

## Report to Board Of Trustees Meeting - Te Runanga-a-iwi-o-Ngapuhi

**From:** Raniera T (Sonny) Tau - Chairman  
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### *Tena Tatou Katoa*

I want to open my report by congratulating both our CEO, Allen Wihongi and our Kuia from Ngati Rehia, Nora Rameka, for their respective achievements in this years Queens Birthday's honours list for services to te Ao Maori me etahi atu mahi. They were both honoured as a "***Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.***" This is a great achievement for them and I know they share that with Ngapuhi katoa. Nga mihi nui atu ki a kourua. I am unsure if any other Ngapuhi received gongs in this years Queens birthday's honours list, if there are anymore who have received an honour, please take this as acknowledgement by Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi of your achievements.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the passing of Erima Henare, one of Ngapuhi's modern day orators who possessed the skill to straddle both te Ao pakeha me te Ao Maori. Erima will be sorely missed within the Marae o Ngapuhi and across the motu. Erima has left a huge hole in the leadership of Ngati Hine and indeed Ngapuhi-nui-tonu. Kara e Erima haere atu ki o Ipokahurangi, haere atu ki o Raukura, ki o manu Tauhuia, ki te hunga kua riro ki tua o te Arai – haere mai haere atu e Kara – oti atu.

Also passing on were Ripene Tua of Ngati Rehia, Daniel Naera and Wayne Wilson, first cousins of Waimamaku, both passed in tragic circumstances and has left a great hole in the hearts of those who knew them. Fred Mohi of Te Mahurehure also passed away recently. Kaumatua Allen Mitchell of Hokianga was another one to pass on recently. Heather Rankin, wife of Rangatira Graham Rankin also went home, as did Pita Whiu of Ngati Moerewa. I am sure that there are many others of Ngapuhi who have passed on in the last six weeks. Ki a ratou katoa, haere mai haere, oti atu.

In terms of the business of Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi, there has been a real hive of activity since our last meeting and I have attempted to write my report to make it an easy read for Trustees and our iwi constituency throughout the motu. Reporting on these matters is very important for the advancement of our iwi and for members to keep in touch with what is happening throughout Ngapuhi. I am concerned that some of this information is not getting out to our Takiwa as they are being raised with me wherever I travel. I want to remind us as Trustees of Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi that it is our duty to ensure Ngapuhi is updated on these matters as they are reported and come to hand.

From 6-8 May a contingent of us attended the iwi Chairs Hui at Whangaehu Marae, Whanganui and really enjoyed the experience. There were many issues affecting Maori katoa that was discussed at the hui and I report on many of those within the body of my report. The main issues of Fresh water, Housing, Te Ture Whenua Maori review; Constitutional discussions and Whanau Ora were again on the agenda. These seem to be the core themes that drive us as iwi to collaborate and work together to get the Crown to see things as they are for Maori.

I was very disappointed with Trustees as I issued a challenge to you all, to nominate a young male and female between the ages of 20 - 40 with leadership potential who has actually done some work in this area to attend iwi Chairs with us. There was none forthcoming so I took Anaru as the male but did not have a female. In future I will just appoint those to attend these hui, with Anaru taking the male youth leadership role. The next Trustee to travel with us to these iwi Chairs hui will be Keith Wihongi. This hui is scheduled for the 5 - 7 of August at Hopuhopu, hosted by Tainui.

