



SPECIAL PANUI
THE MANGATU REMEDIES INQUIRY (WAI 814/1489)

Nga mihi atu ki nga Whanau o Te Kaporeihana o Mangatu.

Summary

I am pleased to be able to report to you that the Waitangi Tribunal has finally released its interim decision on the Mangatu Remedies Inquiry.

The Tribunal has determined that the land comprising what was Mangatu 1 and 2 Blocks will be returned undivided to a Forestry Collective Trust to be managed as one and governed equally by Te Aitanga a Mahaki, Nga Uri o Tamanui and Te Whanau a Kai. You will recall that Mangatu 1 was the land taken from the Mangatu Incorporation in 1961.

The Tribunal has also awarded 100% compensation to three claimants with 68% to Te Aitanga a Mahaki, 14% to Te Whanau a Kai and 18% to Nga Uri o Tamanui. The amount of this compensation will be substantial and the respective claimants will disclose those amounts in due course.

This decision by the Tribunal is an interim decision which will become final after the expiry of 90 days from 30 September 2021 unless the Crown is able to negotiate alternative settlements with all the claimants. There is also a possibility of the Crown and/or other claimants legally challenging the Waitangi Tribunal's interim decision.

Benefits for Mangatu Incorporation

It is disappointing that the Tribunal did not accept our claim to have the 1961 land returned directly to Mangatu, despite our best efforts over the past fourteen years.

However, our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Te Aitanga a Mahaki covered return of the 1961 land, or part thereof, \$10 million compensation as well as NZU carbon credits associated with the returned land and reimbursement of costs incurred by Mangatu.

The return of some or all of the 1961 land to Mangatu may occur at some point in the future given our MOU with Te Aitanga a Mahaki.

Once the landscape has settled down we will be able to obtain a clearer indication of the benefits to Mangatu and will report to you then.

Distribution of the Panui

The Tribunal decision could only be communicated after 12 noon on 1 October 2021.

Mangatu administration will distribute this panui by email to all owners with valid email addresses held by administration or by post where no email address is held but a valid postal address is.

Otherwise, the panui will be posted on the Mangatu Incorporation website along with a copy of the Waitangi Tribunal decision, which comprises some 460 pages.

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Conclusion

The Waitangi Tribunal decision is a great outcome for Mangatu owners and other claimants as we will all benefit from the return of our land and the compensation awarded to the three main claimant groups. The Mangatu Committee of Management wish to thank the Mangatu owners for your continued support over the years to enable this momentous outcome to occur.

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Alan Haronga
Chairman
Mangatu Incorporation Committee of Management
1 October 2021