

**RONGOWHAKAATA CLAIMS**

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**DEED OF MANDATE**

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**CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATION OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE  
RONGOWHAKAATA CLAIMS**

Dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2005

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### WHAKATAUĀKI

*"He tūkemata mo te ara tupu o te Whare Wānanga o Rongowhakaata"*

### BACKGROUND

- A. Rongowhakaata is a principal Iwi of Turanganui ā Kiwa.
- B. Rongowhakaata have numerous claims against the Crown in relation to multiple and fundamental breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, that have and continue to prejudicially affect Rongowhakaata.
- C. Since the 1860's Rongowhakaata have sought justice and redress for their grievances. More recently Stanley Joseph Pardoe filed the Wai 684 claim with the Waitangi Tribunal for and on behalf of Rongowhakaata. That claim was presented to the Waitangi Tribunal between November 2001 and July 2002.
- D. Rongowhakaata now wish to enter into negotiations with the Crown to secure a settlement of their claims arising out of or relating to Crown acts or omissions before 21 September 2002 that were or are in breach of Te Tiriti o Waitangi ("Rongowhakaata Historical Claims"). To that end Rongowhakaata have mandated representatives to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the Rongowhakaata Historical Claims.
- E. Accordingly, this Deed of Mandate records the terms of the Rongowhakaata mandate.

### RONGOWHAKAATA

#### Definition of Rongowhakaata

- 1. Rongowhakaata iwi descend from the eponymous ancestor Rongowhakaata and in particular Rongowhakaata's wives, Turāhiri and Moetai and their issue.
- 2. The principal hapu of Rongowhakaata today are:
  - (a) Ngati Maru;
  - (b) Ngai Tāwhiri;
  - (c) Ngati Kaipoho.
- 3. From time to time, Rongowhakaata have also comprised other hapu including, but not limited to, those hapu listed in Schedule A.

4. Members of Rongowhakaata also affiliate to one or more marae, namely:
- (a) Whakatō;
  - (b) Manutuke;
  - (c) Pāhou;
  - (d) Ōhako and;
  - (e) Te Kuri ā Tuatai
5. The Rongowhakaata tipuna whare, Te Hau ki Turanga, currently resides in Te Papa Tongarewa.

### **The Rongowhakaata Tribal Domain**

6. Rongowhakaata have exercised mana and rangatiratanga from time to time over the region that included Te Toka ā Ahuru in the north, overlapping with the interest of Te Aitanga ā Hauiti; to the south at Pākowhai, Muriwai and on to Te Kuri ā Paoa, overlapping with Ngai Tāmanuhiri. In the west the interests of Rongowhakaata extend to the Tahora blocks, overlapping with Tūhoe and Te Aitanga ā Mahaki. The interests of Rongowhakaata also overlap with Te Aitanga ā Mahaki at Patutahi. To the southwest, the associations of Rongowhakaata extended to Te Reinga, overlapping with Ngāti Ruapani and Ngāti Kahungunu.
7. The tribal domain of Rongowhakaata included numerous sites of historical and cultural significance to the iwi and its hapū. Those important sites and features on the landscape included the mountains Manawarū, Kohangakarearea, Tīīrangi and Puketapu; the rivers and streams Tūranganui, Te Ārai, Waipaoa, Kōpututea, Taruheru, Waikanae, Whatatuna, Pipiwhākao, Waimatā, Mangamōteo and Karaua; Awapuni Moana and the forests Pipiwhakao and Makauri. Rongowhakaata pā, kainga and settlements included Pākirikiri, Ōweta, Whakatō, Te Ārai, Whataupoko, Pākowhai, Matawhero, Mākaraka, Tārere, Paokahu, Awapuni, Kaiti, Tāpui, Ōrakaiapu, Ruataniwha, Umukapua, Taniwha, Te Hue a Te Pō, Tapatahi, Ikatapua, Pakatuara, Tōtara Mai Tawhiti, Taumata o Te Pāhou, Pāharakeke, Te Huia, Pewhairangi, and Pukearuhe.

