




*Whanganui Land Settlement
2017 Deed of Mandate*



*“Toitu te Mana,
Toitu te Whenua,
Toitu te Kupu”*

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1. Overview

- 1.1. The Whanganui Lands Settlement Negotiation Trust (**WLS Negotiation Trust**) has been established by the Whanganui Land Settlement Group (**the Settlement Group**) to seek a mandate to represent the Whanganui Land Settlement Large Natural Group (**Whanganui Land Settlement**) in Treaty of Waitangi claims that relate to the Settlement negotiations with the Crown.
- 1.2. As an outcome of various groups within the Settlement Group withdrawing from the Group and wanting to lead their own settlement negotiations a new working group was formed between Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Rangi and Uenuku.
- 1.3. The new Whanganui Collective developed **Te (Kaupapa Matua) Tō Ngā Take Tiriti Mō Whanganui Nui Tonu** - the Whanganui Overarching Strategy for Settlement Process.
- 1.4. In June 2013 Te Kaupapa Matua was presented to Office of Treaty Settlements (**OTS**) as part of the strategy to move forward.
- 1.5. Te Kaupapa Matua was agreed to by the Crown and from it the large natural grouping of Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Rangi and Uenuku were established.
- 1.6. It is from these beginnings that the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust was established.

2. Vision

“Whanganui will be a positive and responsible tribal nation with the capability to act and live as a tribe that is vibrant, strong, robust and prosperous culturally, socially, environmentally and economically”.



3. Founding Principles

Wairuatanga	To encourage, maintain and promote spiritual identity and connection with our taonga, the spiritual existence, intertwined with the physical. It is expressed through the intimate connection of our people with the Maunga, Awa, Moana, Tupuna and Atua
Whakapapa	The definition of our Whanganui Iwi, hapū and who we are – this is the bridge that links us to our land and Tupuna.
Whānaungatanga	The understanding of relationships of Whanganui Iwi/hapū that includes rights and responsibilities consistent with being part of a collective. It is the principle which binds our Whanganui Iwi/hapū, and affirms the value of collectiveness.
Kotahitanga	The principle of unity, of moving together as Whanganui Iwi with purpose and vision to advance our land claims for the mutual benefit for Whanganui Iwi/hapū, and celebrating our Whanganui Iwi diversity
Rangatiratanga	To advance and promote Whanganui Iwi self-determination, an expression of the characteristics of people who show humility, leadership by example, generosity, diplomacy and knowledge throughout the land negotiations to benefit our Iwi and hapū.
Manawhenua	The principle that connects Whanganui Iwi/hapū to our land, reaffirming this by the right of whakapapa. It defines our turangawaewae and ukaipo, these places where we belong.
Manaakitanga	The principle of behaviour and attitude that encourages the upholding of our Whanganui Iwi tikanga, that acknowledges the mana of others, as expressed through sharing resources, ideas, expertise and having trust and respect for each other throughout the land negotiations.
Te Reo	Our language that embodies, encompasses, expresses and defines our kawa, tikanga, values and beliefs of our Whanganui Iwi world-view.
Kaitiakitanga	To provide a clean, safe and healthy environment by promoting the protection and restoration of our whole environment as Whanganui Iwi/hapū.
Whakarauhiitanga	To ensure that all within Whanganui Iwi are open, accountable and transparent to each other's Iwi/hapū as well as having excellent communication mechanisms that continually inform and update Whanganui Iwi/hapū during the land claims negotiations.

4. Claimant Definition

ANCESTRY

- 4.1. "The following tribal maxim defines the ancestral rootstock of the undersigned hapū/ tupuna:

Ko Matua te Mana te pou tuarongo,
Ko Te Awa o Whanganui te pou mua,
Ko Ruatipua, ko Paerangi o Te Moungaroa nga maihi.
Nei ra Te Whare Kaho o Whanganui."
"Matua te mana is the back pillar,
Te Awa o Whanganui is the front pillar,
Ruatipua and Paerangi o Te Maungaroa are the side pillars,
Such is the genealogical architecture of the House of Whanganui!"

- 4.2. For the purpose of Treaty Settlement negotiations, Whanganui Land Settlement means the collective group of hapū/individuals who exercised tupuna/customary rights within the defined Whanganui Land Settlement Rohe by virtue of being descended from one or more of the tupuna listed below and a recognised tupuna of any of the hapū listed at 5.2:

- 4.2.1. Ruatipua
- 4.2.2. Paerangi;
- 4.2.3. Haunui a Paparangi;
- 4.2.4. Hinengakau;
- 4.2.5. Tamaupoko;
- 4.2.6. Tupoho; and
- 4.2.7. Te Awa Iti.

