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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 10:55:07

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3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

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From whanau through social media

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Do you support?:

I DO NOT support the proposed structure - see feedback below for further details

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Do support the vote?:

NO - please see feedback below

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Mandate Review Team

Name: ██████████ g(2)(a)

Whakapapa / Hapū affiliation: Ngāpuhi/Ngatitoro

Address: ██████████ g(2)(a)

Location: ██████████

Phone: ██████████

Date: 2 February 2026

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

Name [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Hapū / Whānau: Ngatitoro [REDACTED]

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██████████ 9(2)(a)

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What is your whakapapa?:

Ancestors

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Whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not support

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Do support the vote?:

No i dont support

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Lands on claim stretch way out of Whangaroa in to our lands in Hokianga so me my Whanau Whanaunga and Hapu,s highly decline their claims

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What is your whakapapa?:

I am a Kaumātua of Ngati Hao. Ngati Hao is a neighbouring Hapu to Whangaroa

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Whanau told me about it.

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I do not support the Whangaroa Papa Hapu DRAFT Mandate strategy that has been proposed.

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Do support the vote?:

No I do not support the voting process. How can there be a vote on something that we knew nothing about.

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I strongly opposed to this Draft Mandate Strategy.

There are a lot of whanau from Ngat Hao and Ngati Toro who knew nothing about this and were not consulted. I feel that is very wrong. I do not support this whatsoever.

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Nāku / Nā mātou noa,

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:Hapū / Whānau: Ko Ngati Hao tōku hapū

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am Ngati Pakahi
Ngati Uru
Tahawai
Ngati Rua

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook and from Papahapu o Whangaroa

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I don't support the proposed structure. My hapu Ngati Pakahi have not been involved with this strategy. Several of my hapu are claimants who are supported by my hapu but we have not agreed to any of the proposed mandate strategy. I have attended several hui called by the Papa hapu over the past 4 years... I have seen nothing but division and unrest. We lived through Tuhoronuku.. We need to learn from that lesson.. Division will never benefit our generations to come. This strategy serves no purpose but division. Ngati Pakahi are capable of forming a creditable response but we have not been given time and consideration. This strategy will not benefit Whangaroa It needs to be paused.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

As above, Ngati Pakahi does not support this draft mandate strategy. This proposal has no veto from my hapu. I attended the recent hui at Patunga. Only 2 persons from the Papahapu attended. How is this working together? This process has been going on for several months.. back door communication with Crown representatives but your own people do not give you permission to do any deals on our behalf.. what lessons have they not learnt? Our hapu are capable of moving in unison as our tupuna have done for generations... the Crown have made us wait for generations... they can wait longer until we are ready to address them... that is Rangatiratanga ... this process has none of that... it needs to be paused..

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

My tupuna deserve to be honoured, as do my descendants yet to come.. What we do now counts... heed the advice given here.

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Te Tahaawai Hapu. My tupuna is Te Ururoa.

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Through whanau.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I don't support the proposed representative structure.

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified. In fact, Te Tahaawai has declined to be involved (a letter to the Crown and WPH last year which seems to have been ignored).

Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.

The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through "full and final" settlement and Crown-designed structures.

Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.

Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

If I don't support the draft mandate strategy, I don't support the voting process within it.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

The mandating process be paused immediately. The hui for Nga umu tapu were going really well, I heard.

Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced

An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

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What is your whakapapa?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

██████████, lodged June 1992. Our hapu include Te Tahawai, Ngati Mokokohi, Te Uri-o-Te-Aho, and Ngati Uru.

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Do you support?: g(2)(a)

In its current form ██████████ does not support the mandate strategy in its current form for the following reasons:

1. ██████████ has been excluded from the advertised notice. g(2)(a)
2. Any current register of hapu members by it's very nature is exclusive and limited, rather than inclusive. ALL descendants of a tupuna are automatically members of a hapu. Many hapu members are either not resident in Whangaroa, and likewise not intimately involved with kaupapa which affect their hapu. The current engagement strategy is not up to standard, and at bes, is naive and ill-considered in its scope.
3. ██████████ does not agree that there is such a thing as a "full and final settlement". ██████████ supports the resumption approach. g(2)(a)
4. Whangaroa claims should be considered alongside the current Wai 45 Renewed Muriwhenua Inquiry claims, as well as Marine & Coastal Area claims in their entirety, i.e. Tai Whenua, Tai Moana. One cannot be separated from the other.
5. ██████████ is opposed to any negotiations that do not recognise tino rangatiratanga which has never been ceded to the Crown. g(2)(a)