### **Review of Te Ohu Kaimoana and Subsidiaries**

- Although I have updated you all on this concept I want to discuss matters further as we need to understand fully the ramifications of what was voted on at the special general meeting of TOKM called to vote on resolutions last Thursday in Wellington
- I do not have the results here obviously but report those verbally at our meeting
- This is definitely one of the biggest decisions that we have had to make on behalf of Ngapuhi
- We have also got to analyse the impact of our decision within the backdrop of the last eleven years of TOKM operations as well as looking ahead as to what is best for Maori katoa going forward
- At our NAHC Meeting of 20 April the CEO of AFL, Carl Carrington, attended our meeting and gave us an update on their performance against plan for the past year
- This is a good thing when the CEO of AFL, of which Ngapuhi is the biggest shareholder with some 15%, comes and speaks directly to our Asset Holding Company on their performance against plan
- Under heavy questioning from John Rae, Carl was struggling to justify some of the actions they had carried out over the last two or three years, with regard to selling of quota etc.?
- As a total investment AFL is not returning enough to iwi relative to the level of risk iwi hold in that respect was also a question posed to Carl by NAHC
- In terms of the review of TOKM and its suite of companies we need to understand what the review said and its final outcomes after consultation with iwi and it's voting shareholders
- The history of the Fisheries Settlement is as follows

- *1989 Interim settlement between Maori and the Crown*
  - *1992 Final settlement (Deed of Settlement)*
  - *2003 He Kawai Taumata (Report to Minister)*
  - *2004 Maori Fisheries Act*
  - *2015 Review of Maori Fisheries Settlement Structure*
- 57 iwi are at the top of the TOKM Structure where they appoint 10 members to Te Kawai Taumata through the Electoral College – one appointed by “other” iwi organisations – NUMA et al
- These 11 members of Te Kawai Taumata appoint 7 Directors to TOKM
- TOKM held all the settlement fisheries assets on behalf of Maori and had the duty of distributing these to iwi once iwi become Mandated iwi Organisations (MIO)
- TOKM also appoints between 5 and 8 directors to Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL)
- AFL is the Commercial Arm of the Maori Fisheries Settlement
- AFL also appoint half the Directors to Sealords who is 50% owned by iwi and Nippon Suisan of Japan
- We are now at the 2015 review stage of this evolution
- The review has been completed by lawyer Tim Castles and he has released his 14 recommendations
- Although the recommendations were not exactly recommendations straight from the reviewer, they were buried somewhat within the review final report
- In my view the reviewer did not take too much notice of what the iwi consultation hui had said and a lot of the korero within the report was generated by the reviewer himself
- I do not consider the report a good one as it mostly contains photocopies of other peoples documents and is quite hard to read
- These recommendations were extrapolated from the report and are listed below:
- **Recommendation 1**
  - Te Ohu Kaimoana**
  - 1) Wind up Te Ohu Kaimoana (and transfer its assets to iwi),
  - 2) Or
  - 3) Significantly restructure TOKM, without AFL shares, as the pan-tribal entity to undertake advocacy and policy development and advice for iwi
- **Recommendations 2-7**
  - Aotearoa Fisheries Limited**
  - 2) Allocate the voting and income shares held by TOKMTL and as a consequence enable iwi (through their AHC’s) to appoint AFL Directors
  - 3) Consider establishing a Shareholders Council
  - 4) Special resolutions for major transactions for AFL should require at least two thirds majority voting threshold
  - 5) That AFL and iwi find ways to ensure that ASFL does not compete with iwi in the business of commercial fishing

- 6) There should be rationalisation between Sealords and AFL operations to avoid them competing with each other
- 7) That iwi and AFL address the lack of operational experience on the AFL Board

- **Recommendation 8 (a-g)**

- Te Putea Whakatupu Trust**

- a) TPWT Should continue
- b) A statutory corporate trustee should be appointed to manage the Trust, called Te Putea Whakatupu Trustee Limited (TPWTL)
- c) The Trustee company should not be owned by TOKMTL but by at least FOMA, NZMC, Maori Woman's Welfare League and NUMA (allowing for others of the schedule 5 entities) and a representative body for iwi
- d) The schedule 5 organisations who wish to participate should each have one share in TPWTL with no distribution rights and that those shares be held the boards of those organisations
- e) Iwi should design a representative body to hold between 3 and 5 shares in TPWTL also without distribution rights
- f) These organisations by a majority vote should appoint 5 directors of TPWTL who must each have knowledge of and are able to represent the interests of Maori who reside in Urban areas of NZ and otherwise have skills, knowledge and experience directly relevant to Urban Maori
- g) A quorum of directors to transact business should be 3

