



Title	Ngati Rehua Taumata Kaumaatua Validation Report
Date	Monday 3 July 2017
Time	8.30am – 2.00pm
Venue	Auckland Council Building, Level 29, 1 Albert Street, City

Introduction

This report is prepared by the Ngati Rehua Taumata Kaumaatua in relation to the findings and decisions regarding the registration and proxy form validation process.

Present

Taumata members: Bruce Davies, Peter Mita, Mook Hohneck, Wyvern Rosieur
Taumata support: Janice Mita
Ngati Rehua Trust: Nicola MacDonald, Catherine Munro and pepi Anahera; Yvonne Wiki and Ngaire Pera
Electionz: Warwick Lampp, Michele Day
Independent Chair: Kieran Raftery

Ngati Rehua – Ngatiwai ki Aotearoa Taumata kaumaatua members profile:

Mr Bruce Davies
JP and former Chair of the Ngati Rehua – Ngatiwai ki Aotearoa Trust
Mr Mook Hohneck
CEO Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust & former trustee of the Ngati Rehua–Ngatiwai ki Aotearoa Trust
Mr Wyvern Rosieur
Tohunga Whakairo (Master carver) and HR manager for North Power
Mr Peter Mita
Kaumatua kai korero and former senior officer in NZ Army

Karakia and mihimihi

Wyvern Rosieur opened the hui with karakia and mihimihi to welcome electionz staff and Kieran Raftery and this was followed by whakawhanaungatanga and a cup of tea.

Taumata kaumaatua informed Kieran Raftery and Warwick Lampp of the tikanga that would be used by the Taumata and they would complete all validation processes required for the registration and proxy forms. Only Taumata kaumaatua members would be allowed and present in the room during validation as the discussions involved whakapapa. They would not require any food only water until the work was complete. Taumata would call on electionz and / or the Trust as required.

Warwick Lampp confirmed support and acceptance of the tikanga and for the intentions of the Taumata to complete all the work within the day. Kieran Raftery confirmed his understanding of the tikanga process outlined by the Taumata Kaumaatua. Michele Day was appointed as the Taumata kaumaatua support and information person.

The Trust board members confirmed that they would not enter the validation room unless invited by the Taumata Kaumaatua.

Validation began at 9.30am.



Validation criteria used

Below are the key criteria used to inform and confirm all decisions to validate all registrations and proxy forms;

1. The correct and legal registration form and proxy form was submitted. These forms were confirmed by Michele Day.
2. All fields within the forms were correctly completed in full and by the individual submitting.
3. All forms were accompanied with a correct proof of identity as listed.
4. All forms submitted by registered beneficiaries to the Trust were unanimously approved and accepted.

Invalidation findings

Below are the findings that were used to inform and confirm all decisions to invalidate registration and proxy forms.

1. The correct and legal registration form was not used. (This form was updated to reflect the new identity criteria and provided to electionz.com and available on the Trust website).
2. Previous Trust Registration forms supplied by submitting individuals did not meet the above criteria – no proof of identity
3. Official Trust registration form with logo were tampered with and copied onto forms containing information that was missing from the correct and legal registration – the sections relating to proof of identity and privacy information were removed.
4. No Date of Birth supplied.
5. No Proof of Identity provided i.e. Birth certificate; Driver license and Passport.
6. Multiple Registration forms were filled out and signed off by one person.
7. No signatures provided on registration forms.
8. Signatures on submitted registration forms did not match signatures on the proof of identity supplied.
9. Proof of identity documentation were tampered with i.e. birth certificate original names were crossed out and new names written over the top.
10. Registration forms were signed off 'pp' on behalf of the said person.
11. Whakapapa details were either incomplete and / or missing from registration forms.
12. Whakapapa details provided do not descend from the three founding tupuna.
13. Illegible handwriting and information overwritten in scribbles making the registration form impossible to read.
14. Registration forms submitted by under-age individuals with proxies.
15. Tampering with registration form privacy instructions these were written over and inserted with written statements to refer to their kaumatua for verification of their identity. (Justifying supplying no proof of ID)
16. Photocopied versions of the registration forms supplied were cut in half making it impossible to read a fully completed form and then match signatures. (The original versions were not supplied by the submitting individual)



17. All online registrations received for the last six months January 2017 to June 2017 did not provide to the same level the information supplied in the hard copy registrations received and as a result the following key information was missing;
- No signatures of the submitting individual
 - No Proof of identity
 - Incomplete or no Whakapapa details provided
 - Incomplete or no Contact details provided
 - No Date of birth provided
 - Underage registration forms
18. All online registrations received for the last six months January 2017 to June 2017 were deemed invalid as all online registrations were missing the above key information.