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2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

He URI a hau o Ngati Hao. I [REDACTED] on with consent from and on behalf of the [REDACTED] am submitting this information. g(2)(a)
Nga Hapu o Whangaroa neighbour Nga Hao via Puketi and Rahiri, of which we whakapapa to and descend from through our Tupuna Heeni Heperi.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau and Hapu informed us.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

We strongly object to this Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate strategy as it stands

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No we do not support the voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy. The process fails to identified clearly or sufficiently on many fronts for example,m:

1. Who are the Hapu that have determined the boundaries laid out in the maps in the draft strategy documents
2. What consultation/engagement have taken place with Ngati Hau and Ngati Toro in particular in relation to Whakanekeneke and Whakanekeneke
3. What does Whangaroa Papa Hapu intend to do in communicating better in regard to this strategy

These are just a few of many concerns.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

To reiterate we as a whanau strongly oppose this strategy as it stands and will continue to object.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ46-Z

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 13:11:33

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

From Ngaitupango hapu

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Social Media and whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Ngaitupango Hapū

I am a Uri of Ngaitupango, whose base is at Te Ngāere. We are the only Ngai hapū in Whangaroa, distinct from Ngāti hapū.

I oppose the proposed mandate and Treaty settlement process. Hui held at Te Ngāere, any other marae, or online forums do not constitute hapū consent for Ngaitupango. While hapū-led, tikanga-based processes were held, they did not give full Ngaitupango consent to any mandate or settlement, past, present, or future. I have not been able to attend all hui, but I have shared my views and kōrero with whānau. Not all whānau have the privilege of attending hui, and absence must not be interpreted as consent. Silence or attendance must not be treated as consent.

The Crown's "full and final settlement" framework:

Extinguishes past, present, and future Treaty claims

Binds future generations without their consent

Replaces hapū authority with Crown-approved structures

This is not rangiratanga and does not reflect partnership under Te Tiriti.

Our tūpuna did not sign Te Tiriti to have our authority limited, settled, or controlled by the Crown.

I formally request that Ngaitupango be removed from the mandate, that settlement actions affecting our hapū be paused, and that any future engagement occur through hapū-led, tikanga-based processes that genuinely represent our hapū.

This submission is a clear objection. Silence must not be taken as consent.

Kāore anō kia mutu.

Nāku noa, nā

█ g(2)(a)
Uri o Ngaitupango

I have not been able to attend all hui, but I have shared my views and kōrero with whānau. Not all whānau have the privilege of attending hui, and absence must not be interpreted as consent.

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 13:25:02

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██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I'm Ngati Toro descendant and I appose this claim.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

When whangaroa had a meeting at my marae mataitaua.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I reject claims.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I appose any claims made for Ngati Toro.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

How dare Te Hapu O Whangaroa think they have the rights to take our land off us. We're living peacefully and they want to upset us. What about our urupa. You'll wake the dead doing stuff like this kupapa people.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ41-U

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 13:44:46

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

9(2)(a)

Ngā Puhī Ki Whangaroa is where my tipuna on my fathers side (██████████) are from therefore I whakapapa back there also.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

My father's sister (██████████), who is tangata whenua ki Whangaroa. 9(2)(a)

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I do not fully support the proposed representative structure as outlined. While representation is important, the current draft does not clearly ensure that Hapū authority, whānau input, and rangatahi perspectives are central to decision-making. Without more defined mechanisms for engagement and accountability, the structure risks marginalising the voices of those most affected. A structure that is by Hapū, for Hapū, and reflects tikanga and whakapapa, is essential.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I do not fully support the proposed voting process. The draft lacks sufficient clarity on how consent will be meaningfully obtained and how all members, including whānau and rangatahi, will be informed and engaged. A fair voting process must allow full transparency, adequate information sharing, and time for considered decision-making, so that all Hapū members can participate knowledgeably and confidently.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I do not fully support the proposed representative structure or voting process. The draft does not guarantee Hapū authority, or meaningful engagement with whānau and rangatahi. Clear informed consent is essential, along with access to information, transparency, and time for considered decision-making. Any mandate must be by Hapū, for Hapū, guided by tikanga and whakapapa, so all members' voices are heard and respected.