- **Recommendation 9**

- Te Wai Maori Trust**

- Iwi should appoint three directors with a quorum of 2

- **Recommendation 10**

- Restriction on Asset Sales**

1. Retain restrictions on asset sales outside of the Maori pool
2. Develop easier trading processes for iwi wishing to quit their fishing assets (in part or in whole) to willing buyers within the Maori pool

- **Recommendations 11-14**

- The Chatham Islands – the continuing special case**

- 11) That AFL should take special steps to cooperate more fully with the Chatham's iwi
- 12) That AFL establish and fund a dedicated AFL/Chatham's iwi taskforce to cooperatively address options for solutions to the competition between AFL and Chatham iwi and all other fisheries issues arising on the Chatham's
- 13) That AFL engage with Chatham iwi and the island communities on health and safety issues associated with AFL fishing factories and facilities
- 14) In the longer term, that a permanent Chatham iwi/AFL Fisheries Ropu be established to actively engage in the development of iwi (collective and individual) interests fisheries, fishing and fisheries related activities on the Chatham's in a manner which can yield to AFL and the people of the Chatham's continuing and meaningful benefit

- After the review TOKM had 40 days to put together a plan of how they will deal with those recommendations
- TOKM resolved to put together an iwi Working group consisting of people with experience in many facets of the Fisheries Settlement, current TKT members, former Treaty of Waitangi fisheries commissioners, people with extensive knowledge of present structures and why they were implemented in the first place
- This group had 11 meetings across the motu giving a presentation summary of the Reviewers report, where TOKM had been and a possible where to from here
- The presentation included a straw man for a possible future restructure of Te Ohu Kaimoana, Te Putea Whakatupu and Te Wai Maori Trusts
- Some of what the reviewer recommended was found to be outside of the legislated parameters for this review and have been rejected or worked around
- There is a QC legal opinion on this point which I have sent to you in the past and attach behind my report FYI
- One of the consultation meetings was held here at the Runanga and was very well attended by Te Kahu o Taonui members
- I personally found the meeting to be very useful for AHC's and iwi Governance groups who were in attendance
- On 22 May iwi MIO's met in congress in Wellington to discuss the outcome of those 11 hui across the country and work on crafting resolutions ready for the Special General Meeting set down for 4 June 2015 when these resolutions were voted on
- Carol Dodd as our Te Kawai Taumata member, Paul Knight as the CEO of our Asset Holding Company and I attended on our behalf
- There was very robust discussions on the matters above and there were outcomes that will be taken to the meeting on the 4 July for discussion and hopefully assist in the meeting moving along smoothly and uninhibited on the day
- The resolutions are as follows:

**SGM RESOLUTIONS (POST-22 MAY HUI)**

Res olut ion	Wording	Proposed	Seconded
<b>Review Resolutions</b>			
<i>1</i>	<i>That Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust/Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited<sup>1</sup> be wound up and its assets be transferred to iwi</i>	<i>Ngāti Porou</i>	<i>Ngāti Awa</i>

<sup>1</sup> This has been clarified to include both the Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust and Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited to ensure it captures all assets held. The assets are owned by Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust but held on its behalf by Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited (which itself holds no assets in its own right).

