



**NGĀTI MARU
MANDATE STRATEGY**

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Ngāti Maru Mandate Strategy

1. Preamble

The people of Ngāti Maru mandated Waati Ngamane and Paul Majurey as interim negotiators on 28 November 2009 to represent their overall tribal interests in the Hauraki, Tāmaki Makaurau and Kaipara regions (as defined by the Crown) in comprehensive Treaty of Waitangi settlement negotiations with the Crown.

A further mandating hui process is required to fully mandate the negotiators for Ngāti Maru.

2. Purpose of Mandate Strategy

The purpose of this strategy document is primarily to provide information and insight into the intentions and the process to be undertaken by Ngāti Maru, to obtain a mandate for the interim negotiators (Waati Ngamane and Paul Majurey) to become "**Mandated Negotiators**", to negotiate a Treaty of Waitangi settlement on behalf of Ngāti Maru. The mandate is to be achieved through a fair, open and robust process, and that is recognised by Ngāti Maru and the Crown.

This strategy document is not for the purposes of describing specific details, part or full of the claim, nor of the settlement to be sought, as these are significant matters to be further discussed, negotiated and communicated directly between Ngāti Maru and the Crown.

The contents of this strategy are without prejudice, and should in no way disadvantage or jeopardise any claimant group nor be used as a reference for the process of negotiations or settlement. That is the right of each claimant group at the appropriate time, to disclose such information to the Crown themselves.

3. Claimant Definition

The claimant group includes all people of Ngāti Maru that trace descent from one or more of the following tūpuna: Te Ngāko, Tamatepō and Taurukapakapa. The claimant group definition may be refined and confirmed throughout the course of negotiations.

4. Claims to be settled

The Claims and negotiations process will seek to settle, and therefore will include (but not be limited to):

- All historical claims which are made on the basis of Ngāti Maru whakapapa, whether registered or unregistered;

- Those historic claims which involve or may involve Ngāti Maru interests, including:

Wai No	Claim Title	Claimants
Wai 100	Hauraki Comprehensive Claim	Huhurere Tukukino, Tewi Nicholls (Te Wiremu Mataia) & Ors
Wai 174	Ngāti Kotinga and Ngā Whānau o Omahu	Ata Patricia Bailey
Wai 177	The Gregory-Mare Whānau	Selwyn Tukumana Gregory and Sharon Gregory
Wai 285	Manaia Blocks	Shane Ashby & Ors
Wai 355	Hikutaia and Whangamata Lands	Ropata Rare & Ors
Wai 454	Marutuahu Tribal Region	Walter Taipari & Adrian Taipari
Wai 464 & Wai 661	Ngāti Hikairo	Gavin Caird
Wai 694	Tairua	Reremoana Jones & Ors
Wai 812	Marutuahu Tribal Region	Clive Majurey
Wai 865	Waihou	Richard Murray & Ors
Wai 867	Marutuahu Tribal Region	Amy Cooper & Waimanauka Meremana
Wai 970	Tamatepo	Florence Gurnick
Wai 1696 & 1891		James Nicholls
Wai 2007		Matin Mikaere & Toko Renata
Wai 2272		Hone Hawkins
Wai 2080		Mary Rangitunoa Lawson-Nuri
Wai 2300		Korohera Ngapo

5. Area of Interest

Ngāti Maru boundaries (rohe) encompass the area shown in the Te Puni Kokiri (Kahui Mangai) Website.

6. Responsibilities and Accountabilities of the Ngāti Maru Mandated Negotiators

Ngāti Maru will hold a series of mandate hui commencing on 13 March 2011. At these hui, the people of Ngāti Maru will vote on confirming the interim negotiators to continue representing Ngāti Maru interests in negotiations with the Crown.

If the Mandated Negotiators are recognised by the Crown as fully mandated to represent Ngāti Maru in Treaty settlement negotiations, then they will have the mandate and scope of authority to manage all aspects of settlement negotiations with the Crown.

The Mandated Negotiators will ultimately be responsible and accountable to Ngāti Maru via the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga. The Ngāti Maru Rūnanga will provide support to the Mandated Negotiators.

Responsibilities and accountabilities of the Mandated Negotiators will include:

- Regular reporting to the Ngāti Maru people and Ngāti Maru Rūnanga about the negotiation process;
- Approve and sign off on key negotiation milestones, including but not limited to:
 - Mandate Strategy;
 - Deed of Mandate;
 - Agreements in Principle; and
 - Deeds of Settlement.
- Presenting initialled Deeds of Settlement for ratification to Ngāti Maru.

Reporting process for the Negotiators

The Mandated Negotiators will report to the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga on a monthly basis or as otherwise required. The negotiators will also present a progress report on Treaty settlement negotiations to the Rūnanga on a monthly basis.