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 13:45:29

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

My connection is that the hapū of Whangaroa is putting claims to the bush the my people over in Ngati Toro come from and look after.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Online and very last minute

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No.
Unfair process

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No.
Unfair process with lack of Free, Prior and Informed Hapū Consent

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Do things according to proper tikanga when dealing in the realm of tikanga maori

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ4P-T

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 14:06:16

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██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngātirumahue (Wainui), Ngāti Kawau (Matangirau) and Ngāti Kuri (Matauri).

I personally support this because I want our Hapū to get money so that our hapū can build futures for our mokopuna - Ngāti whatua do health insurance, housing ownership, scholarships etc etc and I want that for our Hapū. I hope to move to Whangaroa and live there eventually and I hope more of our whānau feel the pull to live there too but for it to be easy, and a good option where flourishing happens. Where we can build homes on our whenua and all thrive.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Yes

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Yes

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ4G-H

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 14:14:29

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

No direct connection but belong to a neighboring hapu in the Waihou Valle area.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through whanau of the Hapu I whakapapa to Ngati Hao

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No!!!!

As a descendant of Patuone and a member of Ngati Hao I do not support the proposed representative structure in its current form.

The area that Whangaroa Papa Hapu are seeking mandate for crosses deep into the heart of Ngati Hao whenua at Te Whanekeneke the southern edge of the Puketi Forest.

g(2)(a)

I was taught and shown by my Great Uncle [REDACTED] (my grandmother's younger brother) that any river or creek flowing south of the Omataroa Ridge is Ngati Hao Mana Whenua and any river or creek flowing north is Whangaroa rohe.

Whangaroa Papa Hapu has no rights in Te Rohe o Ngati Hao !

There has been no engagement and or consultation from Whangaroa Papa Hapu as to why they think they have any rights to any area south of Omataroa Ridge in Puketi Forest.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

NO!

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Whagaroa Papa Hapu are not to enter any negotiations with Te Tari Whakatau until their breach into Ngati Hao whenua has been sorted out. And to do this they Whangaroa Papa Hapu must engage and recognize the Mana Whenua Status Ngati Hao has and will always have in Puketi and Te Whakanekeneke as well as Waihou Valley, Utakura Valley and other areas.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ4W-1

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 14:39:24

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██████████ 9(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ 9(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Rahiri settlement
Ngati Toro
Popoto

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau on Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Ē kao
Rushed proposal

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Ē kao
Rushed process

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Wananga mai ...whakapapa hitori

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ47-1

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 15:04:33

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am a descendant of Te Pahi, Ngāti Rua, Taupo Marae

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whakawhanaungatanga

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No. See below

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No. See below

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Tenā koutou,

We submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified. Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with Tikanga and Hapū decision-making. The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through "full and final" settlement and Crown-designed structures. Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect Whakapapa - based Hapū authority. Previous Hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded. Accordingly, We request that:

The mandating process be paused immediately

Submission deadlines be extended

Hapū-led Hui be supported and resourced

An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for Hapū-led, Tikanga-based pathways grounded in true Rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa

██████████ g(2)(a)



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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6X-4

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:41:26

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

What's your email?:

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6S-Y

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:46:18

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whakapapa to:

Te Uri O Te Aho

Te Tahawai

Te Uri Taniwha

Whanau Pani

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through Hapu Hui

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not support the Draft Mandate Strategy.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I do not support the Proposed Voting Process as set out in the Mandate Strategy.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

That the process for the Mandate Draft Strategy stop for further hapu consultation.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ69-5

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:49:12

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I am Ngati Pakahi me Ngati Uru ki Mangaiti marae. 142 Omaunu Rd. Kaeo.
I am Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa and Ngapuhi nui tonu.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through my Aunty. Who is a kaumatua from Mangaiti marae.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, I do not support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft strategy.
I need more time to understand how the crown processes will impact on a legacy I might want to leave for my children and mokopuna.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No. I do not support the proposed voting process.
If this process proceeds I will lose my rights as tangata whenua. Hapu and claimants will be extinguished. Our rangatiratanga will no longer exist. I have much to learn and share if can come together as a whanau and hapū on our marae.
Stop the draft mandate strategy process. We need to acknowledge what has been done to get to this stage and wananga about what we want and how we can work together.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I would hope my generation have been informed better than I have. At least it activates us to contribute.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6T-Z

