

The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana – Te Tari Whakatau

Year to date Progress Report

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Overview

This report brings together information on the key outputs of Te Tira Kurapounamu, the Treaty Settlements group of Te Tari Whakatau for the three-month period ending 30 September 2026.

Te Tari Whakatau supports the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and works with Māori and the public service to complete Treaty settlements and Takutai Moana determinations. It also provides strategic advice on Māori rights and interests that relate to Treaty settlements and Takutai Moana determinations.

Te Tari Whakatau negotiates settlements of historical Treaty of Waitangi claims (claims relating to Crown acts and omissions prior to 21 September 1992) on behalf of the Crown. There are numerous claimant groups currently involved in negotiations with the Crown, or in pre-negotiation discussions. The map and tables on the following pages provide an overview of these.

Te Tari Whakatau co-ordinates the implementation of settlements from enactment of legislation through to settlement date. This includes transferring properties and finalising relationship redress mechanisms due to take effect from settlement date. Monitoring and reporting on the Crown's implementation of Treaty settlement commitments is the responsibility of Te Puni Kōkiri.

Properties surplus to Crown requirements are available as potential redress in Treaty settlements. Land Information New Zealand manages this property portfolio. Properties that are not used for settlement purposes are sold on the open market once the relevant settlements have been agreed. For more information, please refer to the following website: www.linz.govt.nz/treaty-settlements-landbank-protection-mechanism

Te Tira Takutai Moana has responsibility to implement and administer the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (te Takutai Moana Act). Te Tira Takutai Moana lead engagement with applicants on the recognition of customary rights, work with the Crown Law Office for applications considered by the High Court, and provide advice to the Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.

Applications for recognition of customary interests under te Takutai Moana Act closed on 3 April 2017. Close to 600 applications were received, and of these approximately:

- 203 were for determination by the High Court;
- 382 were for determination by the responsible Minister, of these 175 also applied for a High Court determination.

As well as providing a statutory framework for determining whether customary rights exist in the common marine and coastal area, te Takutai Moana Act also provides for the legal arrangements and the general management of the area. This includes arrangements relating to the management of roads, minerals, structures, access, navigation and recreation rights, and reclaimed land.

Te Tira Takutai Moana also administer applications for customary marine title under the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019. Part of this Act provides a framework to apply for recognition of customary rights within ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou.

For more information please refer to the following website:
https://whakatau.govt.nz/te-tira-takutai-moana

Progress of Settlements

Eight significant milestones were reached with claimant groups in the three-month period ending 30 September 2026.

Group	Milestone	Date
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri	Deed of Settlement signed	17 August 2026
Ngā Hapū o Te Iwi o Whanganui	Legislation enacted	2 September 2026
Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana	Legislation enacted	2 September 2026
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri	Legislation introduced	15 September 2026
Rēkohu Wharekauri Shared Redress	Legislation introduced	15 September 2026
Rēkohu Wharekauri Shared Redress	Deed of Settlement signed	16 September 2026
Ngai Tai	Deed of Settlement initialled	17 September 2026
Ngāti Whakahemo	Mandate recognised	21 September 2026

Progress Map

The map below provides an overview of the areas where Treaty settlements have been completed and areas currently subject to negotiations or preparing for negotiations.

FIGURE 1: Completed Treaty Settlements and Current Negotiation



Claimant Group Status Summary by Stages in the Negotiation Process

The following table indicates the progress and status of claimant groups in negotiations. It includes settlements that have been implemented. The table is broken down into regional groupings.

GROUP	Mandate recognised by Crown	Terms of Negotiation signed	Agreement in Principle signed	Deed of Settlement signed	Enacted through legislation	Negotiation status
Te Taitokerau						
Ngāpuhi – Te Whakaaetanga						*Terms of Negotiation were signed on 15 December 2025*
Te Uri o Hau						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 October 2002*
Te Roroa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 25 September 2008*
Te Rarawa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 September 2015*
Te Aupōuri						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 September 2015*
NgāiTakoto						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 September 2015*
Ngāti Kuri						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 September 2015*
Ngāti Kahu						*A collective Agreement in Principle for Te Hiku iwi was signed on 16 January 2010*
Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 16 August 2017*
Ngātiwai						*A Deed of Mandate was recognised by the Crown on 21 October 2015*
Tāmaki Makaurau						
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 19 November 2012*
Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 6 June 2013*
Te Kawerau ā Maki						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 September 2015*
Ngāti Manuhiri						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 19 November 2012*
Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea						*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 19 December 2016*
Tāmaki Collective	n/a	n/a				*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 24 July 2014*
Ngāti Tamaoho						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 5 July 2018*
Ngāti Koheriki						*Terms of Negotiation were signed on 6 June 2013*
Ngāti Te Ata						*Terms of Negotiation were signed on 29 June 2011*
Te Ākitai Waiohua						*A Deed of Settlement was signed on 12 November 2021*
Ngāti Whātua remaining and Kaipara Harbour						*An Agreement in Principle was signed on 18 August 2017*