5. Iwi/Hapū/Marae

- 5.1. WLS Negotiation Trust has identified 14 Maraе that relate to the Whanganui Land Settlement rohe. The WLS Negotiation Trust accept that some of these marae affiliate to neighbouring LNGs. The WLS Negotiation Trust acknowledges the close whakapapa connections with these groups and their marae.
- 5.2. Whanganui Land Settlement includes every whānau, hapū or group to the extent that it is referred to above, including the following hapū that affiliate to the lower reaches of Whanganui

Ngāti Kurawhatia (shared)	Ngāti Tuera
Ngāti Hau (shared)	Ngāti Tumango
Ngāti Haunui ā Paparangi	Te Awa Iti (including Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Ruwai and Ngāti Waikarapu)
Ngāti Ruakā	Ngā Paerangi
Ngāti Hine Korako	Ngāti Hine o Te Rā
Ngā Poutama	Ngāti Tupoho
Ngāti Tanewai	Ngāti Patutokotoko (shared)
Ngāti Pāmoana	Tamareheroto (shared)
Ngāti Hineoneone	Ngāti Kauika(shared
Ngāti Hinearō	

The hapū listed above affiliate to the following marae: (Refer www.wlsnt.co.nz Appendix 3 - WLS Current Representative List - 24 Members)

Pipiriki (Paraweka)	Ōtoko
Hiruhārama (Patiarero)	Kaiwhaiki
Rānana (Ruakā)	Rākato
Te Pou o Rongo	Te Ao Hou
Matahiwi (Ohotu)	Pūtiki
Koriniti (Otukopiri)	Taipake
Ātene (Kakata)	Kai Iwi
Parikino	Te Aroha
Pungarehu	

- 5.3. WLS Negotiation Trust is also seeking the mandate to represent Ngāti Patutokotoko insofar as it relates to the tupuna listed in 4.2. The inclusion of Ngāti Patutokotoko in this Deed of Mandate does not exclude Ngāti Patutokotoko or any historical claims made on behalf of Ngāti Patutokotoko from being included in other large natural group's claimant definition to the extent that they are based on descent from tupuna other than the tupuna of WLS Negotiation Trust identified in 4.2.
- 5.4. The WLS Negotiation Trust recognises its relationship with its whanaunga of Ngā Wairiki, noting that the Ngāti Apa (North Island) Claims Settlement Act 2010 settled all the claims of Ngā Wairiki. Though the claims of Ngā Wairiki have been settled, the WLS Negotiation Trust acknowledge its relationships with our whanaunga and will discuss with Ngāti Apa how it can appropriately refer to these relationships through the WLS Negotiation Trust Treaty settlement process.

6. Claims Definitions (Wai Claims)

- 6.1. The WLS Negotiation Trust seeks to negotiate and settle all the historical Treaty claims of Whanganui Land Settlement, whether registered with the Waitangi Tribunal or not, for Crown breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi that occurred prior to September 1992.
- 6.2. The Wai claims to be settled in full related to Whanganui nui tonu and the Whanganui District Inquiry (Wai 903) are as follows:

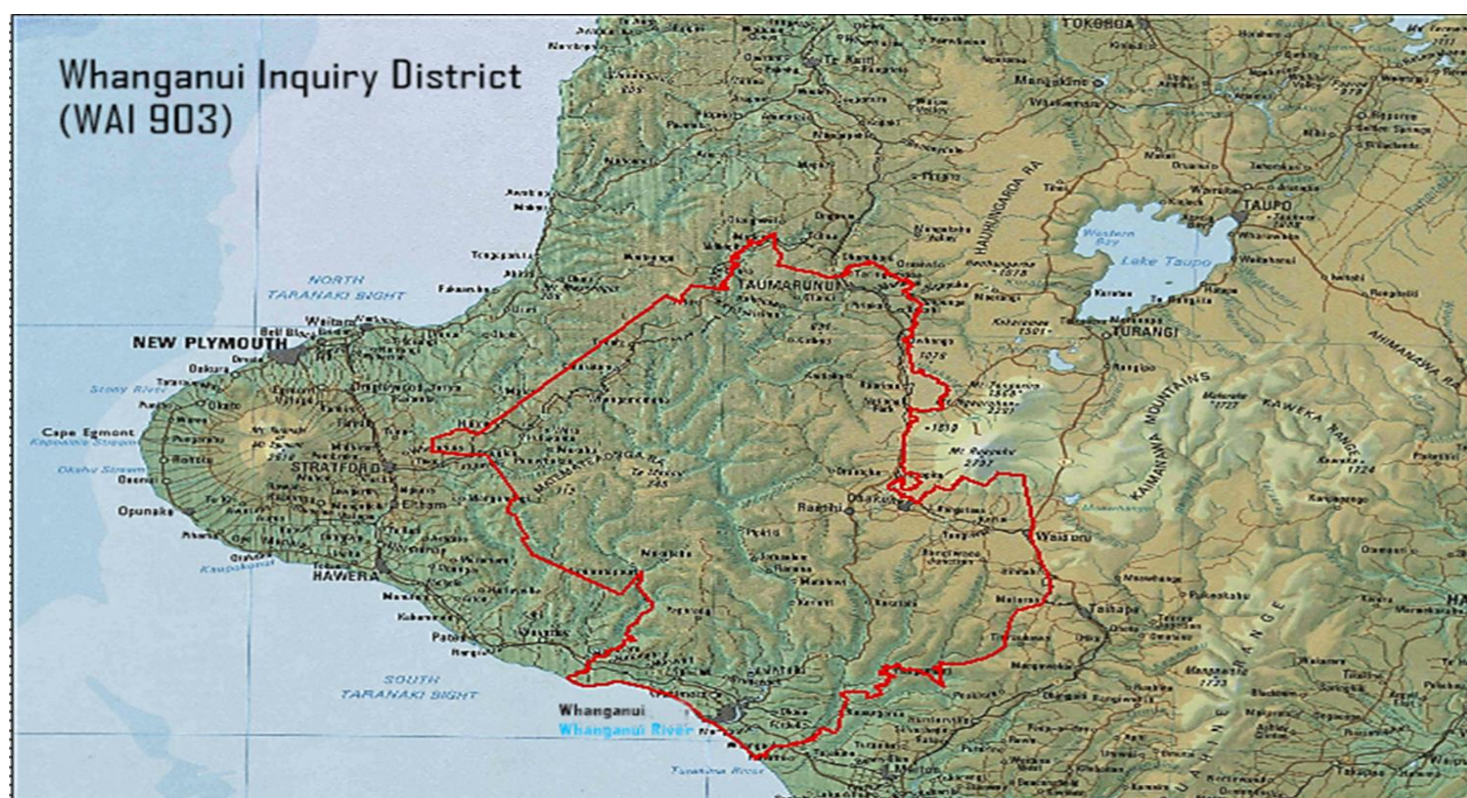
Wai No	Claimant Info
180	A claim made by Howard Brooks, Philip Repia, John Niko Maihi, Lois Gilbert on behalf of Ngāti Pamoana
214	A claim made by Te Kenehi Mair for and on behalf of Tupoho, Ngāti Hinearo, Ngāti Tuera
584	A claim made by Te Kenehi Mair for and on behalf of Tupoho, Ngāti Hinearo, Ngāti Tuera
671	A claim made by Ken Mair for and on behalf of Whanganui
978	A claim made by Te Kenehi Mair for and on behalf of Tupoho, Ngāti Hinearo, Ngāti Tuera
979	A claim made by Rangiwhakatea Hough, Michael Bell and Te ahi kaa at Patiarero for and on behalf of Ngāti Hau.
999	A claim made by John Tauri, Manukawhaki Taitoko Metekingi, James Takarangi, Mariana Waitai, and Huia Kirk for themselves and for the hapū of the lower reaches of the Whanganui River and Te Poho o Matapihi Trust.
1028	A claim made by Tracey Waitokia, Timothy Waitokia and Bill Ranginui on behalf of Ngāti Hineoneone
1051	A claim made by Kenneth Clarke, Frances Merikanara Huwyler on behalf of the descendants of Nga Paerangi.
1107	A claim made by Te Korowai o Te Awa Iti, Pou Patea, Bernadine Patea, Gloria Ashford, Gayle McRitchie, Tanea Tangaroa, Erana Mohi on behalf of Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Ruawai and Ngāti Waikarapu.
1143	A claim made by Te Kenehi Mair for and on behalf of Tupoho, Ngāti Hinearo, Ngāti Tuera
1254	A claim made by Haimona Te Iki Frank Rzoska on behalf of Nga Poutama Claims Committee and Matahiwi Marae Committee for and on behalf of themselves and the descendants of Nga Poutama.
1604	A claim made by George Potaka on behalf of the owners of Ohotu 6F1 and Ngāti Waikarapu.
1636	A claim made by Julian Bailey, Hoana Hipango, Wendy Mohhi, Hone Tamehana, Ngawai Tamehana on behalf of the Patapu whānau of Waipakura and Kukata.
2218	A claim made by Ira Tamehana, Eruera Waitai on behalf themselves and the Eruera Te Kahu Waitai Foundation.