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:50:45

Share your feedback

1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review Team

From: [REDACTED] i g(2)(a)

Whakapapa: [REDACTED]

Hapū affiliation: Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

Address: [REDACTED]

Location: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: 2 February 2026

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Hapū affiliation: Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

This submission has been written as mana whenua of Ngāti Toro and Ngāti Hao.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Meeting held at Mataitaua marae on the week of submission closing deadline. Whānau communication, not through any formal or consultation process.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

1. Purpose of this Submission

I make this submission to formally call for an immediate pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy. This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in mid-to-late January 2026, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is no clear evidence that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level

A mandate of this scale cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.

3. Inadequate Notice and Unreasonable Timeframes

The current timeframe — including the February 2, 2026 submission deadline — is widely seen as unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making.

The notice period provided for this mandate process has been insufficient for meaningful Hapū engagement. Many whānau members learned of the process only days before the submission deadline, preventing proper consideration and collective decision-making at marae and Hapū levels.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui
 - Space for whānau discussion
 - Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts
- Deadlines imposed by Crown processes should not override Hapū tikanga or authority.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga, particularly through so-called "full and final" settlement clauses.

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures

Such outcomes cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval.

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū whakapapa and tikanga
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles

Hapū authority does not derive from Crown recognition and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

6. History of Hapū Opposition Has Been Ignored

Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the Tūhono process, where a majority of Hapū voted against the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures
- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions
- Further erodes trust in the process

7. Lack of Transparency and Failure to Provide Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents
- Unclear legal consequences
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without full transparency, including access to information through plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary.

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga.

Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent
- Adequate engagement
- Proper timeframes

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing further harm and division.

9. Rangatahi and Whānau Are Not Adequately Engaged

There has been insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

- Involve all generations
- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero
- Reflect long-term collective aspirations

10. Predetermination of Outcome

There is concern that the outcome of this process has been predetermined, with the mandate strategy appearing designed to reach a foregone conclusion rather than genuinely seeking Hapū direction.

A process that predetermines its outcome cannot claim to be consultation or meaningful engagement.

11. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I formally request that:

1. The current mandating process is paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines are extended
3. Further Hapū-led hui are supported and resourced
4. An independent review is undertaken to assess consent, process integrity, and alignment with Hapū authority

A mandate obtained through a defective process cannot cure its own defects. Proceeding would compound the breach, not resolve it.

12. Support for Hapū-Led Alternatives

Opposition to the current mandate does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.

There is strong support for:

- Hapū-led pathways
- Tikanga-based governance models
- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana motuhake

Any future process must be designed by Hapū, for Hapū, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

13. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I urge the Crown and all parties involved to pause, listen, and reset this process in a way that truly honours Hapū authority. Given these unresolved procedural defects, we submit that the Crown cannot lawfully rely on this process and must pause or restart it.

Nāku noa,
Name/Signed [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Date: 2 February 2026

Hapū: Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

Whānau [REDACTED] Ngati Torehina, [REDACTED] Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao 9(2)(a)

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Do support the vote?:

As above.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

As above.

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Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:53:40

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Share your feedback:

Submission to:

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Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review Team

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From:

Whakapapa:

Hapū affiliation: Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Date: 2 February 2026

What's your email?:

g(2)(a)

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Date: 2 February 2026

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Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:56:32

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Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review Team 9(2)(a)

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Submitted on 2026-02-02 16:58:28

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Submitted on 2026-02-02 17:04:34

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A mandate obtained through a defective process cannot cure its own defects. Proceeding would compound the breach, not resolve it.

12. Support for Hapū-Led Alternatives

Opposition to the current mandate does not mean opposition to dialogue or resolution.

There is strong support for:

- Hapū-led pathways.
- Tikanga-based governance models.
- Processes grounded in whakapapa and mana Motuhake.

Any future process must be designed by Hapū, for Hapū, not imposed by Crown frameworks.

13. Closing Statement

The protection of Hapū rangatiratanga is an intergenerational responsibility. Decisions made now will shape the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna.

