simple estate of that land in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust. The land is declared a reserve and classified as a historic reserve that is named Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve.

Clauses 13 to 19 set out further provisions related or ancillary to the vesting of Kororipo Pā. In particular,—

- *clause 13* ensures that Kororipo Pā vests subject to or together with certain interests in land; and
- *clause 14* provides for the continuation of certain interests (other than an interest in land) until those interests expire or are terminated; and
- *clause 15* provides for registration of the ownership of Kororipo Pā by the Registrar-General of Land; and
- *clause 16* provides for matters relating to the application of Part 4A (marginal strips) of the Conservation Act 1987; and
- *clause 17* provides for certain matters to be recorded on the record of title for Kororipo Pā, which are additional to the matters required to be recorded under *clause 15*; and
- *clause 18* provides for matters relating to the application of other legislation; and
- *clause 19* discontinues the official geographic name of the land in Kororipo Pā that, immediately before the vesting date, was part of a Crown protected area.

Further provisions applying to Kororipo Pā as reserve

Clause 20—

- makes Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust the administering body, for the purposes of the Reserves Act 1977, that is appointed to control and manage Kororipo Pā; and
- addresses certain other matters relating to the application of that Act and the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 to Kororipo Pā.

Clauses 21 to 23 provide for matters relating to transferring the fee simple estate in so much of Kororipo Pā as remains a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 after its vesting in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (the **reserve land**). In particular,—

- *clause 21* provides that the fee simple estate in the reserve land may be transferred only in accordance with *clause 22 or 23*; and
- *clause 22* allows for the registered owners of the fee simple estate in the reserve land to transfer the fee simple estate to new owners (with the written consent of the Minister of Conservation) and makes the new owners the administering body for the purposes of the Reserves Act 1977; and
- *clause 23* allows the fee simple estate in the reserve land held by existing or former trustees in a trust to be transferred to the current trustees in the trust where the composition of trustees has changed. That clause will not apply for so long as the registered owner is Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust or any other board that is incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957, because any board incorporated under that Act has perpetual succession.

Clause 24 prevents the owners of Kororipo Pā from mortgaging, or giving a security interest in, the reserve land.

Clause 25 saves certain bylaws, and certain prohibitions or restrictions on use or access, made or imposed under the Conservation Act 1987 or the Reserves Act 1977 in relation to Kororipo Pā, before it was vested in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust.

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Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill

Government Bill

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is Te Ture Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā **2025**/the Kororipo Pā Vesting Act **2025**.
- (2) This Act may be cited as—
 - (a) Te Ture Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā **2025**; or
 - (b) the Kororipo Pā Vesting Act **2025**.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent.