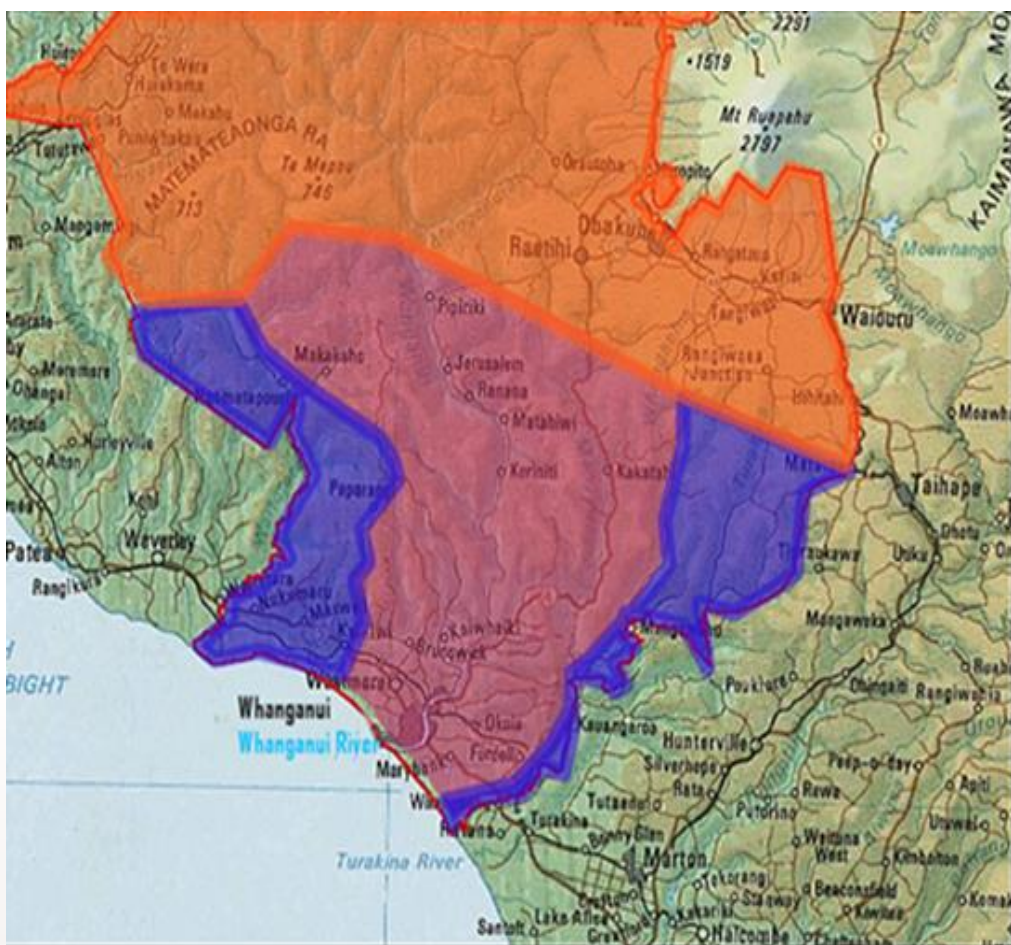
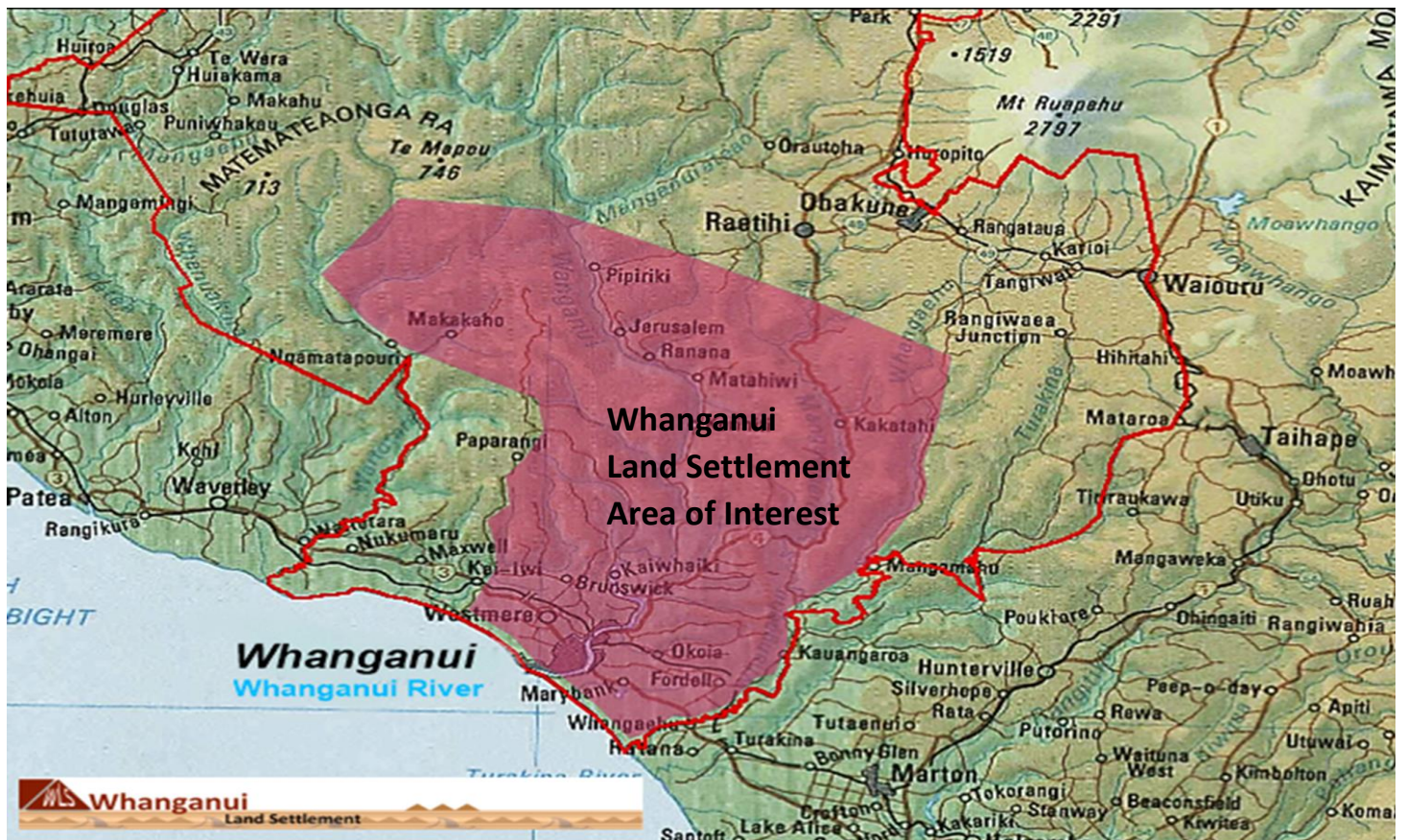
- 6.3. The following Wai claims relate to Whanganui Land Settlement in part only. Only the parts of these claims that relate to Whanganui Land Settlement will be settled by the WLS Negotiation Trust. This will not extinguish these claims, being included in other settlements.