GROUP	Mandate recognised by Crown	Terms of Negotiation signed	Agreement in Principle signed	Deed of Settlement signed	Enacted through legislation	Negotiation status
Hauraki						
Hauraki Collective						*Legislation for this settlement was introduced on 16 December 2022*
Marutūāhu Collective	n/a	n/a				*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 28 July 2018*
Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 28 June 2018*
Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 12 May 2026*
Hako						*An Agreement in Principle was signed on 22 July 2011*
Ngāti Hei						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 12 May 2026*
Ngāti Pāoa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 4 November 2025*
Ngāti Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora						*An Agreement in Principle was signed on 22 July 2011*
Ngāti Tara Tokanui						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 12 May 2026*
Ngaati Whanaunga						*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 25 August 2017*
Te Patukirikiri						*A Deed of Settlement was signed on 7 October 2018*
Ngāti Tamaterā						*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 8 September 2017*
Ngāti Maru (Hauraki)						*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 8 September 2017*
Waikato						
Waikato-Tainui (Raupatu claim)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 3 November 1995*
Waikato-Tainui (River interests)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 6 May 2010*
Waikato-Tainui (remaining claims)						*Terms of Negotiation were signed on 14 December 2020*
Raukawa (River interests)	n/a	n/a	n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 21 October 2010*
Ngāti Maniapoto (River interests)	n/a	n/a	n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 28 March 2012*
Maniapoto						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 22 September 2022*
Raukawa (comprehensive)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 12 March 2014*
Ngāti Koroki Kahukura						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 10 December 2014*
Ngāti Hauā						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 10 December 2014*
Maraeroa A and B Blocks (Rereahu)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 31 July 2012*
Ngāti Hinerangi						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 6 April 2021*
Te Moana a Toi						
Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 23 May 2005*
Ngāti Awa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 24 March 2005*
Ngāti Ranginui			n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 15 May 2025*
Ngāti Pūkenga			n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 10 August 2017*
Ngāi Te Rangi						*Legislation for this settlement was introduced on 2 May 2016*

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Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective	n/a	n/a	n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was introduced on 30 October 2015*
Ngai Tai (Tōrere)						*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 17 September 2026*
Whakatōhea						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 28 May 2024*
Te Whānau a Apanui						*A Deed of Settlement was initialled on 26 September 2023*
Central North Island						
Central North Island Collective						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 25 September 2008*
Ngāti Manawa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 28 March 2012*
Ngāti Whare						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 28 March 2012*
Ngāi Tūhoe						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 24 July 2014*
Ngāti Tūwharetoa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 13 December 2018*
Ngāti Tūwharetoa (River interests)	n/a	n/a	n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 21 October 2010*
Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 2 September 2026*
Te Arawa						
Te Arawa Lakes						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 25 September 2006*
Te Arawa Affiliates						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 25 September 2008*
Te Arawa Affiliates (River interests)	n/a	n/a	n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 21 October 2010*
Ngāti Mākino						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 31 July 2012*
Waitaha						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 6 June 2013*
Pouakani			n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 12 December 2000*
Ngāti Tūrangitukua			n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 14 October 1999*
Ngāti Rangiteaorere (Te Tokotoru)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 April 2014*
Tapuika (Te Tokotoru)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 April 2014*
Ngāti Rangiwewehi (Te Tokotoru)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 April 2014*
Ngāti Whakaue						*Refreshed Terms of Negotiation were signed on 15 July 2025*
Ngāti Whakahemo						*A Deed of Mandate was recognised by the Crown on 21 September 2026*
Ngāti Rangitihi						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 15 March 2022*
Te Tairāwhiti						
Tūranganui-a-Kiwa				n/a	n/a	*An Agreement in Principle was signed on 29 August 2008. Subsequent milestones achieved as individual settlements*
Rongowhakaata						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 31 July 2012*
Ngāi Tamanuhiri						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 31 July 2012*