Part 1 Preliminary matters

Te Horopaki/Background

3 Te Horopaki/Background

Te Horopaki mō te whakahokitanga o Kororipo Pā

- (1) He wāhi hirahira a Kororipo Pā ki ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi. Koia ko te tini o ōna hononga hītorīa, hononga ahurea, me ōna hiranga porotēhi me ngā pakanga nui o ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi. Ki te pūtake o Te Awa o Ngā Rangatira, ki Kerikeri, i mātāmua ai a Kororipo Pā hei wāhi tiaki whenua, tiaki tāngata, hoinō, hei kaupare i te hoariri o uta, o tai anō hoki. Koia te wāhi huihui ai ngā rangatira katoa o Ngāpuhi me ētahi atu hapū mō ngā porotiki o te wā, he wāhi whakarauika anō hoki i mua i te pakanga.
- (2) Ko ngā hapū katoa o Ngāpuhi e whai patanga ai ki te pā nei, he whanaunga, he hononga nui ō rātou ki a rātou. Ko ēnei hononga ki te pā, ā, rātou ki a rātou, ka ū ki ngā tikanga Māori, ā, ka pūmautia ā mohoa noa nei.
- (3) I meatia e James Kemp, mihingare nō Piritānia, nāna te whenua i hoko i te tau 1838, ā tae ana ki te wāhi tū ai a Kororipo Pā, i roto i ngā tau whai muri mai, i whakamāramatia ai tēnei hokotanga, ko te Old Land Claim 34/579. I tukuna e te Komihana Old Land Claims o te tau 1843, te taitara o te wāhi ki a James Kemp engari rā, ko tēnei taitara, koia hoki i karangahia, ā i whakakorengia i roto i ngā tau. Whai muri mai i te komihana tuarua i te tau 1859, i te 27 o Oketopa, i tukuna e te Karauna tētahi karāti mō Kororipo Pā ki a Kemp. Kua werohia e Ngāpuhi tēnei hokotanga atu me te tukanga, te karāti rāini, katoa katoa ngā mahi kua mana ai tēnei hokotanga atu. Ko Ngāpuhi e whakahē ana i tēnei hokotanga atu me te kī atu, kīhai tēnei hokotanga i hua ai, kīhai i whai wāhi kia hua ake ai.
- (4) Nō reira, kua werohia e Ngāpuhi te hunga katoa kua hoko i te pā, tae ana ki te tukutanga atu o te whenua ki te Karauna i te tau 1957, i te 24 o Mei. I tōna hiranga ki ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi, kua roa rātou e kaha wero ana kia whakahokia te pā ki a Ngāpuhi. Kua hia tekau tau e werohia ana e Ngāpuhi tēnei take, me ngā tini kāwanatanga, ngā āpiha Karauna, ngā tari Karauna, te Native Land Court, me ngā kaupuri whenua motuhake.
- (5) Hāunga ēnei tohe kaupuri whenua, e ū tonu ana a Ngāti Rēhia me Ngāpuhi ki ō rātou haepapa kaitiakitanga o te pā, ā mohoa noa nei.
- (6) I te tau 1993, i te 13 o Pēpuere, i karangahia he hui Ngāpuhi ki Whitiara Marae, ki Te Tii, wānanga tahi ai mō Kororipo Pā. Ka whakatauhia e taua hui o ngā Rangatira o Ngāpuhi ko Ngāti Rēhia te hapū kaitiaki o te rohe o Kerikeri, hoinō, o Kororipo Pā.
- (7) Nō reira, i te tau 1995, i tonoa e Tuau Ahiroa Kemp, mā Ngāti Rēhia me Ngā Hapū me ngā Whānau o Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu, te Wai 492 (kerēme Kororipo Pā)

ki te Taraipiunara o Waitangi, e kōrero ana mō te tuku o Kororipo Pā ki ngā kaipupuri whenua motuhake, me te Old Land Claims 34/597. E rua anō ngā kerēme, ko Wai 1131 (Kororipo Pā Land Alienation Claim) me Wai 1247 (Kororipo Lands and Resources Claim). I tonoa hoki ēnei ki te Karauna i raro i te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, e wero ana i ngā tūkinotanga o te Karauna mō Kororipo Pā. Ko ngā kerēme e toru nei, i rangona e te Taraipiunara o Waitangi ki Te Paparahi o te Raki (Wai 1040). Koia i werohia kia whakahokia te pā ki a Ngāpuhi.