For these reasons, I urge the Crown and all parties involved to pause, listen, and reset this process in a way that truly honours Hapū authority.

Given these unresolved procedural defects, we submit that the Crown cannot lawfully rely on this process and must pause or restart it.

Nāku noa,

Name: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Signature: _____

Date: 2 February 2026

Hapū: Ngati Whatua, Ngati Hine, Ngati Kawa

Whānau: by marriage - [REDACTED] Ngati Torehina [REDACTED] Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao g(2)(a)

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

above

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

above

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 17:15:35

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1 What is your name?

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Submission to:

Te Tari Whakatau (previously known as Te Arawhiti)

Whangaroa Papa Hapū Mandate Review Team

g(2)(a)

From: [REDACTED]

Whakapapa: [REDACTED]

Hapū affiliation: Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

Address: [REDACTED] g(2)(a)

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: 2 February 2026

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

Submission on behalf of Ngati Toro

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

word of mouth today

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

1. Purpose of this Submission

I make this submission to formally call for an immediate pause and independent review of the proposed Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy. This submission reflects concerns raised at hui held in mid-to-late January 2026, and shared widely among whānau, hapū, and claimants. These concerns relate to process, consent, representation, timing, and the long-term impacts on Hapū rangatiratanga and mana motuhake.

2. Lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Hapū Consent

There is no clear evidence that free, prior, and informed consent has been obtained from Whangaroa Hapū.

Many Hapū, whānau, and claimants:

- Have not been adequately informed about the mandate strategy.
- Have not had access to full information or legal implications.
- Have not been given sufficient opportunity to deliberate or decide at Hapū level.

A mandate of this scale cannot proceed without demonstrable Hapū consent.

3 Inadequate Notice and Unreasonable Timeframes

The current timeframe — including the February 2, 2026 submission deadline — is widely seen as unreasonable and inconsistent with tikanga-based decision-making.

The notice period provided for this mandate process has been insufficient for meaningful Hapū engagement. Many whānau members learned of the process only days before the submission deadline, preventing proper consideration and collective decision-making at marae and Hapū levels.

Hapū processes require:

- Time for kōrero and hui.
 - Space for whānau discussion.
 - Careful consideration of intergenerational impacts.
- Deadlines imposed by Crown processes should not override Hapū tikanga or authority.

4. Risk of Permanent Extinguishment of Hapū Rights

There is serious concern that the proposed mandate and settlement framework risks permanently extinguishing Hapū authority and rangatiratanga, particularly through so-called "full and final" settlement clauses.

These decisions would:

- Bind future generations.
- Remove the ability of Hapū to revisit grievances.
- Lock in Crown-designed governance structures.

Such outcomes cannot be justified without explicit Hapū approval.

5. Crown-Designed Structures Undermine Hapū Authority

The proposed mandate holder and governance structures:

- Do not clearly reflect Hapū whakapapa and tikanga.
- Appear aligned to Crown legal and administrative frameworks.
- Risk reducing Hapū to advisory or symbolic roles.

Hapū authority does not derive from Crown recognition and should not be reshaped to fit Crown convenience.

6. History of Hapū Opposition Has Been Ignored

Hapū have previously expressed clear opposition to similar approaches, including during the Tūhono process, where a majority of Hapū voted against the proposed mandate.

Ignoring this history:

- Repeats known failures.
- Disregards longstanding Hapū positions.
- Further erodes trust in the process.

7. Lack of Transparency and Failure to Provide Full Information

Key concerns remain regarding:

- Limited access to full documents.
- Unclear legal consequences.
- Complex Crown language not explained in plain terms.

Hapū and whānau cannot make informed decisions without full transparency, including access to information through plain-language explanations and Official Information Act disclosures where necessary.

8. Crown Obligations Are Not Being Met

The Crown has an obligation to actively protect Hapū rangatiratanga.

Advancing a mandate without:

- Clear Hapū consent.
- Adequate engagement.
- Proper timeframes.

fails to meet this responsibility and risks causing further harm and division.

9. Rangatahi and Whānau Are Not Adequately Engaged

There has been insufficient engagement with rangatahi, mokopuna, and wider whānau.

Decisions of this magnitude must:

- Involve all generations.
- Create safe and inclusive spaces for kōrero.
- Reflect long-term collective aspirations.