Wai No	Claimant Info
48	A claim made by Te Aroha Ann Ruru Waitai and Kevin Amohia
167	A claim made by Hikaia Amohia, Archie Te Atawhai Taiaroa, Ruamatiki Linda Henry, Kevin Amohia, Hoana Joan Akapita, Te Turi Julie Ranginui, Brendon Puketapu, Michael Potaka, John Maihi and Rangipo Metekingi.
428	A claim by the Chair and Committee of Management of Pipiriki Incorporated and other blocks on behalf of Ngāti Kurawhatia
634	A claim made by Te Aroha Anne Waitai and Raukura Waitai for and on behalf of Tamareheroto.
759	A claim by Meterei Tinirau
1105	A claim made by Rangimarie Kauika-Moses, Trevor Kauika, Des Canterbury on behalf of themselves and Ngāti Kauika
1483	A claim made by Jenny Tamakehu and Heeni Jane Ranginui-Marks on behalf of themselves and Ngāti Tanewai.
1607	A claim made by Erina Rawinia Keepa Pucher, Adrian McMillian, Keepa Pucher, Don Edward Robinson and Bobby Gray.
2157	A claim made by Jenny Tamakehu and Jane Ranginui on behalf of the Whānau of Pokairangi and Heeni Ranginui.
2158	A claim made by Jenny Tamakehu, Marilyn Tamakehu on behalf of the Tamakehu Whānau.

7. Rohe/Area of Interest

- 7.1. The maps below outline the Whanganui Land Settlement area of interest. The area of interest is not exclusive; it is intended to be indicative only and will be refined through the WLS Negotiation Trust's treaty settlement process.