- (8) I whakatū ai Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust i te tau 2002. Ko tētahi pānga o Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust, hei whakakanohi i a Ngāti Rēhia ki roto i ngā take Tiriti o Waitangi, tae ana ki ngā take mō Kororipo Pā.
- (9) I te tau 2004, i te Oketopa, ki te hui i tū ki Kororipo Pā, i whakamanahia ai te tautoko o mua, i te Kerēme Wai 492 o Tuau Ahiroa Kemp, me te tū a Ngāti Rēhia hei kaikōrero, hei kaitiaki anō hoki mō te rohe o Kerikeri.
- (10) I te tau 2005, i rēhita ai a Kororipo Pā hei wāhi tapu, ki te rārangi whenua tapu o te New Zealand Historic Places Trust.
- (11) I te tau 2008, i te 26 o Hūrae, i tū tētahi hui o Ngāpuhi whānui ki Whitiara Marae. Ki reira whakaū anō ai te tautoko o Ngāpuhi whānui ki a Ngāti Rēhia kia whakahokia a Kororipo Pā.
- (12) I te tau 2015, i kōrero tahi a Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust me te Papa Atawhai mō te whakahokitanga o Kororipo Pā ki a Ngāti Rēhia, ā, mā Ngāpuhi.
- (13) I te tau 2020, i te Akuhata, i tuku inoi atu a Ngāti Rēhia ki te Karauna kia whakaarohia te whakahokitanga o Kororipo Pā ki a Ngāti Rēhia, mā ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi, i roto i te pono, ā kia whai patanga mō tēnei take.
- (14) I te tau 2022, i te 22 o Akuhata, i pōwhiritia e te Karauna i Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust kia tīmata ōkawa ngā whiriwhiri kōrero mō te tukutanga tōmuatanga torohū o Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve. I whakaae Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust ki tērā tono.
- (15) I te tau 2022, i te 29 o Noema, i karangahia he hui Ngāpuhi wānanga ai i te whakahokitanga tōmuatanga torohū o Kororipo Pā ki a Ngāpuhi. Ki taua hui, i whakaū anō ai te whakatau i whakatauhia ki te hui i tū i te tau 1993, i te Pēpuere ki Whitiara. Ko taua whakatau e mea ana, ko Ngāti Rēhia ngā kaitiaki o Kororipo Pā, ā, ko Ngāti Rēhia anō e ārahi ana, mā Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust, i te noho ngātahi ki te Karauna, mō te whakahokitanga o Kororipo Pā.
- (16) I te tau 2023, i te 2 o Pēpuere, i Te Ahurea, Kerikeri, i mana ai ngā tikanga whakahaere tūhono i waenga i Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia me te Karauna e pā ana ki a Kororipo Pā.
- (17) I te tau 2024, i te 3 o Tihema, hoinō, hei tohu i te pono o ngā whiriwhiri kōrero i waenga i ngā rōpū, i tuku te Karauna i te whakatau ōkawa kia whakahoki a Kororipo Pā ki a Ngāti Rēhia, ko ngā kaitiaki, arā mā Ngāpuhi. Ko tā te

whakataua, ka tuku “tōmua” a Kororipo Pā i te tūturutanga o te whakataunga take tiriti matawhānui mō Ngāpuhi e heke mai nei. I mihia e te Karauna te tū roa o Ngāti Rēhia hei kaitiaki o Kororipo Pā, arā, mā Ngāpuhi.

- (18) I te tau 2024, i te 3 o Tīhema, i whakaae a Ngāti Rēhia ki te tuku o te Karauna.
- (19) I whakahaerehia ēnei noho ngātahitanga i roto i te pono. I te tau 2025, i te 3 o Pēpuere, i waitohu Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust me te Karauna i te Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua.

Background to vesting of Kororipo Pā

- (1) Kororipo Pā is a site of cultural and historical significance to ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi, as a wāhi tapu, and is significant to the political and war history of ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi. Based at the head of Te Awa o Ngā Rangatira, Kerikeri, Kororipo Pā was strategically located to protect land and people from landward and seaward threats and was the meeting place for all the Ngāpuhi rangatira to hold counsel with other hapū on important political issues, and to assemble before going to war.
- (2) All of ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi connected to the pā are interrelated and have strong kinship connections. Their relationships to the pā and to one another continue to be maintained to this day in accordance with tikanga Māori.
- (3) British missionary James Kemp claimed he purchased land in 1838 that included the Kororipo Pā site, a transaction later classified as Old Land Claim 34/579. The Old Land Claims Commission of 1843 granted title of the site to James Kemp. However, that title was later called in and cancelled. After a second commission, the Crown issued Kemp a grant for Kororipo Pā on 27 October 1859. Ngāpuhi hapū have challenged this transaction and any process or grant that has purported to validate it, rejecting that the sale transaction ever took place or could have taken place.
- (4) Consequently, Ngāpuhi hapū have challenged all successive ownership transactions of the pā, including the transfer of the land to the Crown on 24 May 1957. Because of its significance to ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi, they have consistently sought the return of the pā to Ngāpuhi. Ngāpuhi hapū have consistently pursued this matter over the decades with successive governments, Crown officials, Crown agencies, the Native Land Court, and the private owners.
- (5) Despite these ownership disputes, Ngāti Rēhia, and Ngāpuhi hapū more broadly, have continued to uphold their kaitiakitanga obligations to the pā to this day.
- (6) On 13 February 1993, a hui of Ngāpuhi was called at Whitiara Marae, Te Tii to discuss Kororipo Pā. At that hui, Ngāpuhi rangatira confirmed Ngāti Rēhia to be the hapū kaitiaki of the Kerikeri area and therefore of Kororipo Pā.
- (7) Accordingly, in 1995, Tuau Ahiora Kemp, on behalf of Ngāti Rēhia and Ngā Hapū me ngā Whānau o Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu, lodged Wai 492 (the Kororipo Pā Claim) with the Waitangi Tribunal concerning the passage of Kororipo Pā into private ownership and Old Land Claim 34/597. Two other claims, Wai 1131

