



To all Ngā Tokorima a Hinemanuhiri Kāhui Beneficiaries

Tēnā koe,

Ngā manaakitanga o te wā nei ki a koutou and I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and health. As we continue to uphold and celebrate our collective identity as Ngā Tokorima a Hinemanuhiri, I write to affirm our mana motuhake and tino rangatiratanga over the lands, forests, waterways and taonga tuku iho within our Hinemanuhiri rohe. Tīhei Hinemanuhiri!

During our recent Annual General Meeting held in March 2025, a significant motion was passed that reflects our commitment to self-determination. The hui concluded with a decision to exercise our tino rangatiratanga and to seek independence from Tātau Tātau o te Wairoa. This is a vital step towards asserting our rights and responsibilities as kaitiaki of our whenua, wai, and all that is precious to us.

In support of this initiative, an ohu has been formed under our strategic Trust Pou: Mana Whakatau. This ohu is led by Alex Maehe (Hineterā Marae Trustee) and includes Tania Te Awa Mills (Maromahue Marae Trustee), Ripeka Huata (Pākōwhai Marae Trustee), Ira Heyder, and Maria Cairns (Operations). They are joined by whānau representatives Te Huia Bill Hamilton and Jody Hamilton. Together, this team will guide the implementation of our vision and facilitate our journey toward independence.

As part of this process, a Special General Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday 6 September 2025, at Rangiāhua Marae, where the decision regarding our independence will be announced. We encourage all marae and hapū to be present and engaged in this critical discussion that will shape our future.

Before the Special General Meeting, all registered beneficiaries of Ngā Tokorima a Hinemanuhiri will receive an invitation to vote on the resolution for independence. We highly encourage all whānau to register with Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa or update their information to ensure they can participate in the voting for this special resolution. To register, please click on the following link: [Tātau Tātau Registration](#).

We have included an information sheet that outlines our timeline to independence along with potential questions and answers. The information sheet is available via our website [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our collective journey. Together, we can work towards a future that reflects our aspirations as Ngā Tokorima a Hinemanuhiri.

Mauri ora ki a tātau,

Nā Benita Tahuri

Chair,

Ngā Tokorima a Hinemanuhiri