10. Predetermination of Outcome

There is concern that the outcome of this process has been predetermined, with the mandate strategy appearing designed to reach a foregone conclusion rather than genuinely seeking Hapū direction.

A process that predetermines its outcome cannot claim to be consultation or meaningful engagement.

11. Call for an Immediate Pause and Review

I formally request that:

1. The current mandating process is paused immediately.
2. Submission deadlines are extended.
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Nāku noa,
Name/Signed: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

Date: 2 February 2026

Hapū: Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao, Ngati Torehina

Whānau [REDACTED] Ngati Torehina - [REDACTED] Ngati Toro, Ngati Hao 9(2)(a)

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

above

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

above

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Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
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1 What is your name?

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What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Grandfather and Grandmother from that area.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Through cousin

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No. As every hapu has different requirements for the good of their people. Communication is often misconstrued when translating from group to single entity.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No as above

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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Submitted on 2026-02-01 23:48:30

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What's your email?:

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2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Pakahi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Yes

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Through my grandfather and grandmother

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Social media through my cousin

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Absolutely not as each hapū have specific requirements for the welfare and wellbeing of their people

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

Absolutely not as above

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

It is the Government pushing for Mandate causing Claimants to split between groups. So, the Government need to keep themselves out instead of putting one group against the other as it is exactly how they got a Treaty pitting one Tupuna against the others

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6U-1

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-02-02 19:23:07

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

[REDACTED] g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

My tupuna is Rahiri

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau sharing on social media

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

At the hui held at Mataitaua, no clear or credible explanation was provided as to how or why Whangaroa Papa Hapū believe they hold interests or rights over areas that are distinctly Ngāti Hao (as well as Ngāti Toro and other hapū). The overwhelming response from whānau present—from Mangamuka through to Whakanekeneke and all areas in between—was one of opposition to the draft strategy.

We consider the current draft mandate to be fundamentally flawed due to its failure to properly recognise and respect established hapū boundaries, whakapapa-based rights, and existing ahi kā. Proceeding in this manner risks undermining whanaungatanga and creating further division among hapū. Accordingly, we do not support the draft mandate strategy and request that it be reconsidered and amended to remove Ngāti Hao whenua from the proposed mandate area.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No.

I do not support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy.

The process, as proposed, does not adequately recognise or protect whakapapa-based rights and risks excluding whānau and hapū who hold legitimate ancestral connections but may not meet narrowly defined or imposed criteria. Voting on matters of mandate should be grounded first and foremost in whakapapa, tikanga, and demonstrated connection to the whenua and kaupapa, rather than relying on mechanisms that can marginalise rightful voices. Further, the proposed process lacks sufficient transparency around how eligibility is determined, how objections or disputes will be addressed, and how balance will be maintained between inclusivity and authenticity. Without clear, tikanga-aligned safeguards, there is a risk that decisions made under this process could be challenged and lack enduring legitimacy.

A more appropriate approach would be for all hapū to clearly lay out their whakapapa connections, as a starting point, and then collectively agree on a fair and tikanga-consistent process before any voting occurs. This would help ensure that outcomes reflect true representation, unity, and mana rather than division.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Yes.

In addition to concerns about the voting process, I believe the draft mandate strategy requires further work to ensure it genuinely reflects tikanga Māori and protects the mana of all hapū involved.

Firstly, there needs to be clearer recognition of whakapapa as the foundation of participation and decision-making. Mandate should not be rushed or driven by administrative timelines. Taking the time for hapū to kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi, lay out their whakapapa, and address overlaps or disputes openly is essential to building trust and unity.

Secondly, the strategy would benefit from stronger dispute resolution pathways grounded in tikanga, rather than defaulting to external or overly legalistic processes. Clear, agreed-upon steps for resolving disagreements before escalation would help prevent long-term division.

Thirdly, communication with whānau needs to be improved. Information should be shared early, clearly, and in accessible ways, ensuring kaumātua, whānau living away from home, and those less digitally connected are not excluded.

Lastly, I encourage a pause to reflect on the long-term implications of mandate decisions. Once set, these structures are difficult to undo. Getting it right — even if it takes longer — is far more important than moving quickly. The ultimate goal should be kotahitanga, manaakitanga, and outcomes that honour our tūpuna and future generations

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Submitted on 2026-02-02 19:30:44

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What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whanau of Rahiri

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Social media

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No.