- (the Kororipo Pā Land Alienation Claim) and Wai 1247 (the Kororipo Lands and Resources Claim), were also lodged against the Crown under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, raising grievances against the Crown concerning Kororipo Pā. All 3 claims were heard in the Te Paparahi o te Raki (Wai 1040) Waitangi Tribunal inquiry and sought the return of the pā to Ngāpuhi.
- (8) Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust was formed in 2002. One of the roles of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust includes representing Ngāti Rēhia in te Tiriti o Waitangi matters, including matters regarding Kororipo Pā.
- (9) In October 2004, a hui held at Kororipo Pā endorsed earlier support for Tuau Ahiroa Kemp’s Wai 492 claim and Ngāti Rēhia as kaikōrero and kaitiaki for the Kerikeri area.
- (10) In 2005, the Kororipo Pā site was registered as a wāhi tapu area on the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Register.
- (11) On 26 July 2008, Ngāpuhi-wide support for Ngāti Rēhia to seek the return of Kororipo Pā was reconfirmed at a Ngāpuhi-wide hui held at Whitiara Marae.
- (12) In 2015, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust and the Department of Conservation held discussions regarding the return of Kororipo Pā to Ngāti Rēhia on behalf of Ngāpuhi.
- (13) In August 2020, Ngāti Rēhia requested that the Crown consider returning Kororipo Pā to Ngāti Rēhia on behalf of ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi as an act of good faith and sought engagement on this matter.
- (14) On 22 August 2022, the Crown invited Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust to formally engage in negotiations about the potential early transfer of Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust accepted that invitation.
- (15) On 29 November 2022, a hui of Ngāpuhi was called to discuss the potential early return of Kororipo Pā to Ngāpuhi. The hui reconfirmed the decisions made at the February 1993 hui held at Whitiara Marae that Ngāti Rēhia is the kaitiaki of Kororipo Pā and for Ngāti Rēhia, through Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust, to lead the engagement with the Crown for the return of Kororipo Pā.
- (16) On 2 February 2023, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust and the Crown executed terms of engagement in relation to Kororipo Pā at Te Ahurea, Kerikeri.
- (17) On 3 December 2024, as a sign of good faith and in recognition of the negotiations that had taken place between the parties, the Crown made a formal offer for the return of Kororipo Pā to Ngāti Rēhia as kaitiaki, on behalf of Ngāpuhi. The offer proposed Kororipo Pā would be transferred “on-account” of a future comprehensive Ngāpuhi treaty settlement. The Crown acknowledged the long-standing role of Ngāti Rēhia as kaitiaki of Kororipo Pā on behalf of Ngāpuhi.
- (18) Ngāti Rēhia accepted the Crown’s offer on 3 December 2024.
- (19) These engagements were undertaken in good faith, and on 3 February 2025 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust and the Crown initialled a deed of on-account vesting.

Preliminary provisions

4 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to give effect to certain provisions of the deed of on-account vesting entered into between the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust.

5 Provisions to take effect on vesting date

- (1) The provisions of this Act take effect on the vesting date unless stated otherwise.
- (2) Before the date on which a provision takes effect, a person may prepare or sign a document or do anything else that is required for—
 - (a) the provision to have full effect on that date; or
 - (b) a power to be exercised under the provision on that date; or
 - (c) a duty to be performed under the provision on that date.

6 Act binds the Crown

This Act binds the Crown.

