

NGATI PAHAUWERA GOVERNANCE ENTITY

**CONFIRMATION OF KEY COMPONENTS  
INFORMATION SHEET**

**HUI A IWI**

**14 JUNE 2007**

1. In late 2007, the Ngati Pahauwera section 30 Representatives began consultation on a new governance entity for Ngati Pahauwera.
2. Details of the original proposal were set out in "*Building a Voice for Ngati Pahauwera.*" During the initial consultation it was agreed that following receipt of feedback and the development of a final proposal, the key components would be put to a hui a iwi at Mohaka for confirmation. The structure confirmed at the hui would then be put to a postal ballot.
3. The finalised proposal for the Ngati Pahauwera governance entity is a double trust structure of two trusts, each with subsidiary companies.
  - 3.1 Te Runanga o Ngati Pahauwera will be responsible for administering any settlement and, through its subsidiaries, the commercial and social development of Ngati Pahauwera (with Te Runanga and subsidiaries making up the Ngati Pahauwera Development Group).
  - 3.2 The Ngati Pahauwera Tiaki Trust will hold culturally important lands to ensure they are never again at risk of alienation from Ngati Pahauwera, regardless of the outcome of any commercial ventures undertaken by the iwi.

4. Full details of the finalised proposal are now available with both a summary document and copies of the draft trust deeds.
5. The key changes made to the original proposal for consideration at the hui a iwi on 14 June 2007 (together with draft resolutions) are as follows:

5.1 **Double trust structure** - The original proposal utilised a single trust with subsidiary companies. Feedback received questioned whether wahi tapu that may be received in settlement (such as the Mohaka River) would be protected in the event of a failure of the commercial arm of the Ngati Pahauwera Development Group. As a result a double trust structure was discussed during the consultation and has been included in the finalised proposal. A second trust, the Ngati Pahauwera Tiaki Trust, will be established to keep the holding of wahi tapu separate from any commercial activities. Although the Tiaki Trust is separate from the Development Group, it should not be any more expensive to run because it utilises the same trustees as Te Runanga o Ngati Pahauwera.

**Proposed Resolution: That the double trust structure be adopted for the governance entity, and included in the proposal to be put to the postal ballot.**

5.2 **Names of the trusts** - The names proposed are the Te Runanga o Ngati Pahauwera for the trust responsible for administering the settlement assets, carrying out the ongoing development (commercial and social) of Ngati Pahauwera and administering the membership roll, and the Ngati Pahauwera Tiaki Trust responsible for holding and protecting wahi tapu in conjunction with appropriate kaitiaki.

**Proposed Resolution: That Te Runanga o Ngati Pahauwera and Ngati Pahauwera Tiaki Trust be adopted as the names for the governance entity trusts, and included in the proposal to be put to the postal ballot.**

5.3 **Number of Trustees** – It is proposed that six Trustees will be appointed, with the same six Trustees being appointed to both trusts.

Throughout the consultation there was considerable discussion of the need to have enough trustees to undertake the work needed, while noting the expense and difficulty of coordinating and making decisions with too many trustees.

**Proposed Resolution: That a total of six trustees be adopted for the governance entity, and included in the proposal to be put to the postal ballot.**

- 5.4 **Term of appointment of Trustees** – It is proposed that Trustees will serve for four-year terms, with the exception of the three active section 30 Representatives who will serve an initial two-year term. This will mean that three trustees will come up for election every two years. The initial proposal was for two year terms, but when the elections of half the trustees are staggered, this means an election of half the trustees every year which is expensive and unsettling. The current proposal is designed to provide stability with regular elections.

**Proposed Resolution: That four-year terms be adopted as the standard term for trustees elected to the governance entity, and included in the proposal to be put to the postal ballot.**

- 5.5 **Role of active Section 30 members** – In order to maintain institutional memory while that Ngati Pahauwera continues to be engaged in negotiations with the Crown and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council it is proposed that the three active section 30 members whose mandate has been recognized by the Crown (Toro Waaka, Tom Gemmell and Kuki Green), will serve as initial Trustees for an term of two years. At the expiry of the two-year term they will be entitled to stand for re-election. Various options for continuity were discussed during the consultation and it is considered important given the governance entity will come into existence in the middle of negotiations.

**Proposed Resolution: That the active Section 30 members become initial trustees in the governance entity, and that this be included in the proposal to be put to the postal ballot.**

## Further Information

6. Copies of the Summary of Finalised Proposal, full trust deeds for both Te Runanga o Ngati Pahauwera and the Ngati Pahauwera Tiaki Trust, together with copies of "*Building a Voice*" and the Membership form are available:

6.1 On the Ngati Pahauwera website: [www.ngatipahauwera.co.nz](http://www.ngatipahauwera.co.nz)

6.2 For collection from the Ngati Pahauwera Incorporated Society office at Raupanga

6.3 To be posted by Kuki Green 0800 838 6833