OVERLAPPING AREAS

- WLS Area
- Whanganui Nui Tonu
- Neighbouring Iwi

8. Overlapping Claims/Iwi

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| <p>8.1. The WLS Negotiation Trust represents all Whanganui Land Settlement marae, hapu, and claimant community listed in 5.2 and 5.3.</p> <p>8.2. Iwi with neighbouring or overlapping interests are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ngaa Rauru• Ngāti Maniapoto• Ngāti Tuwharetoa• Ngāti Hāua• Uenuku• Ngāti Rangi• Ngā Wairiki/Ngāti Apa | <p>8.3. The WLS Negotiation Trust will be responsible for all engagement and interaction with neighbouring groups regarding overlapping interests.</p> |
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9. Previous engagement with the Crown

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| <p>9.1. The WLS Negotiation Trust has not had any previous engagement with the Crown. However some marae, hapu and claimant community members of the Whanganui Land Settlement have had previous engagements with the Crown as follows:</p> | <p>Southern Whanganui Cluster Claimants</p> <p>9.2. On-account settlements for Whanganui Forest and Whanganui (Kaitoke) Prison</p> <p>Whanganui Iwi – Tupoho/Tamaupoko</p> <p>9.3. Whanganui River Settlement and Whanganui Courthouse.</p> |
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10. Waitangi Tribunal

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| <p>10.1. The Waitangi Tribunal (The Tribunal) has enquired into all claims included in the Whanganui District Inquiry (Wai 903).</p> | <p>10.2. Wai 167 Whanganui River Claim has been inquired into and reported on and Wai 655 Ngā Wairiki Claim has also been inquired into.</p> <p>10.3. The Tribunal has completed hearings in this District Inquiry and has reported its findings in <i>He Whiritaunoka: The Whanganui Land Report</i>.</p> |
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11. The Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust.

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| <p>11.1. The WLS Negotiation Trust was established by the WLS Group to seek the mandate to negotiate the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of the Whanganui Land Settlement. (Refer www.wlsnt.co.nz Appendix 2 – WLS Negotiation Trust Deed)</p> | <p>11.2. The beneficiaries of the WLS Negotiation Trust are the entire Whanganui Land Settlement marae/hapū/claimant community as described in sections 5.2 and 5.3.</p> |
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12. Structure

- 12.1. The WLS Negotiation Trust has 12 Trustees and is governed by its Deed of Trust. The minimum term of office for Trustees is 3 years (Clause 9.1 Deed of Trust)
- 12.2. Between July 2016 and December 2016 original interim Trustees were endorsed as full trustees by the Whanganui Land Settlement claimant community.
- Ken Mair (Chair)
 - Jenny Tamakehu (Vice-Chair)
 - Daryn Te Uamairangi;
 - Richard Kingi
 - Hone Tamehana
 - Novena McGhuckin
 - Erana Mohi
 - Tina Green
 - Tracey Waitokia;
 - Turama Hawira;
 - George Matthews: and
 - Des Canterbury

- 12.3. On the 25 January 2017 the WLS Negotiation Trust was formally established

ACCOUNTABILITY

- 12.4. The WLS Negotiation Trust will meet bi-monthly or as required.
- 12.5. Trust decisions are made as per clause 10 of the Trust's Deed of Trust.
- 12.6. Where an issue in front of the Trust is of significance and/or directly affects our marae and/or environment, the Trust will hold hui-ā-iwi to seek iwi feedback and advice on the matter. The Trust will then decide on an appropriate course of action in response to the matter
- 12.7. For the purposes of progressing the mandate and settlement negotiations, the WLS Negotiation Trust will report to the iwi at scheduled meetings and more frequently as required. This will be done via: - Hui-ā-iwi (bi-monthly at a minimum during the mandate and negotiations process) - Hui-ā-Tau (AGM) - Rūnanga Hui (bi-monthly) - Email and social media - Newsletters – Iwi websites.

FUNDING MANAGEMENT

- 12.8. Funding will be managed under the financial policies and procedures of the WLS Negotiation Trust.
- 12.9. This includes completion of budgets, forecasts and financial monitoring, payment approval and recording.
- 12.10. The WLS Negotiation Trust will also utilise the support and specialist expertise of an Accountant.
- 12.11. The WLS Negotiation Trust will ensure that Crown claimant funding will be held separately and that the WLS Negotiation Trust will set up any further appropriate funding management mechanisms as required by OTS.

13. Tribal Register

- 13.1. The WLS Negotiation Trust Tribal Register has been developed from the existing Whanganui Iwi Tribal Register currently maintained by Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui (NTT). Those who meet the WLS Negotiation Trust claimant definition via the marae and hapū nominated by individuals on that register will be tagged Whanganui Land Settlement and included in WLS Negotiation Trust communications.
- 13.2. WLS Negotiation Trust has entered into an agreement with NTT over access to, and appropriate use of, the Whanganui Iwi Tribal Register for the purpose described in 13.1 above.
- 13.3. Those who have not yet registered with the WLS Negotiation Trust, and would like to do so, can register by filling in a WLS Negotiation Trust registration form. Registration forms are available online via www.wlsnt.co.nz, from the WLS Negotiation Trust office and are available online via various Whanganui Iwi websites such as Te Awa Tupua o Whanganui Websites. WLS Negotiating Trust is responsible for validating the registrations.