7 Outline

- (1) This section is a guide to the overall scheme and effect of this Act, but does not affect the interpretation or application of the other provisions of this Act or of the deed of on-account vesting.
- (2) This Part—
 - (a) sets out the purpose of this Act; and
 - (b) provides that the provisions of this Act take effect on the vesting date unless a provision states otherwise; and
 - (c) specifies that the Act binds the Crown; and
 - (d) defines terms used in this Act; and
 - (e) provides for access to the deed of on-account vesting.
- (3) **Part 2** provides for the vesting of the fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust.
- (4) The **Schedule** describes Kororipo Pā.

Interpretation provisions

8 Interpretation of Act generally

It is the intention of Parliament that the provisions of this Act are interpreted in a manner that best furthers the agreements expressed in the deed of on-account vesting.

9 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

administering body has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Reserves Act 1977

Crown has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989

deed of on-account vesting—

- (a) means the deed named Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā/Deed of On-Account Vesting of Kororipo Pā, dated {date}, and signed by—
 - (i) the Honourable {name of Minister}, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and the Honourable {name of Minister}, Minister of Finance; and
 - (ii) {names of signatories}, being the trustees of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust; and
- (b) includes—
 - (i) the schedule of the deed; and
 - (ii) any amendments to the deed or its schedule

Director-General means the Director-General of Conservation

interest means a covenant, easement, lease, licence, licence to occupy, tenancy, or other right or obligation affecting property

Kororipo Pā means the land of that name described in the **Schedule**

record of title has the meaning given in section 5(1) of the Land Transfer Act 2017

Registrar-General has the meaning given to Registrar in section 5(1) of the Land Transfer Act 2017

reserve has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Reserves Act 1977

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust means the board named Te Runanga o Ngati Rehia Trust that was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on 8 April 2002 and has the registered number 1203918

trustees of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust means the trustees, acting in their capacity as the trustees, for the time being constituting Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust

vesting date means the date that is 20 working days after the date on which this Act comes into force

working day means a day other than—

- (a) Saturday, Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day;

- (b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday;
- (c) a day in the period commencing with 25 December in any year and ending with the close of 15 January in the following year;
- (d) the days observed as the anniversaries of the provinces of Auckland and Wellington.

Jurisdiction of courts, etc

10 Jurisdiction of courts, etc, removed

- (1) Despite any other legislation or rule of law, on and from the vesting date, no court, tribunal, or other judicial body has jurisdiction (including the jurisdiction to inquire or further inquire, or to make a finding or recommendation) in respect of—
 - (a) the deed of on-account vesting; or
 - (b) this Act; or
 - (c) the vesting provided under the deed of on-account vesting or this Act.
- (2) **Subsection (1)** does not exclude the jurisdiction of a court, tribunal, or other judicial body in respect of the interpretation or implementation of the deed of on-account vesting or this Act.

Access to deed

11 Access to deed of on-account vesting

The chief executive of the Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana—Te Tari Whakatai must make copies of the deed of on-account vesting available—

- (a) for inspection free of charge, and for purchase at a reasonable price, at that Office in Wellington between 9 am and 5 pm on any working day; and
- (b) free of charge on an internet site maintained by or on behalf of that Office.

Part 2

Vesting of Kororipo Pā

General provisions applying to vesting

12 Property vested in fee simple and to be administered as reserve

- (1) The reservation of Kororipo Pā (being part of Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve) as a historic reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977 is revoked.
- (2) The fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā vests in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust.

- (3) Kororipo Pā is declared a reserve and classified as a historic reserve subject to section 18 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- (4) That reserve is named Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve.

13 Kororipo Pā vests subject to or together with interests

Kororipo Pā, as vested under this Part, is subject to, or has the benefit of, any interests listed for Kororipo Pā in the third column of the table in the **Schedule**.

14 Interests that are not interests in land

- (1) This section applies to any interest (other than an interest in land) to which Kororipo Pā is subject that is listed for the property in the **Schedule**, and for which there is a grantor, whether or not the interest also applies to land outside Kororipo Pā.
- (2) The interest applies as if the owners of Kororipo Pā were the grantor of the interest in respect of Kororipo Pā.
- (3) The interest applies—
 - (a) until the interest expires or is terminated, but any subsequent transfer of Kororipo Pā must be ignored in determining whether the interest expires or is or may be terminated; and
 - (b) with any other necessary modifications; and
 - (c) despite any change in status of the land comprising Kororipo Pā.