### **MANDATED REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **Rongowhakaata Negotiators**

8. Rongowhakaata have appointed the following persons as the Rongowhakaata Negotiators:
- (a) Lewis Ruihi Tawai Moeau (Chief Negotiator);

- (b) Jody Balneavis Wyllie;
  - (c) Kristen Timothea Maynard;
  - (d) Melissa Heni Mekameka Whaitiri; and
  - (e) Stanley Joseph Pardoe ("Negotiators").
9. The Negotiators are mandated to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the Rongowhakaata Historical Claims.
10. The Rongowhakaata Negotiators do not have a mandate to negotiate settlement of the Wai 856 claim filed by Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi, which will only be negotiated by Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi themselves, and not by Rongowhakaata. Peter Moeau and Maever Moeau have been mandated to negotiate the specific and distinct claims of Wai 856. The WAI 856 Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi mandating process and accountabilities are set out in Schedule D.

#### **Rongowhakaata Claims Committee**

11. Rongowhakaata has also established a Claims Committee ("Rongowhakaata Claims Committee"). The Rongowhakaata Claims Committee are mandated to support and work with the Negotiators to:
- (a) Manage and lead the Rongowhakaata claims work programme;
  - (b) Develop and formulate Rongowhakaata settlement policies and principles;
  - (c) Consult with Rongowhakaata and provide information on the negotiations issues and settlement policies and provide opportunities for constituents to have input into those matters;
  - (d) Co-ordinate and manage internal and external relationships and dispute resolution.
12. The Rongowhakaata Claims Committee membership is comprised of the following representatives:
- (a) The five trustees of the Rongowhakaata Trust that each represent one of the five marae referred to in clause (4) above;
  - (b) A further representative from each of the five marae selected by that marae; and
  - (c) Two Rongowhakaata members selected by the taura here groups.

**Rongowhakaata Trust**

13. The Rongowhakaata Trust is responsible for providing administrative support to the Negotiators and Claims Committee and undertaking the following tasks:
- (a) Securing and administering funding from the Crown and Crown Forestry Rental trust;
  - (b) Maintaining and updating the Rongowhakaata Iwi register;
  - (c) Producing and distributing the Rongowhakaata newsletter;
  - (d) Maintaining and updating the Rongowhakaata website; and
  - (e) Organising and co-ordinating Rongowhakaata hui.

**MANDATING PROCESS**

14. The Negotiators and Claims Committee were mandated to represent Rongowhakaata through numerous Hui-ā-Iwi and taura here hui as set out in Schedule B.

**Appointment of Rongowhakaata Negotiators**

15. The Rongowhakaata Trust advertised their intention to invite nominations for negotiators from within the Iwi at the Rongowhakaata hui from 25 August 2002 to 15 December 2002 and through the Rongowhakaata newsletter.
16. The Rongowhakaata Trust then called for nominations. The closing date for nominations was 17 January 2003. Five nominations were received by that date.
17. At the Hui-ā-Iwi at Pāhou marae on 22 February 2003, Rongowhakaata confirmed all five nominees as negotiators.

**Appointment of Rongowhakaata Claims Committee**

18. The establishment of the Rongowhakaata Claims Committee and its composition was confirmed by Rongowhakaata at a Hui-A-Iwi held at Te Kuri ā Tuatai Marae on 26 January 2003.
19. At a Hui-ā-Iwi at Ōhako Marae on 25 May 2003 Rongowhakaata confirmed the membership of the Rongowhakaata Claims Committee.

## **ACCOUNTABILITIES**

20. The roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of the Rongowhakaata Negotiators, Rongowhakaata Claims Committee and Rongowhakaata Trust are set out in the Rongowhakaata Relationship Management & Communication Strategy.

### **Communication Strategy**

21. The Rongowhakaata Negotiators and Rongowhakaata Claims Committee will regularly report to and provide opportunities for Rongowhakaata to express their views and provide feedback on the negotiations process and settlement issues in accordance with the communication strategy in the Rongowhakaata Relationship Management & Communication Strategy.