Decision

Based on the validation criteria, the Taumata kaumatua affirmed that 788 registration and proxy submitted by registered beneficiaries were accepted and would require no further re-validation or re-registration.

From the above invalidation findings, the Taumata kaumatua confirmed a total of 46 new registration forms were approved and validated.

1. Taumata kaumaatua agreed and supported that all forms submitted by registered beneficiaries would not be subjected to re-validation in this process.
2. Taumata kaumaatua agreed and supported that no registered beneficiary would be removed from the hapu register and subjected to re-registration.
3. Discretion was used to validate whakapapa against supplied Proxy Forms even with slight variation giving the 'benefit of the doubt' to approve them.
4. Many of the supplied forms that were invalidated were represented by the Taumata kaumaatua members own immediate whanau members, despite this, they, the Taumata maintained honesty and integrity of the legal and agreed process.
5. All registration and proxy forms were thoroughly assessed and checked four times to ensure each Taumata kaumaatua member agreed with the final assessment therefore allowing opportunity to reassess decisions if need be.
6. The validation process implemented by the Taumata Kaumaatua followed the legal and agreed process outlined by Electionz and Kieran Raftery.
7. The online registration report could not be validated as the registrations were all incomplete and missing essential information such as no signed signatures of the submitting individual and no proof of identification. The online database report did not align or correlate to the new validation process as set by electionz.
8. The closing date for receiving registration and proxy forms was Monday 26th June 2017. Any further new registrations received on the day of AGM for validation will be processed after the completion of the AGM. The Taumata Kaumaatua have confirmed that they will be available to complete all validations following the AGM.



Confirmation of decisions and processes

The Trust board and Electionz were asked to meet with the Taumata Kaumaatua to receive their report and decision from the Taumata. Michele Day confirmed to the Taumata that their findings and decision concurred with her findings on receipt of the forms.

The Taumata kaumaatua confirmed to electionz that they would not meet with the Harrison group of elders as the findings of issues relating to invalidation were confirmed by the independent group, electionz.

Taumata kaumaatua also confirmed that from a tikanga perspective there was no need to meet with the Harrison group of elders to discuss their decisions and tikanga. Taumata asserted that they would not agree to diminish their own tikanga for the sake of the other opposing group.

Outstanding and emerging issues

The Taumata kaumaatua do not accept and recognize that Abe Kiripeti-Edwards is a Kaumaatua. He is a rangatahi and not of the same generational line as the Taumata. In addition, he is a candidate for the Trust and has a serious conflict of interest.

The Taumata kaumaatua sought confirmation from the Trust Board as to the status of Kristan MacDonald trusteeship. The Trust confirmed that Trust policy requires any resignation to be formally accepted and received within a Trust meeting however a Trust meeting has not been held yet therefore his email resignation has not been formally received and accepted.

The Taumata kaumaatua do not accept and recognize that Kris MacDonald should have been included as a validating kaumaatua as he has a serious conflict of interest due to his position as a trustee on the Ngati Rehua – Ngatiwai ki Aotearoa Trust. The Taumata understands that he was present with the validation group.

The Taumata kaumaatua will not engage with the Harrison group of elders on the basis that their group membership is not made up of kaumatua and therefore the Taumata kaumaatua peers this is because the Harrison group of elders have allowed the inclusion of rangatahi members and supported those same individuals who have serious conflicts of interest.

The Taumata kaumaatua would like to express disappointment with the constant changing of notification of the Harrison group of elder's memberships especially as the Taumata kaumaatua made one change based on feedback received from the Harrison group regarding Mr Rodney Ngawaka. Taumata kaumaatua and the Trust ensured full disclosure of our membership was provided to the Harrison group on the agreed time and date, Friday 30th June at 3pm. The Harrison group final membership was not confirmed to the Taumata kaumaatua and the Trust until the day of validation when they arrived at 10am.

Conclusion of meeting

The meeting with the Trust board; Electionz and Taumata Kaumaatua was closed with a karakia by Wyvern Rosieur at 2.00pm.

All forms were handed back to Electionz.