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Media statement from Te Rūnanga-A-Iwi O Ngāpuhi

Over the last eight years Te Rūnanga-A-Iwi O Ngāpuhi has made funds available to Tūhoronuku Independent Mandated Authority to ensure the Ngāpuhi mandated entity is able to advance the Ngāpuhi settlement kaupapa unencumbered.

During the past year Tūhoronuku Independent Mandated Authority has experienced significant additional costs due to the Waitangi Tribunal urgent hearing into the Crown's recognition of the Ngāpuhi mandate, also inconsistent financial support from the Crown and the Crown Forestry Rental Trust.

In the absence of adequate funding, Te Runanga-A-Iwi O Ngapuhi has made a facility available to the Tūhoronuku Independent Mandated Authority to bridge this shortfall. When funds become available this facility will be reimbursed. Te Runanga-A-Iwi O Ngapuhi see this as a contribution to the overall Ngāpuhi journey to settling all our historical grievances against the Crown for breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

During the past 15 years Te Rūnanga-A-Iwi O Ngāpuhi has received unqualified financial audits from BDO.

Tūhoronuku Independent Mandated Authority, and its predecessor, Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku, has two annual financial audits: from BDO and from Ms Paula Rebstock.

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