### **Decision-making**

22. The Negotiators and Claims Committee will not bind Rongowhakaata to any agreement or concession including an Agreement in Principle without the appropriate approval from Rongowhakaata. Furthermore, the Negotiators and Claims Committee will only have the authority to conclude the settlement with the Crown once the draft Deed of Settlement is ratified at Rongowhakaata Hui-ā-Iwi.
23. Decision making by the Negotiators and Claims Committee will be by consensus.

### **Appointment and replacement of Negotiators, and Claims Committee Members**

24. Negotiators and Claims Committee members will be removed, replaced and appointed in accordance with the following:
- (a) Negotiators will be appointed, removed or replaced at properly convened and publicly notified Rongowhakaata Hui-ā-Iwi;
  - (b) Claims Committee members representing Marae shall be appointed, removed or replaced at a properly convened Marae hui;
  - (c) Claims Committee members representing Taura Here groups will be appointed removed or replaced at a properly convened meeting of the Rongowhakaata Taura Here groups.

## **RELEASE OF DEED OF MANDATE**

25. Rongowhakaata agree to the Crown making the Deed of Mandate known through a mutually agreed public notification process.

**THEREFORE**, we on behalf of Rongowhakaata, confirm the foregoing as a Deed of Mandate for negotiating the settlement of the historical claims of Rongowhakaata against the Crown for breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

**EXECUTED** this                      day of                      2005

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Stanley Joseph Pardoe  
Claims Committee Member & Negotiator

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Lewis Ruihi Tāwai Moeau  
Chief Negotiator

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Erena Nepe  
Claims Committee Member

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Melissa Heni Mekameka Whaitiri  
Negotiator

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Waingahue Rangi Waipara  
Claims Committee Member

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Jody Balneavis Wyllie  
Negotiator

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Jacqueline Margaret Rawinia Scott Jones  
Claims Committee Member

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Kristen Timothea Maynard  
Negotiator

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Scott Kooti Riki  
Claims Committee Member

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Wiremu Whaitiri  
Claims Committee Member

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Te Wakanui Tureti Taylor  
Claims Committee Member

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Mātai Rangi Smith  
Claims Committee Member

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Angelia Rossitia Ria  
Claims Committee Member

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George Buddy Ria  
Claims Committee Member

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**ENDORSEMENT FROM RONGOWHAKAATA KAUMĀTUA**

The Kaumātua of Rongowhakaata endorse this Deed of Mandate:

**SCHEDULE A****RONGOWHAKAATA HAPU**

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|-----|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1.  | Ngai Te Aweawe           | 2.  | Ngai Te Kete         |
| 3.  | Te Whānau ā Iwi          | 4.  | Ngāti Rongokauwai    |
| 5.  | Ngāti Ruawairau          | 6.  | Ngai Te Ika          |
| 7.  | Ngāti Rua                | 8.  | Ngai Tīmata          |
| 9.  | Ngāti Turehe             | 10. | Ngāti Te Āringa      |
| 11. | Ngāti Pakirehe           | 12. | Ngāti Ruatūhiri      |
| 13. | Ngāti Hinewhanga         | 14. | Ngai Te Parekahakaha |
| 15. | Ngai Te Whanga           | 16. | Ngāti Meaiterangi    |
| 17. | Ngāti Hineteao           | 18. | Ngāti Kōhatu         |
| 19. | Ngai Tāne                | 20. | Ngāti Hinehika       |
| 21. | Whanau ā Kai             | 22. | Ngai Turi            |
| 23. | Ngāti Hinepaka           | 24. | Ngāti Ruakerekere    |
| 25. | Ngai Tauriri             | 26. | Ngāti Hinererā       |
| 27. | Tutangawhare             | 28. | Ngāti Pāea           |
| 29. | Ngāti Pineao or Hineteao | 30. | Ngāti Heuheu         |
| 31. | Ngāti Herehere           | 32. | Ngāti Hinepaki       |
| 33. | Ngāti Mata               | 34. | Ngāti Wakahemo       |
| 35. | Ngāti Mokai              | 36. | Ngai Te au           |
| 37. | Aitanga ā Whare          | 38. | Ngāti Hau            |
| 39. | Ngāti Kite               | 40. | Ngāti Koti           |
| 41. | Ngāti Atawheu            |     |                      |

