



Panui No. 7

Mangatu Shareholders' Claim to Part of Mangatu Forest

Ko Maungahaumi te maunga

Ko Mangatu te awa

Ka tere ki te wai o Paoa

Ko Kopututea te putanga ki te Moananui a Kiwa

Tihei mauriora.

Nga Rangitira o nga whenua o Mangatu. Tena koutou katoa

1. Update on October 2012 Waitangi Tribunal Hearing

All claimants, and the Crown, presented the remaining evidence over the hearing week from October 8 to 11 in Gisborne.

Mangatu presented its evidence first followed by Ngariki Kaiputahi, Te Whanau a Kai, Te Aitanga a Mahaki and Affiliates (TAMA) and finally the Crown. When the Crown presented their evidence it vigorously defended their position to oppose our application. However this was expected as part of our ongoing struggle to get our land back.

The Mangatu team felt they:

- Continued to present the Mangatu position in the best possible manner,
- Continued to defend the Mangatu position when cross-examining the Crown's evidence and that
- We received a fair hearing in front of the Tribunal.

Mangatu owner support throughout the Hearing was greatly appreciated.

2. Closing Legal Submissions

The next step is a three-day hearing in Wellington, 27 to 29 November. The hearing will be held at ;

Waitangi Tribunal Offices
Level 7 Fujitsu Tower
141 The Terrace
Wellington.

The purpose of the next hearing is to hear closing legal submissions from all claimants and the Crown. It will deal with any other peripheral issues that flow from the October hearings.

This will be our final chance to remind the Tribunal of what we are seeking, namely the return of our 1961 land and associated entitlements. Following that hearing, the Tribunal will be considering making its determination on "to whom" the 1961 land should be returned to.



While the ultimate outcome will be out of our hands we continue to be optimistic for a successful outcome.

When the Tribunal makes its decision a further hearing on compensation will be held to determine the quantum of associated entitlement for whomever the land is to be returned.

We are cautiously optimistic that we will be one of those parties. The Mangatu remedies hearing has some way to go yet and we remain patient and resolute on behalf of all our owners.

Te Whakamutunga

Ahakoā i roto nga piki me nga heke kei te pai te haere o nga mahi a Mangatu. He maha nga ngaru o te moana kei mua ia tatou, no reira, kia kaha tatou ki te hapai, ki te hoe i tenei o nga waka a te iwi kia u ai tatou ki uta, ara, kia whai oranga mo te iwi whai paanga ki tenei o nga whenua, a Mangatu.

Tenei te mihi atu ki era o nga whanaunga kua mene atu ki te po. Ko ratou te hunga kua huri atu ki tua o Te Arai, moe mai, moe mai.

He mihi ano tenei ki nga kaimahi me etahi atu ropu e awahi ana, e tautoko ana i nga mahi a Mangatu, e whai ake ana i nga kaupapa whakahaere kia noho pumau a Mangatu.

He mihi kau tenei kia koutou, te urupa o ratou e iri nei i runga i nga pakiwaitara o tenei to tatou whare tipuna. Kia tau iho nga manaakitanga o Te Runga Rawa ki runga kia koutou me a koutou whanau.

Na tenei ta koutou mokai

Alan Haronga
Chairman

On Behalf of the Mangatu Blocks Incorporation Committee of Management
17 October 2012