2	<i>That iwi hold all Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL) voting and income shares</i>	Ngapuhi	Ngāi Tai
3	<i>That Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust/Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited be significantly restructured and works on priorities agreed by iwi to protect and enhance the settlements including undertaking advocacy and policy advice for iwi</i>	Ngapuhi	Ngāi Tai
4	<i>That an amended funding model for Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust/Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited's operations be approved by iwi at the 2016 Hui-a-Tau following detailed business modelling and consultation with iwi, such model to consider the role (if any) of Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust's/Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited's<sup>2</sup> redeemable preference shares and all other funds held in its own right</i>	Ngapuhi	Ngāi Tai
5	That a shareholders council of AFL shareholders be considered	Ngāti Porou	Te Atiawa (Wellington)
6	That special resolutions for major transactions for AFL require at least a 75% majority voting threshold	Ngāti Koata	Ngāti Kuri
7	That AFL continue to work with iwi to develop and implement policies on collaboration	Ngāti Kahungunu	Ngāi Tai
8	That AFL continue to work with Sealord to develop and implement policies on collaboration	Te Aupōuri	Te Atiawa (Wellington)
9	That iwi and AFL address the lack of operational experience on the AFL Board	Ngapuhi	Ngāti Ruanui
10	That Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trustee Limited continue with its directors increased to a maximum of 5 with a quorum of a majority of directors	Ngāti Raukawa (ki te Tonga)	Ngāti Ranginui
11	That Te Wai Māori Trustee Limited continue with its directors increased to a maximum of 5 with a quorum of a majority of directors	Ngāti Raukawa (ki te Tonga)	Ngāi Te Rangi
12	<i>That the disposal restrictions in the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 for settlement quota and income shares remain and that simpler trading processes are developed for iwi wishing to sell some of their assets to willing buyers within the iwi/Te Ohu Kai Moana</i>	Waikato	Rongowhakaata

<sup>2</sup> Refer to footnote 1 – these assets are owned by the Te Ohu Kai Moana Trust but held on its behalf by the corporate trustee, Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited.

	<i>Group pool</i>		
13	That the current restrictions on the sale of ACE be increased from 5 to 15 years	Ngapuhi	Ngāti Kahungunu
14	That AFL continue to work with iwi from the Chatham's to address key common issues on the Chatham's and develop mutually beneficial commercial arrangements	Ngāti Mutungaki Wharekauri	Ngāti Toa Rangatira
<b>Audit Resolution</b>			
1	That, pursuant to s.106 of the Māori Fisheries Act 2004, Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited, Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trustee Limited and Te Wai Māori Trustee Limited not conduct a 4-yearly audit in 2016	Ngāti Porou	Te Aitanga a Mahaki
<b>Entity Plans</b>			
1	That the Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited and Aotearoa Fisheries Limited Plans are adopted in full where in accordance with the Review recommendations passed		
<b>Non-Binding Resolutions</b>			
1	That, notwithstanding that the "Straw Tangata" model proposed by the IWG is outside the scope of the resolutions that iwi can make in response to the review, that this model is supported by iwi and should be taken to the Minister for Primary Industries for consideration	Rongowhakaata	Ngāti Toa Rangatira
2	<i>That a further review of settlement entities occur no later than 10 years from the date that the amended structural relationships arising from this review are in place to assess their scope, role, funding and governance arrangements including their individual continuance and/or retention of assets</i>	Ngāti Porou	Te Aupōuri
3	That the alienation of assets by Aotearoa Fisheries Limited and/or Sealord be subject to, at the very least, a binding RFR to allow iwi to buy any of their assets if those companies wanted to sell them	Ngāti Maniapoto	Ngāti Raukawa (ki te Tonga)

- I have committed to reporting verbally on the outcome of these resolutions at our meeting as this report needs to be in to Anaru for correlation and printing before 4 June