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Ngāti Porou		n/a				*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 29 March 2012*
Takitimu						
Ngāti Pāhauwera						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 29 March 2012*
Maungaharuru Tangitū Hapū						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 April 2014*
Ngāti Hineuru						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 29 June 2016*
Ahuriri Hapū						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 7 December 2021*
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga Tamatea						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 21 June 2018*
Iwi and hapū of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 6 September 2018*
Rangitāne o Wairarapa-Tāmaki Nui ā Rua						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 10 August 2017*
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua						*Legislation for these settlements was passed on 13 December 2022*
Te Rohe o Rongokako Joint Redress Bill	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		*Legislation was passed on 6 December 2022*
Hawkes Bay Regional Planning Committee Act	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		*Legislation was passed on 12 August 2015*
Te Tai Hauāuru						
Ngāti Ruanui						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 5 May 2003*
Ngāti Tama						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 25 November 2003*
Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 27 June 2005*
Ngāti Mutunga						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 21 November 2006*
Ngāti Apa (North Island)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 9 December 2010*
Te Iwi o Whanganui (River Claim)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 15 March 2017*
Rangitāne o Manawatū						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 7 December 2016*
Te Ātiawa (Taranaki)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 30 November 2016*
Ngāruahine						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 30 November 2016*
Taranaki Iwi						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 30 November 2016*
Ngāti Rangi						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 25 July 2019*
Mōkai Pātea						*An Agreement in Principle was signed on 6 November 2025*
Ngāti Maru (Taranaki)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 29 March 2022*
Te Korowai o Wainuiārua						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 6 March 2025*
Taranaki Maunga						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 30 January 2025*

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Whanganui iwi – Ngāti Hāua						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 29 January 2026*
Ngā Hapū o te Iwi o Whanganui (Whanganui Lands Settlement)						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 2 September 2026*
Te Ture Haeata ki Parihaka / Parihaka Reconciliation Act	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		*Legislation was passed on 24 October 2019*
Te Whanganui ā Tara / Te Waipounamu						
Ngāi Tahu						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 1 October 1998*
Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 30 July 2009*
Muaūpoko						*Terms of Negotiation were signed on 14 December 2013*
Ngāti Kuia						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Rangitāne o Wairau						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Ngāti Toa Rangātira						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Ngāti Kōata						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-ā-Maui						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Ngāti Rārua						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Ngāti Tama ki Te Tau Ihu						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 17 April 2014*
Ngāti Tama (Wellington)						*Terms of Negotiation were signed on 28 March 2014*
Moriori						*Legislation for this settlement was passed on 23 November 2021*
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri						*Legislation for this settlement was introduced on 15 September 2026*
Rēkohu Wharekauri Shared Redress	n/a	n/a	n/a			*Legislation for this settlement was introduced on 15 September 2026*

Claimant Funding

In 1997 the government amended its policy so that claimant funding was paid separately from negotiated settlement redress. For settlements prior to this, claimant funding was deducted from the negotiated settlement redress. The amount of money paid as claimant funding differs for each group depending on the stage they have reached in the negotiation process, the size of the claimant group, and the complexity of the issues negotiated.

From 1 January 1996 to 30 September 2026, $133.44 million was paid in various types of claimant funding. In the three-month period ending 30 September 2026, $1.434 million was paid as claimant funding.

Note: These figures do not include some payments made to Te Ariki, Te Whanganui a Orotū, Tūhourangi, Waimakuku, Waiwhetu and Ngāti Rangatahi (totalling $100,103). Additional payments, including ex gratia/one-off payments, have been made from specific appropriations.

Spending by Appropriation

For the three-month period ending 30 September 2026, Te Tari Whakatau spent $8.390 million against a departmental budget of $36.541 million. The following table details what this appropriation is spent on.

APPROPRIATION	COMMENTS
Vote Tari Whakatau – Treaty Negotiations and Marine and Coastal $36.541 million	This appropriation includes: • provision of advice to support decision making by Ministers on government policy matters relating to Treaty negotiations and the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011; • costs relating to Crown representation in the Waitangi Tribunal and in the Courts on matters concerning Treaty claims, and associated research into historical Treaty grievances to support representation; and • costs relating to the negotiation and implementation of historical Treaty claims, and the administration and implementation of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011. Actual expenditure in this appropriation to 30 September 2026 was $8.390 million against an annual budget of $36.541 million.

Property Portfolio Information

Te Tira Kurapounamu (Treaty Settlements) operates a mechanism to protect surplus Crown, District Health Board and Crown Research Institute land for potential use in settling historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. When the land is declared surplus, Māori are invited to express an interest in the Crown purchasing the surplus land. If the Crown agrees that the property meets the protection mechanism criteria, it will be purchased and held in a regional landbank until a Treaty settlement is signed.

Properties held in the Treaty Settlements Landbank are managed and maintained by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ). Details of the protection mechanism process and a list of properties held in Regional Landbanks is contained on the following website:
www.linz.govt.nz/treaty-settlements-landbank-protection-mechanism

In the three-month period ending 30 September 2026, no properties were purchased for potential use in historical Treaty settlements, 20 properties were disposed of, leaving the total value of the property portfolio at $528.813 million excluding GST (net book value). This left 749 landbank properties on the LINZ Crown balance sheet as at 30 September 2026.