14. Negotiators

- 14.1. WLS Negotiation Trust will appoint up to three negotiators to negotiate a proposed Treaty settlement for Whanganui Land Settlement. The WLS Negotiation Trust will appoint the negotiators. A subcommittee will lead the appointment process for negotiators and manage their work.
- 14.2. The sub-committee will develop negotiator guidelines for approval by the WLS Negotiation Trust.
- 14.3. These will include criteria for negotiator appointment to ensure that skills, ability to engage with Iwi and external negotiation expertise are considered in their appointment.
- 14.4. Specialist advisors as considered required will be engaged by the WLS Negotiation Trust to assist negotiations.
- 14.5. Negotiators will be appointed subject to a contract with specified performance criteria and limited term, allowing for review and renewal at the discretion of the WLS Negotiating Trust.
- 14.6. Negotiators will be chosen for their knowledge and expertise in a wide range of areas, including but not limited to: knowledge of Whanganui history, Treaty claim processes, and relevant commercial expertise (particularly land and property investment). The key attribute of a negotiator will be the ability to negotiate clearly with the Crown and communicate with the iwi, and in particular to have the trust and respect of the people of Whanganui.
- 14.7. Negotiators will be required to comply with all reasonable requests made by WLS Negotiating Trust and/or the people of Whanganui.
- 14.8. WLS Negotiating Trust has the discretionary power to remove negotiators where appropriate.
- 14.9. The negotiators will be authorised to undertake all aspects of settlement negotiations with the Crown, and will report back monthly to both the negotiations subcommittee and the WLS Negotiation Trust, and more regularly if required.
- ACCOUNTABILITIES**
- 14.10. Negotiators will be subject to regular review to ensure all contractual terms are met. WLS Negotiating Trust will confirm guidelines which shall define the scope of negotiations.
- 14.11. Negotiators will be held accountable to WLS Negotiating Trust.
- 14.12. Negotiators will report to the people of Whanganui on their progress (subject to confidentiality requirements) at specifically called hui-ā-iwi, via email communication and on social media platforms as appropriate.
- SCOPE**
- 14.13. WLS Negotiation Trust negotiators will be authorised to negotiate, consider, and provide feedback on a proposed Whanganui Land Settlement settlement package for the WLS Negotiating Trust to consider.

15. Mandating Hui Process

MANDATE PROCESS

- 15.1. In 2016 the WLSG in consultation with the Crown developed a WLSG mandate strategy (**the mandate strategy**). The mandate strategy proposed the establishment of a Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust to seek a mandate to represent Whanganui Land Settlement in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.
- 15.2. On 30 November 2016 the Crown endorsed the WLSG mandate strategy and the holding of WLS Negotiation Trust mandate hui and claimant community mandate voting. The mandate strategy and the letter for the Crown endorsing it are available from the www.wlsnt.co.nz

MANDATE HUI

- 15.3. Nine WLS Negotiation Trust mandate hui were held from 28 January 2017 to 12 February 2017.
- 15.4. Mandate hui locations were based on the tribal register figures showing where the Whanganui Land Settlement claimant community resided the most:
- **Whanganui**, Putiki Marae, Saturday, 28 January 2017, 10 am - 12 pm
 - **Whanganui**, Ranana Marae, Sunday, 29 January 2017, 10 am – 12 pm
 - **Raetihi**, Te Puke Marae Sunday, 29 January 2017, 4 pm – 6 pm
 - **Taumarunui**, Ngapuwaiwaha Marae, Monday, 30 January 2017, 10 am – 12 pm
 - **Hamilton**, Wednesday, 01 February 2017, 7 pm – 9 pm
 - **Auckland**, Thursday, 02 February 2017, 7 pm – 9 pm
 - **Wellington**, Wednesday, 08 February 2017, 7 pm – 9 pm
 - **Christchurch**, Thursday, 09 February 2017, 7 pm – 9 pm
 - **Taumarunui**, Ngapuwaiwaha Marae Sunday, 12 February 2017, 10 am – 12 pm
- 15.5. At each mandate hui the structure of the WLS Negotiation Trust was discussed and their intention to seek a Crown-recognised mandate to represent Whanganui Land Settlement in Treaty settlement negotiations.
- 15.6. An overview of the Treaty settlement process was also provided at each mandate hui alongside an explanation of voter registration and mandate voting processes for the Whanganui Land Settlement claimant community. The following records were kept as part of each mandate hui:

- a. WLS Negotiation Trust Mandate Hui Attendance List;
- b. Special Voters List; and
- c. Video Recording

- 15.7. An independent Crown observer from Te Puni Kōkiri was present at each mandate hui to observe the proceedings. They did not take part in the discussions.