Replace, Removal and Appointment of Negotiators

Any replacement, removal or appointment of alternative negotiator(s) will occur via the same process undertaken by the Mandated Negotiators in obtaining their full mandate. The Rūnanga will call a hui ā-iwi to elect or reappoint mandated negotiators.

Meeting of the Mandated Negotiators

The Mandated Negotiators will meet regularly, including at Hauraki Collective and Tāmaki Collective hui, as well as with the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga.

7. Reporting Process

The Mandated Negotiators will report to the Ngāti Maru people about the Treaty settlement negotiation and its progress, in a number of ways, including:

- Monthly hui
- Regular pānui/newsletter;
- Website – <http://haurakicollective.maori.nz/negotiators/ngati-maru/>

8. Decision making processes

The Mandated Negotiators will make decisions by way of consensus. In addition, the wider Ngāti Maru community can participate in the decision making process by attending and voting on any resolutions put at monthly hui ā-iwi.

Dispute Resolution

If a Ngāti Maru group or individual has a concern regarding the representation of their interests during negotiations, they can inform the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga in writing. The Ngāti Maru Rūnanga would seek all relevant information required from the group to ensure it has a clear understanding of the nature of their concern.

Once the information has been received, the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga will then consider if the matter requires further action and if so they will meet with group in question and proceed into a dispute resolution process.

9. Information or Pre-mandate Strategy/Hui/Communications

The Mandated Negotiators understand that mandating processes involve a tripartite relationship to achieve a successful Deed of Mandate. In that respect they will undertake to work effectively with the Office of Treaty Settlements and Te Puni Kōkiri in the delivery of a Ngāti Maru Deed of Mandate and that these efforts will be reciprocated by the parties.

10. Mandating Process

All mandating hui will be notified to members through:

- Ngāti Maru meetings
- Email lists
- Newspapers (Hauraki Herald, Waikato Times and NZ Herald)

Notification will be placed with each of these media well in advance of each mandate hui.

The public notice will clearly state the purpose of the hui. Specific mention will include reference to the need to obtain mandate for the Mandated Negotiators to continue negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims for and on behalf of Ngāti Maru.

Mandating Hui

The Mandated Negotiators will be holding publicly notified mandating hui in Thames, Auckland and Hamilton. The Mandated Negotiators will be seeking the mandate from Ngāti Maru to continue negotiations with the Crown regarding the comprehensive settlement of all Ngāti Maru historical Treaty claims.

The following resolution will be put to the hui:

“That Waati Ngamane and Paul Majurey be mandated to represent Ngāti Maru in negotiations with the Crown regarding the comprehensive settlement of Ngati Maru historic Treaty claims”

Mandating hui will occur in the following locations:

Location	Venue	Date / Time
Sun, 13 March	10am	Thames Civic Centre - Mary St Thames
Tues, 15 March	6pm	Manukau City Council, Manukau Room, Osterley Way Manukau City
Thurs, 17 March	6pm	Verandah Cafe, Lake Domain Drive, Hamilton

- All mandating hui will be advertised in the Hauraki Herald, Waikato Times and NZ Herald, as well as other pānui and communication processes. Minutes will be taken and attendance registers will be available for all mandate hui. This supporting information will be attached to the Deed of Mandate.
- A standard and consistent presentation will be developed for these hui outlining the context and process of the mandate process. Ngāti Maru people will have the opportunity to discuss the proposal with the Mandated Representatives, and put any questions to members before a resolution confirming the mandate of the Mandated Representatives is sought.
- Te Puni Kōkiri will be invited to attend the hui as Crown observers. They will provide an observer report which will be made available to Ngāti Maru, and OTS. This is

subject to the Official Information Act 1982 so could also be made available to others on request.

Voting on Resolutions & Eligibility

- Voting on the resolution will be by a show of hands of eligible adult members of Ngāti Maru present at the hui. For consistency and clarity, there will not be a postal voting process, nor will proxy votes be included. These voting processes will be reaffirmed by the facilitator of the hui, including the eligibility of the voter.
- Members must be of legal voting age (18 years or older) to vote.
- An attendance register will be taken at each hui. Any dispute as to eligibility to vote will be resolved by the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga.

Record Keeping

- Copies of all advertisements, pānui and community notices must be kept.

Register of Attendance

- A signed register of Attendance will be taken at every hui and records will be kept by the Ngāti Maru Rūnanga.

The Deed of Mandate

- Upon completion of the Mandate Hui, the Deed of Mandate will be written and supporting evidence collated according to the guidelines as set out by OTS and submitted to TPK and OTS for assessment, for recognition from the Minister for Treaty Negotiations and the Minister of Māori Affairs.
- The Mandated Negotiators may alter or amend the Deed of Mandate document, as required.
- It is expected that the mandating hui will be completed by 17 March 2011 and that a Deed of Mandate is expected to be submitted by the end of March 2011.