15 Registration of ownership

- (1) The Registrar-General must, in accordance with a written application by an authorised person,—
 - (a) create a record of title for the fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā in the name of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust; and
 - (b) record on the record of title any interests that are registered, noted, or to be noted and that are described in the application.
- (2) **Subsection (1)** is subject to the completion of any survey necessary to create a record of title.
- (3) A record of title must be created under this section as soon as is reasonably practicable after the vesting date, but not later than—
 - (a) 12 months after the vesting date; or
 - (b) any later date that is agreed in writing by the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust.
- (4) In this section, **authorised person** means a person authorised by the Director-General.

16 Application of Part 4A of Conservation Act 1987

- (1) The vesting of the fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust under this Part is a disposition for the purposes of Part 4A of the Conservation Act 1987, but sections 24(2A), 24A, and 24AA of that Act do not apply to the disposition.
- (2) Section 24 of the Conservation Act 1987 does not apply to the vesting of Kororipo Pā.
- (3) If the reservation of Kororipo Pā under this Part is revoked for all or part of the property, the vesting of Kororipo Pā is no longer exempt from section 24 (except subsection (2A)) of the Conservation Act 1987 for all or that part of the property.
- (4) **Subsections (2) and (3)** do not limit **subsection (1)**.

17 Matters to be recorded on record of title

- (1) The Registrar-General must record on the record of title for Kororipo Pā—
 - (a) that the land is subject to Part 4A of the Conservation Act 1987, but that section 24 of that Act does not apply; and
 - (b) that the land is subject to **sections 16(3) and 21**.
- (2) A notation made under **subsection (1)** that land is subject to Part 4A of the Conservation Act 1987 is to be treated as having been made in compliance with section 24D(1) of that Act.
- (3) If the reservation of Kororipo Pā under this Part is revoked for—
 - (a) all of Kororipo Pā, the Director-General must apply in writing to the Registrar-General to remove from the record of title for Kororipo Pā the notations that—
 - (i) section 24 of the Conservation Act 1987 does not apply to Kororipo Pā; and
 - (ii) Kororipo Pā is subject to **sections 16(3) and 21**; or
 - (b) part of Kororipo Pā, the Registrar-General must ensure that the notations referred to in **paragraph (a)** remain only on the record of title for the part of Kororipo Pā that remains a reserve.
- (4) The Registrar-General must comply with an application received in accordance with **subsection (3)(a)**.

18 Application of other legislation

- (1) The vesting of the fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā under this Part does not—
 - (a) limit section 10 or 11 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991; or
 - (b) affect other rights to subsurface minerals.
- (2) Sections 24 and 25 of the Reserves Act 1977 do not apply to the revocation, under this Part, of the reserve status of Kororipo Pā.

- (3) Section 11 and Part 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991 do not apply to—
- (a) the vesting of the fee simple estate in Kororipo Pā under this Part; or
 - (b) any matter incidental to, or required for the purpose of, the vesting.

19 Name of Crown protected area discontinued

- (1) **Subsection (2)** applies to the land in Kororipo Pā that, immediately before the vesting date, was part of a Crown protected area.
- (2) The official geographic name of the Crown protected area is discontinued in respect of the land and the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa must amend the Gazetteer accordingly.
- (3) In this section, **Crown protected area**, **Gazetteer**, and **official geographic name** have the meanings given in section 4 of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008.

Further provisions applying to Kororipo Pā as reserve

20 Application of other legislation

- (1) Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust is the administering body of Kororipo Pā.
- (2) Sections 78(1)(a), 79 to 81, and 88 of the Reserves Act 1977 do not apply in relation to Kororipo Pā.
- (3) If the reservation of Kororipo Pā under this Part is revoked under section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 for all or part of the property, section 25(2) of that Act applies to the revocation, but not the rest of section 25 of that Act.
- (4) Kororipo Pā is not a Crown protected area under the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008, despite anything in that Act.
- (5) Kororipo Pā must not have a name assigned to it or have its name changed under section 16(10) of the Reserves Act 1977 without the written consent of the owners of the property, and section 16(10A) of that Act does not apply to the proposed name.