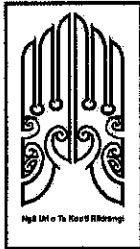
**SCHEDULE B**  
**MANDATING HUI**

Date	Venue
04/08/02	Manutūke Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
25/08/02	Pāhou Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
122/09/02	Ōhako Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
17/10/02	Waipapa Marae, Auckland University, Auckland
27/10/02	Manutūke Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
15/11/02	Copthorne Hotel, Christchurch
16/11/02	Brentwood Hotel, Wellington
17/11/02	Angus Inn, Hastings
22/11/02	Te Puni Kōkiri Office, Hamilton;
23/11/02	Tūnohopu Marae, Rotorua
24/11/02	Ōhako Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
15/12/02	Whakatō Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
26/01/03	Te Kuri ā Tuatai Marae, Tūranga
22/02/03	Pāhou Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
30/03/03	Whakatō Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
26/04/03	Manutūke Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
24/05/03	Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane, Australia
25/05/03	Ōhako Marae, Manutūke, Tūranga
01/06/03	Gosford RSL Club, Sydney, Australia

**The attendance sheets and panui for each of these hui are annexed.**

**SCHEDULE C****RONGOWHAKAATA CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Stanley Joseph Pardoe	Rongowhakaata Trust
Erena Nepe	Rongowhakaata Trust
Waingahue Rangi Waipara	Rongowhakaata Trust
George Buddy Ria	Rongowhakaata Trust
Jacqueline Margaret Rawinia Scott Jones	Rongowhakaata Trust
Scott Kooti Riki	Whakatō Marae
Wiremu Whaitiri	Manutūke Marae
Te Wakanui Tureti Taylor	Te Kuri ā Tuatai Marae
To be confirmed	Pāhou Marae
To be confirmed	Ōhako Marae
Angelia Rossitia Ria	Taura here representative
Matai Rangi Smith	Taura here representative



## SCHEDULE D

### WAI 856 NGA URI O TE KOOTI RIKIRANGI MANDATING PROCESS & ACCOUNTABILITIES

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**Te 25 o Pipiri (June) 2005**

*Tēnei te tira hou*

*Tēnei hara mai nei*

**This document describes WAI 856 Accountabilities and Mandating.**

#### WAI 856 ACCOUNTABILITIES

22-23 Paenga Whawha (April) 2000 – Hui of Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi<sup>1</sup> at Manutuke Marae unanimously resolved:

- As direct descendants, we recognise ourselves as Te Kooti Rikirangi's official representatives, to protect his interests;
- Pursue a Treaty of Waitangi claim against the Crown for "any injustices committed against him"
- Establish a working committee of Delegates – being one elected representative (*with voting powers*) to represent each of Te Kooti Rikirangi's great great grandchildren (ie the fourth uri generation)
- Appoint an Executive Committee of a Claim Coordinator, Secretary and Financial Coordinator (*with no voting powers*)

May 2000 - Formally registered a Waitangi Tribunal Claim for Te Kooti Rikirangi and were allocated a WAI number – WAI 856.

Currently, there are eleven appointed Delegates representing the fourth uri generation of direct descendants from Te Kooti Rikirangi, through his marriage to Irihapeti Puakanga.

<sup>1</sup> Direct descendants of Te Kooti Rikirangi from his first and original marriage to Irihapeti Puakanga – hui attended by over 60 whanau members

**WAI 856 Accountability Structures**

Confirmed: WAI 856 Claim Hui, Te Hapara, Turanganui-a-Kiwa, 30 Haratua (May) 2005

**WAI 856 Delegates Committee:**

1. Dameon ANARU
2. Hine CAMPBELL
3. Franci DOUGLAS
4. Mihi LARKIN
5. Ripene MARU
6. Elizabeth MOEAU
7. Danny POHATU
8. Nancy POHATU
9. Roxanne SMITH
10. Maewa THORNTON
11. Richard WHAREHINGA