This land has been with whanau for generations and should be looked into delicately to ensure all who have a historical connection, remain.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No, the voting system is flawed and strategy should be based on true hapu boundaries.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6F-J

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 19:59:08

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What's your email?:

████████████████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Ngati Rua te hapu I te taha o toku mama.
Ngati Kahu te iwi

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6M-S

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

██████████ g(2)(a)
██████████

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook post

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I, Do not support, but PAUSE the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy. For more talks between whanau me nga Hapu. To clarify any and all concerns. Also read current information being made available

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I, Do not support, but PAUSE the proposed voting process set out in draft mandate strategy. I would to read all information on this matter.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

I want whanau to decide, and not being rushed to make these important and impactful decisions.

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ6C-F

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-02-02 21:44:49

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I do not have whakapapa, customary, or mana whenua connections to ngā hapū of Whangaroa.

I submit as a uri of Ngāti Hao, whose rohe and mana whenua are distinct and separate from Whangaroa. This submission is made in response to concerns that the proposed mandate strategy and area of interest extend significantly into whenua that sits within the recognised rohe of Ngāti Hao.

This submission is therefore not made on the basis of connection to Whangaroa, but to formally record Ngāti Hao opposition to the inclusion of our rohe within the Whangaroa Papa Hapū mandate, and to ensure that any such inclusion is clearly recognised as overlapping and contested.

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

I became aware of the submissions process through publicly available information and through discussion within our (Ngāti Hao) hapū.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No, I do not support the proposed representative structure as it is currently set out in the draft mandate strategy.

My opposition is not directed at the internal governance arrangements of Whangaroa Papa Hapū in principle, but at the fact that the proposed representative structure is intended to negotiate on matters that include whenua within the rohe of Ngāti Hao.

Ngāti Hao is not represented within the proposed structure, nor has consent been sought for our rohe to be included within the mandate or area of interest. As such, the proposed representative body cannot legitimately speak for, negotiate over, or assert interests in whenua that lies outside Whangaroa hapū authority.

Any representative structure established through this mandate must not prejudice the mana whenua, rangatiratanga, or future negotiating position of Ngāti Hao. Until the draft mandate strategy clearly excludes Ngāti Hao rohe, or formally records such areas as overlapping and contested, I do not support the proposed representative structure.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote :

No, I do not support the proposed voting process as set out in the draft mandate strategy.

The voting process is designed to mandate representatives to negotiate on matters that extend beyond the authority of the claimant group, including whenua that sits within the rohe of Ngāti Hao. Ngāti Hao has no representation within, or ability to participate in, this voting process.

A voting process that enables decisions to be made affecting Ngāti Hao rohe, without Ngāti Hao participation or consent, is not appropriate. Until Ngāti Hao rohe is clearly excluded from the scope of the mandate, or explicitly recorded as overlapping and contested, I do not support the proposed voting process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

This submission is made to formally place on record Ngāti Hao opposition to the inclusion of our rohe within the Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy.

Ngāti Hao is a distinct Ngāpuhi hapū with a clearly recognised rohe. Rahiri is the home of our hapū. Ngāti Hao holds long-standing responsibilities as kaitiaki of this whenua and its ngahere, including most of Puketī Ngahere, the Waihou Valley, and Whakanekeneke, extending east toward Lake Ōmāpere and west to the borders of the Hokianga. These responsibilities continue today, with many Ngāti Hao whānau actively engaged in the protection and preservation of our ngahere and whenua.

While it is acknowledged that Whangaroa hapū may hold interests in overlapping boundaries, the area of interest described in the draft mandate strategy extends well beyond any reasonable or historically supported boundary and significantly into Ngāti Hao rohe. The maps accompanying the draft mandate clearly illustrate this overreach.

Ngāti Hao does not consent to the inclusion of its rohe within the Whangaroa Papa Hapū mandate, area of interest, representative structure, or voting process. Any such inclusion must be clearly identified as overlapping and contested, and must not be relied upon by the Crown or any mandated body as evidence of agreement, acquiescence, or shared authority.

