

PĀNUI

# HAVE YOUR SAY!

## Review of Trust Deed, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust

Here's your chance to have a say about how things are going for Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara in the post-settlement environment.

The trust deed of Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust ("the Development Trust") requires the trustees to review "the terms and operations" of the trust deed within four years of settlement. This review process has just started and the trustees are calling for your views.

The trust deed can be a daunting document for anyone to read—after all, it runs to more than 70 pages. However, you don't have to be completely familiar with the document to participate in this review process. All you have to do is to be able to answer questions like these:

- do you believe the activities of the Development Trust are moving us towards the kind of future you want for Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara? If not, why not?
- are you satisfied with the activities and outcomes of the Development Trust and its subsidiaries so far? If not, why not?
- does the current organisational structure, comprising the Development Trust and a series of subsidiaries, still work well for us? What changes would you make to this structure?
- do you think the Development Trust and its trustees are sufficiently accountable to the iwi? If not, why not? What would you change to improve accountability?
- are you happy with the number of trustees and the way they are chosen (i.e. five marae trustees, three general trustees and a kaumātua trustee)? If not, what changes would you make to the electoral system?
- are you satisfied with the role and functions of the Nohoanga Kaumātua?
- are you satisfied with the process to become a registered member of Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara?

These questions are just examples—you are welcome to comment on any other aspect of the post-settlement structure and operations.

The trust deed requires the review process to be independently facilitated<sup>1</sup>. The Development Trust has appointed David Gray of Kia Tū Rangatira Ai Consulting as the facilitator. David's job is to gather the views of Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, draw out the common themes from these views, and make recommendations to the Development Trust for how things might be

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<sup>1</sup> [for website version:] You can read the relevant clause in the trust deed [here](#).

improved. To engage with the iwi, David will attend hui at each of the marae over the next couple of months, meet with the trustees of the Development Trust and the subsidiaries (both as a group and separately, if requested), meet with staff, attend at least one Tūranga Kaumātua hui, and attend the AGM in September. He is available to meet with individuals or groups from the iwi at a time and place to suit you. Submissions can be made either verbally or in writing.

Here are David's contact details:

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The review process is completely confidential—nothing you say to David will be made public. Any ideas or suggestions that are included in David's final report to the Development Trust will be kept anonymous.

It's really important for the generations of Ngāi Whātua o Kaipara to come that we get our post-settlement structures and operations right. Now is the time to have your say on how we're doing in this regard and what, if anything, needs improving.

*Nō reira, e te iwi, hōmai koa ōu whakaaro.*