HUI ADVERTISING

- 15.8. WLS Negotiation Trust mandate hui details were advertised, twenty one days prior to the commencement of the first mandate hui, through the following mediums.
- WLS Negotiation Trust email notification list
 - Local and national newspapers
 - Whanganui Chronicle - 06, 14 & 21 Jan 2017.
 - Dominion Post 21st Jan 2017, 01 Feb 2017
 - Waikato Times- 07 Jan 2017
 - NZ Herald - 25 Jan 2017
 - Ruapehu Bulletin – 24 Jan 2017
 - Christchurch Press 21st Jan 2017, 01 Feb 2017.
 - Iwi Websites
 - Iwi radio stations – Awa FM
 - Social Media – Facebook
 - Hapū/Whanganui Iwi/Rūnanga
- 15.9. Pānui sent to the Whanganui Land Settlement claimant community stated that the purpose of the mandate hui was for ngā uri o Whanganui and members of the Whanganui Land Settlement claimant community to receive information on the WLS Negotiation Trust before voting on the WLS Negotiation Trust mandate resolution.

HUI PRESENTATION

- 15.10. A presentation was delivered at each mandate hui. The presentation provided information on the key points of the mandate strategy and the establishment of the WLS Negotiation Trust. A copy of the presentation is available from www.wlsnt.co.nz

MANDATE RESOLUTION

- 15.11. The WLS Negotiation Trust resolution voted on was **“The Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust is mandated to represent Whanganui Land Settlement in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Whanganui Land Settlement.”**

Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust 2017 Deed of Mandate

All members of the Whanganui Land Settlement claimant community aged 18 years and over, whether registered or not with the WLS Negotiation Trust, were eligible to vote by:

- Postal voting using prepaid return envelopes;
- Online voting using a unique identifier; or
- By ballot box voting at a mandate hui

15.12. The WLS Negotiation Trust mandate voting process was administered by elections.com including all mandate hui votes being counted by an Independent Returning Officer.

MANDATE VOTING RESULTS

- 15.13. 1,232 votes were received from 4,802 eligible voters, a voter return of 25.66%. Of the votes received 60.15% were through either postal or mandate hui voting. 39.85% of votes were internet casted votes.
- 15.14. Of the 1,232 votes received 1,177 votes or 95.69% supported the WLS Negotiation Trust resolution. 53 votes were against and 2 votes were invalid.
- 15.15. On the 8th March 2017 regarding WLS Negotiation Trust published the mandate voting results in Whanganui Chronicle
- 15.16. A copy of the WLSNT voting results is available from www.wlsnt.co.nz

16. Amendment or Withdrawal of Mandate from the mandated body

16.1. Any issues or concerns regarding WLS Negotiation Trust's mandate, that propose the amendment or removal of WLS Negotiation Trust's mandate, must first be addressed through the disputes resolution process outlined in *Schedule four* of the WLS Negotiation Trust Trust Deed.

16.2. If the above issues or concerns are not resolved through the disputes resolution process then a special meeting can be called to determine whether the mandate process, should be commenced to remove or amend the WLS Negotiation Trust's mandate.

16.3. A letter must be written by the claimant community representatives to the Chair of the WLS Negotiation Trust identifying their concerns and seeking a meeting to discuss these matters;

16.4. The letter must be co-signed by at least 51% of Whanganui Land Settlement adult members (aged 18 years and over).

16.5. If the meeting between the claimant community representatives and the Chair of the WLS Negotiation Trust does not resolve the concerns, then the claimant community may organise a series of publicly notified Hui.

16.6. The publicly notified Hui should follow the same process that conferred the mandate:

- 21 days' notice in national and regional print media;
- Notification of the kaupapa of the hui and concerns;
- The parties involved;
- The resolution to put to the claimant community; and,
- A Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) observer is to be invited to observe and record proceedings.

16.7. Once the Hui have been completed and the outcome of the voting process determined then the mandated body should inform OTS by way of a letter about the result, and discuss next steps for settlement negotiations. This may involve some changes to the mandated body or another process to be undertaken as agreed with officials.

16.8. Should concerns be raised about the mandate within the claimant community, but which do not meet the criteria to automatically trigger mandate withdrawal or amendment processes, the WLS Negotiation Trust will make all reasonable efforts to try to address those concerns. The WLS Negotiation Trust will do so in accordance with the WLS Negotiation Trust Disputes Policy (Refer www.wlsnt.co.nz Appendix 4) and in consultation with Crown Officials.