

Te Kaunihera Kaumatua o Tuhoe

10th June 2018

Notification to all Crown, Govt Agencies, Local Bodies, Iwi, Hapu & Whanau

The Ngai Tuhoe entity, TE KAUNIHERA KAUMATUA O TUHOE has been formally established. This was instigated following growing concerns and tension among Tuhoe beneficiaries through various forums since the formation of TE URU TAUMATUA (*TUT*) and its failure to engage with beneficiaries in a transparent manner.

1. Two meetings were formally notified and held to form the council, the first was on the 28th April 2018. Attendance was restricted to Morehu Koroua, Kuia, Kaumatua 65yrs plus only and the hui was facilitated by Rahui Papa of Waikato and Ngati Maniapoto. The purpose of the hui was to gauge the views and consensus of those present for a Tikanga Based Process, aligned with clause 8.1 of the TUT Deed !!!!
2. A second meeting was held on the 9th June at Tauarau Marae, Ruatoki with an open invitation to all Tuhoe Koroua, Kuia and Pakeke.
3. This meeting formally ratified TE KAUNIHERA KAUMATUA O TUHOE.
4. Its purpose will be –
 - To act as the overarching caretakers (*Haumarua*) of all Ngai Tuhoe Whanau / Hapu
 - To ensure that the health and well-being (*Kaitiaki*) of Whanau / Hapu is considered and protected by TUT.
5. The following actions were therefore resolved –
 - 5.1 That the TUT Deed be reviewed and to be inclusive of TE KAUNIHERA KAUMATUA O TUHOE.
 - 5.2 That the Tuhoe Iwi Structure be reviewed to be inclusive of urban Tuhoe.
 - 5.3 That an independent Review Board be nominated
 - 5.4 That all Capital expenditure and infrastructure projects be put on hold pending the outcome of the review process.
 - 5.5 That due to the completion of the Tuhoe Raupatu claim, TUT has no further mandate under its deed to continue engaging and negotiating Iwi / Land matters with other Iwi. This role will now be undertaken by TE KAUNIHERA KAUMATUA O TUHOE who will maintain positive relationships with all Iwi, Crown, Govt and Local Body agencies.
 - 5.6 That because the drive for Mana Motuhake (*Self Determination*) was never clearly articulated before and after settlement, therefore all references to this must be removed as it is hindering the progress of Ngai Tuhoe.
 - 5.7 That TUTs primary role is to manage and grow the Iwi financial portfolio. The same to be distributed to all Hapu in a sustainable and equitable way . Tuhoetanga is the responsibility of every Hapu. Their uniqueness, Mana and Tino Rangatiratanga is to be respected
 - 5.8 Confirmed that TUT / Tribals have no Jurisdiction over any private lands within the Ngai Tuhoe homeland

Signed -

Te Wharehuia Milroy.....

Korotau Tamiana Tait.....

Pake TePou.....

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