#### **Meeting with Mayor John Carter**

- On 15 April the CEO and I met with Mayor John Carter

- For the Council there are three issues that he wanted to push along with Ngapuhi
- The first of these was that they wanted to talk about rates on Maori Land and how we could contribute to that discussion
- His idea was to advance those whenua where owners wanted to push to have them more productive
- They would write off all back rates and let the whanau work from there with the proviso that they pay all rates going forward
- He also spoke about the multiple general title rates that are being paid on land in blocks or Trusts expected to pay a uniform rate for every little block within that Trust or block
- Council was willing to sit down and talk through that issue with a view to paying only one uniform rate – *this has got to be good for us*
- The Mayor also raised the matter of Maori Seats across the Far North and his non-support for this proposal – *I respect his view but don't necessarily agree with it*
- We raised the issue of the Council actually understanding the Tuhoronuku journey thus far and where we are going to from here
- Council happy to have that update
- We raised the matter of the Kaikohe Hotel site to be developed along with Council
- Their position at this point is that the site is too big for them to develop and all they wanted to look at was a section on the front
- Willing to talk through the issues with us
- Asked if they were interested in developing a cultural centre/museum type building
- They are very interested in that concept and have put forward a name of one of their staff to work along with our CEO on the concept
- On 29 May again met with Mayor for follow up
- The economic Development project is a starter with the Mayor wanting someone from our office on their taskforce
- We also discussed the tar sealing of dusty roads in the district
- Ngapipito and Pipiwai roads are earmarked for tarsealing in front of houses affected by the dust problem, Piccadilly having already been done
- That is scheduled to start in October this year.
- The Mayor is also on a committee that looks at silly legislation and wanting to make submissions on matters that Ngapuhi may view as silly legislation
- I see from a letter he sent me that submissions close 15 June
- If we have any legislation that we might want looked at, we need to get submissions in through our CEO

#### **Meeting With Working Group from CYFS Head Office**

- On 1 May a contingent from Minister Anne Tolley's to discuss the issue of Social Services funding being allocated to Kaikohe but is invisible

- The contingent was lead by Viv Rickard from the Minister’s Office with Ben Dalton from MPI also in attendance. Tui Marsh TPK Regional Manager was also in attendance
- This was a follow up meeting from that had in Wellington through the National Whanau Ora Partnership group
- Minister Tolley was willing to investigate the allocation of funding to the Kaikohe area and where it was being spent
- Kaikohe has a population of some 4100 people and yet we have some 52 Social Services providers in Kaikohe with only four actually present in the town
- I have complain about the number of service providers within Kaikohe and yet we do not see the benefit of that money being spent in Kaikohe
- Murray Eldridge as the Deputy Secretary for Community Investments - has undertaken to get back to us on just who those providers are and where that spend is being expended
- Informed the meeting that the community investment strategy will be launched in June and hopefully this will enable all this spend to be monitored and measured against contractual outcomes – *this is not being done at the moment*
- Happy to have both NISS and THOOK involved in this mahi as they are both our providers
- The question of Economic Development was raised where it was agreed that social spend into the future should be tied in some way to economic development
- Programmes will be created where educational pathways will be established but the outcome must lead to sustainable jobs
- MPI through Ben Dalton then offered the Runanga a contract to scope out Maori land in the North here that could be developed and could employ our people
- The CEO will set this group up and push it along

**Ben Dalton**

- Support the notion that there is a disconnected manner of how things are done here
- Need programmes to allow young ones the opportunity to move forward to employment.
- Lot of class 2 land here. Want to commission study with Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi and Mayor take a look at land and how many titles, potential to aggregate like Rangihamama, or convert to avocado?
- Treasury, MPI, MBIE and TPK to fund this commission and someone from KPMG
- Intensive land use study of what can land be used for? If you agree we could do in next few weeks.
- MPI happy to put money into these initiatives now, Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi to be lead agency on this.
- NOW – need economic and social strands to be joined.
- MPI to fund land use study, work alongside Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi

### **Debbie Power**

- Need to search for opportunities, both long and short term, align with social needs, social purchasing and social investing
- Nick Chamberlain welcomes collaboration and has raised concerns regarding procurement
- Procurement rules are a big issue to ensuring contracts and labour is staying locally
- Training for training sake doesn't work and need it to link to jobs
- Social investment is more than cost, outcomes and economic development
- Actual value is jobs and building of life
- Social investment and measurement