**WAI 856 Executive Committee:**

1. Maeve MOEAU (WAI 856 Claim Coordinator)
2. Rangī CAIRNS (WAI 856 Treasurer)
3. Peter MOEAU (WAI 856 hui facilitator)
4. [Delegates - by rotation] (WAI 856 Minute-taking)

**Mandated WAI 856 Manu Whiriwhiri (negotiators team):**

1. Peter MOEAU (Manu Taki)
2. Maeve MOEAU (Manu Ao)

The WAI 856 Delegates Committee holds the voting power for all decision-making for WAI 856 Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi and, together with the Executive Committee, represents the equivalent of the Rongowhakaata Claims Committee. Proper committee meeting processes are adhered to for communications, discussions, decisions, voting, recording and reporting.

All WAI 856 Claim Hui, at all times, are open to all whanau members of Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi, and are duly communicated and reported as such.

**WAI 856 Communications**

Each Delegate is responsible for communication of information, matters and decisions to their respective whanau members. As the appointed representatives, Delegates bring any feedback to WAI 856 claim hui for discussion, and make decisions by voting accordingly.

The WAI 856 Claim Coordinator manages and facilitates the communications process. All communications and/or enquiries are directed to the WAI 856 Claim Coordinator.

<b>DOCUMENTATION OF THE WAI 856 MANDATING PROCESS</b>
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## **WAI 856 Delegates Committee / Executive Committee Claim Hui (2000-2005)**

### **2000**

03 Kohitatea (Jan) 2000 <sup>2</sup>	Papatu Rd, Manutuke, GISBORNE
22-23 Paenga Whawha (April) 2000 <sup>3</sup>	Manutuke Marae, GISBORNE

### **2001**

02 Poututerangi (March) 2001	Tawa, WELLINGTON
9-11 Poututerangi (March) 2001	Ako Pai Marae, Karori, WELLINGTON
12 Haratua (May) 2001	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
29 Pipiri (June) – 01 Hongongoi (July) 2001	Whakato Marae, GISBORNE
14 Hereturikoka (August) 2001	Walters Williams, AUCKLAND
08 Mahuru (September) 2001	Karori, WELLINGTON
21-23 Mahuru (September) 2001	Whakato Marae, GISBORNE
3-4 Whiringa-a-Rangi (November) 2001	Tuhono Hall, PORIRUA
19-22 Whiringa-a-Rangi (November) 2001	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
23-24 Hakihea (December) 2001	Whakato Marae, GISBORNE

### **2002**

25 Hui Tanguru (Feb)– 01 Poututerangi (Mar) 2002	Whakato Marae/Manutuke Marae, GISBORNE
04 Haratua (May) 2002	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
28 Mahuru (September) 2002	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
16-17 Whiringa-a-Rangi (November) 2002	Kapiti College Marae, KAPITI

### **2003**

22-23 Poututerangi (March) 2003	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
26-27 Hongongoi (July) 2003	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
Hereturikoka (August) 2003	Karori, WTN/Whakato Marae, GISBORNE
26-28 Mahuru (September) 2003	Tapu Te Ranga Marae, Karori, WELLINGTON
30 Whiringa-Nuku (Oct)- 02 Whiringa-a-rangi (Nov) 2003	Whakato Marae, GISBORNE
27-30 Whiringa-a-Rangi (November) 2003	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
29 Hakihea (December) 2003	Whakato Marae, GISBORNE

### **2004**

13 Poututerangi (March) 2004	Ohako Marae, GISBORNE
02 Whiringa-Nuku (October) 2004	Karori, WTN / Te Hapara, GIS [Phone Conf]
29-31 Whiringa-a-Nuku (October) 2004	Ohako Marae / Whakato Marae, GISBORNE

### **2005**

30 Paenga Whawha (April) 2005	Karori, WTN & Te Hapara, GIS (Phone Conf)
28 Haratua (May) 2005	Te Hapara, GISBORNE

<sup>2</sup> Initial whanau hui

<sup>3</sup> Inaugural establishment and mandating hui for Nga Uri o Te Kooti Rikirangi

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**NOTE: All WAI 856 claim hui are duly recorded and minuted, and records held by the WAI 856 Claim Coordinator.**