21 Subsequent transfer of reserve land

- (1) This section applies to all or the part of Kororipo Pā that remains a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 after Kororipo Pā has vested in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust under this Part.
- (2) The fee simple estate in the reserve land may be transferred only in accordance with **section 22 or 23**.
- (3) In this section and **sections 22 to 24**, **reserve land** means the land that remains a reserve as described in **subsection (1)**.

22 Transfer of reserve land to new administering body

- (1) The registered owners of the reserve land may apply in writing to the Minister of Conservation for consent to transfer the fee simple estate in the reserve land to 1 or more persons (the **new owners**).
- (2) The Minister of Conservation must give written consent to the transfer if the registered owners satisfy the Minister that the new owners are able—
 - (a) to comply with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977; and
 - (b) to perform the duties of an administering body under that Act.
- (3) The Registrar-General must, upon receiving the required documents, register the new owners as the owners of the fee simple estate in the reserve land.
- (4) The required documents are—
 - (a) a transfer instrument to transfer the fee simple estate in the reserve land to the new owners, including a notification that the new owners are to hold the reserve land for the same reserve purposes as those for which it was held by the administering body immediately before the transfer; and
 - (b) the written consent of the Minister of Conservation to the transfer of the reserve land; and
 - (c) any other document required for the registration of the transfer instrument.
- (5) The new owners, from the time of their registration under this section,—
 - (a) are the administering body of the reserve land; and
 - (b) hold the reserve land for the same reserve purposes as those for which it was held by the administering body immediately before the transfer.
- (6) A transfer that complies with this section need not comply with any other requirements

23 Transfer of reserve land if trustees change

The registered owners of the reserve land may transfer the fee simple estate in that land if—

- (a) the transferors of the reserve land are or were the trustees of a trust; and
- (b) the transferees are the trustees of the same trust, after any new trustee has been appointed to the trust or any transferor has ceased to be a trustee of the trust; and
- (c) the instrument to transfer the reserve land is accompanied by a certificate given by the transferees, or the transferees' lawyer, verifying that **paragraphs (a) and (b)** apply.

24 Kororipo Pā not to be mortgaged

The owners of Kororipo Pā must not mortgage, or give a security interest in, the reserve land.

25 Saving of bylaws, etc, in relation to Kororipo Pā

- (1) This section applies to any bylaw, or any prohibition or restriction on use or access, that an administering body or the Minister of Conservation made or imposed under the Conservation Act 1987 or the Reserves Act 1977 in relation to Kororipo Pā before it was vested in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust under this Part.
- (2) The bylaw, prohibition, or restriction remains in force until it expires or is revoked under the Conservation Act 1987 or the Reserves Act 1977.

Schedule Kororipo Pā

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Name of property

Kororipo Pā

Description

*North Auckland Land District—
Far North District*

1.8 hectares, approximately,
being Part Lot 1 DP 44183. Part
Transfer 588724. Subject to
survey. As shown on Kororipo
Pā plan.

Interests

Subject to being a historic reserve,
as referred to in **section 12(3)**.

Subject to an unregistered guiding
permit with concession number
36921-GUI to Antipodes Travel
Limited.

Subject to an unregistered guiding
permit with concession number
NM-33917-GUI to Tourism Export
Council of New Zealand
Incorporated.

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CAB-25-MIN-0282



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Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 15 August 2025

On 18 August 2025, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Legislation Committee for the period ended 15 August 2025:

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scope

LEG-25-MIN-0156

Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā
Vesting Bill: Approval for Introduction
Portfolio: Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

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Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet



Cabinet Legislation Committee

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Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

On 14 August 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill (the Bill) holds a category 5 priority on the 2025 Legislation Programme (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2025);
- 2 **noted** that the Bill gives effect to aspects of the Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā/ Deed of On-Account Vesting of Kororipo Pā, signed by the Crown and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust on 1 August 2025;
- 3 **noted** that, subject to discussions with the Leader of the House, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations intends to move a motion during the First Reading of the Bill for a shortened select committee process;
- 4 **noted** that Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust supports the introduction of the Bill into the House;
- 5 **approved** Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill [PCO 26826/24.0] for introduction;
- 6 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be:
 - 6.1 referred to the Māori Affairs Committee for consideration;
 - 6.2 enacted, if possible, in 2026.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Stuart Smith, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Office of the Leader of the House