### **Notional Ngati Hine Population**

- On 29 April met with Tahu Kukutai of the University of Waikato's statistical Department to go over their work on the above subject
- Spoke about the robustness of the report they had put out to us in Draft and how that would stand up in a Court of Law if tested
- Tahu was confident that they had done a thorough job on the research and findings with what material was available to conduct this research
- This gave us much comfort to know that what they had produced in their report was very robust
- The report was to be completed by the 20 May and sent to us as the owners of the research
- As I write this report we have not yet received the research from the University Waikato
- Our Legal Counsel would use that report in our next judicial Conference on the matter as Ngati Hine still remains before the Maori Landcourt trying to determine two things?
- Their Notional population for the purposes of withdrawing from Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi MIO and secondly, what size/% of the Ngapuhi Fisheries Asset they will be taking with them
- In the last few weeks there has been a flurry of emails between the committee tasked with this mahi and Ngati Hine legal counsel to try and get a balance of views
- As a Board we will need to make a decision shortly on whether we want our Counsel to push the issue of determining Ngati Hine's notional population or delay until everyone is ready
- The CEO has recently asked Dr Kukutai for the completed report, he should have an answer for us at this meeting

### **Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi**

- There has been much discussion about the responsibilities and duties of this Ropu
- I have spent much time trying to explain the reasons for setting up this Ropu as well as what their particular functions were

- There is much covert discussion going on with some of this group with reference to having control of the Kaumatua/Kuia Budget which is a totally different concept to what the Ropu was set up for
- The budget for this actually sits under the Board and is administered, under my direction, by our operations in conjunction with the Kaumatua Kuia co-ordinator – *Shelley Naera*
- This budget is used for all their travels, functions, hui and wananga being held from time to time
- I understand that some Kaumatua Kuia are coming to Trustees to express opinions on this matter and I want you to be well versed in what this Kaupapa is, why the ropu was established and what its duties are
- I do not want to see this Ropu morph into another ad hoc committee destined to destroy the very organisation it was set up to enhance by growing a life of its own
- We took these steps as a recommendation from the APN Review we commissioned back in 2008/9 and implemented this into our Trust Deed at the AGM in 2009/10
- I copy the excerpt from our Trust Deed to again clarify these point:

#### **TE ROPU KAUMATUA KUIA O TE WHARE TAPU O NGAPUHI**

##### **Establishment of Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi:**

- *There shall be a council of Ngāpuhi Kaumatua and Kuia comprising such Kaumatua and Kuia as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion consider appropriate.*
- *The council shall be known as Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi*
- *Election of Kaumatua and Kuia to Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi*
- *The Kaumatua and Kuia shall call such hui as may be necessary to identify the appropriate Kaumatua and Kuia to comprise Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngāpuhi.*
- *Vacancies on Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi shall be filled by Ngapuhi Kaumatua and Kuia as appropriate.*

#### **Functions of Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi**

- *Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi shall advise the Trustees on the following:*
- *To ensure that the Trustees meet their cultural and spiritual obligations to Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi; and Maintaining the mana of Ngapuhi by ensuring that the Trustees meet their cultural and spiritual obligations to Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi.*
- *In order to receive the advice the Trustees shall meet with Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi at such times and in such places as the*

*Trustees or Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi shall consider appropriate.*

### **Voting rights of Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi**

- *Te Ropu Kaumatua Kuia o Te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of Trustees called in accordance with clause 4.*
- We need to get some feedback in the form of a report from them on how we are doing as a Board and whether we are operating within a Tikanga o Ngapuhi framework

There was also some discussion about the making of a korowai by this group. This will be done for and on behalf of Ngapuhi

### **Budget 2015 – Maori Wins**

Budget 2015 was released some two weeks ago and has been kind to us as Maori across the board. All beneficiaries of lower income families have been given a raise of \$25 per week to their benefits. It has been a long time since benefit levels have been seriously addressed [with] \$25 a week. While any increase is never enough, it is a movement in the right direction after decades of stagnation and growing poverty, so it will be helpful in terms of the actual material needs of these whanau.

This increase is not solely for Maori families but is right across the board.