This submission is not intended to prevent Whangaroa Papa Hapū from pursuing redress for historical grievances within its own rohe. However, that process must not prejudice the mana whenua, rangatiratanga, or future negotiating position of Ngāti Hao. I expect that the Crown will require clarification and exclusion of Ngāti Hao rohe before progressing any assessment of mandate adequacy.

It is acknowledged that other Ngāti Hao submissions will provide more detailed mātauranga and historical evidence. This submission is intended to support that wider hapū position and to ensure that Ngāti Hao opposition is clearly and formally recorded.

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What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Birthright

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanaungatanga

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No I do not

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I do not

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Come to the marae and get your feedback

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Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQ3C-C

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy
Submitted on 2026-01-27 10:25:00

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Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Whakapapa through my ██████████ from Mangaiti Marae. g(2)(a)

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Word of mouth from my Aunty.

I believe there has not been enough communication (via email, post, social media) and engagement with whānau to continue this process. I also believe the established group 'representing' Whangaroa has not taken the correct steps to gain the mandate/tautoko from the people of Whangaroa.

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

Not at this time. Like I said in the previous question, there has not been enough communication and engagement with whānau to firstly grasp the process and understand what it all means to add constructive feedback.

Without looking too deep into the structure, it looks a lot like the structures used by other iwi I affiliate with, which in hindsight didn't really affirm iwi mana motuhake OR support iwi needs.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No. As above, not until whānau understand and agree with the process.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Pause the process!

- Ensure the people 'representing' Whangaroa, have tautoko of iwi and hapu
- ENGAGE with hapu to make a plan.
- COMMUNICATE this plan.
- REVIEW and REFINE the plan
- Carry out the process and take the people WITH you

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQDS-D

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-27 16:06:35

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I whakapapa to Ngati Kura, Matauri Bay and Ngatirumahoe, Wainui Bay

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

From other whanau

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

I don't know much about it. I just don't like Govt rushing things through like they do.

The people need to have time to consider.

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

I don't know much about it. I just don't like Govt rushing things through like they do.

The people need to have time to consider.

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQDZ-M

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-27 22:06:22

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

I whakapapa to the area through my ancestors

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Whanau told me

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.

Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.

The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through "full and final" settlement and Crown-designed structures.

Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.

Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I/we request that:

1. The mandating process be paused immediately

2. Submission deadlines be extended

3. Hapū led hui be supported and resourced

4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

Response ID ANON-8Z8U-FQD8-J

Submitted to Submissions for Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy

Submitted on 2026-01-27 11:41:33

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1 What is your name?

Share your feedback:

██████████ g(2)(a)

What's your email?:

██████████ g(2)(a)

2 Please describe your connection to ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

What is your whakapapa?:

Next of kin - I'm Samoan

3 How did you hear about this submissions process?

How did you hear about the submissions process?:

Facebook

4 Do you support the proposed representative structure set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do you support?:

No - I'm submitting my wishes for this to be paused so iwis an whanau can decide if this suits them

5 Do you support the proposed voting process set out in the draft mandate strategy? Please provide further details.

Do support the vote?:

No I do not - not enough correspondence has been given and time frames are being rushed without care for the People this will impact the most

6 Do you have any other feedback?

Any other feedback?:

No

From: [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
To: [Ngāpuhi Feedback](#)
Subject: Whangaroa Papa Hapū Draft Mandate Strategy: Formal Request for an Immediate Pause
Date: Monday, 26 January 2026 2:50:20 pm

Tēnā koutou,

I/we submit in opposition to the current Whangaroa Papa Hapū draft mandate strategy and formally request an immediate pause and independent review.

In summary:

- Hapū free, prior, and informed consent has not been clearly obtained or verified.
- Timeframes are rushed and inconsistent with tikanga and hapū decision-making.
- The proposed mandate risks permanently binding present and future generations through “full and final” settlement and Crown-designed structures.
- Representation and governance models do not clearly reflect whakapapa-based hapū authority.
- Previous hapū opposition to similar approaches has been disregarded.

Accordingly, I/we request that:

1. The mandating process be paused immediately
2. Submission deadlines be extended
3. Hapū-led hui be supported and resourced
4. An independent review of mandate and process be undertaken

This is not opposition to resolution, but support for hapū-led, tikanga-based pathways grounded in true rangatiratanga.

Nāku noa,

[REDACTED] 9(2)(a)
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