



MEDIA STATEMENT

Tuesday 17 May

FUTURE ROLES DECIDED FOR NGĀPUHI RŪNANGA CHAIRMAN

Following a special meeting yesterday, Acting Board Chair Carol Dodd confirmed that the Board of Trustees for Te Rūnanga-a-iwi o Ngāpuhi met with Mr Raniera Tau to discuss his future roles within the Rūnanga. Mrs Dodd says the Board has given full consideration to this matter and the following outcomes were unanimously agreed with Mr Tau:

- Mr Tau will remain on leave from his role as Board Chairman until July 2016, at which time the Board will release a further statement. While on leave from Board Chair duties and responsibilities, the Board supports Raniera to continue to lead and influence issues of significance to Ngāpuhi.
- In the meantime, Carol Dodd will continue in the role of Acting Board Chair and Wane Wharerau as Acting Board Deputy Chair.
- Effective immediately, Mr Tau has voluntarily resigned from the following roles:
 - Director - Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services
 - Director - Ngāpuhi Service Station Ltd
 - Director - Ngāpuhi Books and Stationery Ltd
 - Director - Ngāpuhi Food and Beverage Ltd.

Mr Tau will also extend his stand-down period as Director for the Ngāpuhi Asset Holding Company for a further three months, making his total stand-down period 16 months.

Mr Tau has acknowledged and apologised for the error of his actions Mrs Dodd says. Trustees fully considered the views, opinions and feedback of our people, and it is important to our beneficiaries and Ngāpuhi katoa that we continue to move forward in pursuit of our vision, Kia tū tika ai te whare tapu o Ngāpuhi - That the sacred House of Ngāpuhi stands firm.

The Rūnanga, including the Board of Trustees and Mr Tau will not comment further until after sentencing on all matters before the courts on 16 June.

Ends.

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