### **Maori Land Development**

In this year's budget government has allocated \$12.8M to address longstanding issues that for generations have impeded the use and development of Maori land. In a report released by Government in 2013 it was estimated that a substantial amount of Maori land was underutilised, and that if half that underutilised Maori land was bought up to average production standards, this would add \$8b to the Aotearoa economy. It also stated that it would cost some \$3.5b to bring that land up to that standard. We need to be targetting this putea as we look to lifting the performance of our land.

As you are aware, we are currently looking at a stocktake of underutilised Maori land within our rohe. As stated above, this is in conjunction with MPI and the implementation of the Northland economic strategy released during Waitangi celebrations this year.

From Northland to the Bay of Plenty to the East Coast and across to Manawatu and Whanganui are the regions where the stronghold of Maori land is situated, and is where Government aims to free up the land from the issues that have left it underutilised.

This funding allocation will be put to use alongside the current review of the Te Ture Maori Land Act, which iwi Chairs are working through and goes before cabinet this

week. It is hoped that in tandem with the alteration to this act, this budgetted amount will assist Maori with developing the potential of their land.

### **Housing**

The annual amount for Maori housing is increasing from \$7 million to \$15.8 million. The funding will provide practical assistance to whanau and will be co-ordinated through the establishment of a Maori Housing Network. This funding will help Māori in all kinds of situations - from those who are homeless to those who want to buy their own homes. Some of the money will go towards providing night shelters in regions that haven't had homelessness before, and don't know how to support those needing accommodation.

There will also be money to help those who struggle to afford rent and hopefully some of this funding will help get Maori into home ownership.

The Minister of Maori Development said it would co-ordinate a suite of funds to support a range of Maori housing aspirations.

### **Whanau Ora**

The Government has focused this spending on the increasing Whanau Ora understanding and delivery of services. They have provided \$49.8 million for Whanau Ora Navigators - the workers who act as brokers for Maori families and support them to achieve their goals.

#### **Reducing Youth Suicide**

Preventing Maori youth suicide has also been made a priority. The suicide rate among Taitamariki Maori in 2011 was nearly two times higher than the suicide rate for the rest of the population. To tackle the problem \$2.1 million is being invested via the Whanau Ora approach.

This is not much for such a subject but it at least begins to addresses the blights on Maori Society and needs to be stepped up.

### **Continued Promotion of Maori Language and Culture**

Maori Development Minister Te Ururoa Flavell said there would be a continued focus on the promotion of Maori language and culture with \$82 million being funnelled into Maori broadcasting entities and Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori - the Maori Language Commission. Again not enough money but it is a spend in the right direction as we fight to preserve a language that is beautiful, but experts are dieing without handing on the skill to our younger generations.

Maori need to be grateful for these gains and are directly attributable to the Maori Party and their determination to make a difference for iwi puta noa.

### **Te Kotahitanga E Mahi Kaha Trust**

- I have made enquiries about this Trust as the current owners and Trustees want to move on and do something else
- I have spoken with their overall Manager/owner with regard to bringing that organisation under our umbrella
- There is an appetite from the owners to transfer this Trust to the Runanga and I will follow that up
- The interest for us would mainly be the Private Training Establishment license that the Trust already holds
- This will complement our suite of companies with the Training arm for many initiatives that Ngapuhi could begin there
- The Trust has a gymnasium and offers many of youth contracts out of those premises
- I have asked Allen to look into this concept with the owners to see how that might be accommodated
- The trust would have to sustain itself with a business case that will not require iwi funds long-term
- If this concept does eventuate, there is huge potential for job creation, skills training and apprenticeship schemes for our iwi
- I am excited about the initiative

### **Conclusion**

As commented on within the body of my report there are several major kaupapa that are currently to the fore within te Ao Maori and impacts directly on us as a Runanga and indeed as Ngapuhi.

As you are all aware, on 22 May 2015, another milestone in Ngapuhi's settlement journey was achieved with the signing of the Terms of Negotiations between Tuhoronuku and the Crown. This is a mammoth achievement on Ngapuhi's journey to settling all historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims against the Crown for breaches against Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is a time for all Ngapuhi to celebrate and be comforted that we will indeed achieve what we were tasked by Ngapuhi with doing, bringing to fruition their desire to settle with the Crown quickly and get on with growing our Ngapuhi Nation. This is but one part of that multi faceted strategy to get Ngapuhi to its rightful place within the political tapestry of this nation.

There has been significant media coverage of this subject and I have got to say that at last they, the Northern Advocate, have put a positive spin on this milestone. We have had much difficulty over the years with this paper as they have very frequently printed lopsided korero e pakau ake ana ki te kaupapa nei. We have covered all media outlets on this and received great support from Ngapuhi for what we are doing in trying to bring to pass this important matter in the evolution of this great Ngapuhi Nation.

Again the usual suspects have been in the media opposing this great mahi but by and large this opposition is fading rapidly as Ngapuhi Hapu wake up and realise that as promoted by the Tuhoe Rangatira, Tamati Kruger, when he came up and addressed our Kaumatua/Kuia hui in 2011, *“that there is only one shop in town.”* I can only but continue to reiterate that the door is always open for those who wish to join the Ngapuhi waka on this journey.

With a new round of Hapu kaikorero elections having been advertised within the last couple of weeks, I am happy that Hapu who may not have been ready at the last elections, are now ready and willing to get on board and roll the old sleeves up. They need to complete their respective Hapu profiles as well as assembling their respective cases for negotiators to take to the Crown. This is one job that only Hapu can provide and the quicker that is completed the better. It is envisaged that negotiations proper with the Crown will begin in the second half of this year and hopefully we will reach Agreement in Principle (AIP) stage in late 2016. This is indeed a big ask but not insurmountable.

Establishing a Maori Fisheries portfolio and signing off the Sealords deal by past Maori leaders was a great achievement for Te Ao Maori. As documentation was being prepared to enshrine this agreement, between Maori and the Crown, into legislation, discussions across the motu were fiercely debated by iwi katoa as iwi Leaders wrangled to get the best deal for their own iwi. Paepae Motuhake was a platform and gathering of Maori leaders from across the Country who met in congress and ironed out a mechanism to allocate fisheries quota and income to iwi. That was called He Kawai Amokura. Part of that mechanism was setting up Te Ohu Kaimoana and the suite of Trusts and businesses under its umbrella.

In amongst all that legislation was the requirement for a review on TOKM after eleven years of operation. We are there now and is the main subject of this report. I say this again to remind us that Fishing is our primary income at this stage in our development and we need to be at the forefront of all decisions that sets its future.

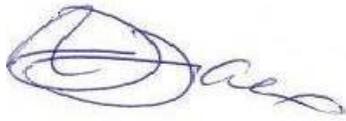
On 30 June I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the new wharekai at Whakapara Marae. This was a magnificent occasion and a great achievement by these people in this day and age. The wharekai is just stunning in its architecture and landscaping, which is a signature of one of our great modern day architects, Rau Hoskings.

The wharekai was opened with karakia tawhito provided by Hone Sadler and Anaru Martin with the korero that followed being classical Ngapuhi oratory. This is an example of what our \$20k Marae grants can achieve and their acknowledgement of that grant by Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi was great. The material they used that money for was on full display in their kitchen on the day. Just a wonderful outcome

for all and a magnificent edifice to remind us all of what can be achieved by our people.

I pay tribute to their Marae committee, chaired by Dale Shelford, on this great achievement on behalf of Ngati Hau and Ngati Hao. To all their kaimahi, thank you for your contribution to making this mighty Ngapuhi nation a better place me ta koutou takoha ki te moemoea a Ngapuhi – *kia tu tika ai te Whare Tapu o Ngapuhi*.

Mauri Ora

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dale', with a stylized flourish.

Raniera T (Sonny) Tau  
**CHAIRMAN**