

Whanganui River Settlement

RATIFICATION RESULTS

WHANGANUI RIVER SETTLEMENT APPROVED

The ratification voting results in respect of the Whanganui River Settlement have now been declared by the independent returning officer, Electionz.com, following the close of voting on 11 July 2014.

The official results in relation to each of the six resolutions on which adults members of Whanganui Iwi were given the opportunity to vote are as follows:

Resolution 1: I support the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement and authorise Brendon Te Tiwha Puketapu, John Maihi, Julie Ranginui, Dardanella Metekingi-Mato and Te Kenehi (Ken) Mair to sign the Deed of Settlement on behalf of Whanganui Iwi.

Result: 95.9% in support (1,391 votes)

4.1% against (59 votes)

Resolution 2: I support the establishment of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui as the Post-Settlement Governance entity to receive and manage settlement redress on behalf of Whanganui Iwi under the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement.

Result: 97.8% in support (1,399 votes)

2.2% against (32 votes)

Resolution 3: I ratify the Trust Deed of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui for the purposes of the Māori Fisheries Act and the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act and agree that Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui should replace Te Whiringa Muka Trust as the Mandated Iwi Organisation and Iwi Aquaculture Organisation for Whanganui Iwi under those Acts.

Result: 96.9% in support (1,385 votes)

3.1% against (45 votes)

Resolution 4: I support the winding up of the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board and the transfer of its assets to Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui as the Post-Settlement Governance Entity for Whanganui Iwi.

Result: 95.9% in support (1,369 votes)

4.1% against (59 votes)

Resolution 5: I support the winding up of the Te Whiringa Muka Trust and the transfer of its assets to Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui as the Post-Settlement Governance Entity for Whanganui Iwi.

Result: 96.8% in support (1,382 votes)

3.2% against (45 votes)

Resolution 6: I support the winding up of the Pakaitore Trust and the transfer of its assets to Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui as the Post-Settlement Governance Entity for Whanganui Iwi.

Result: 96.2% in support (1,376 votes)

3.8% against (54 votes)

These ratification results have now been considered and approved by the Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and the Minister of Māori Affairs on behalf of the Crown.

DEED OF SETTLEMENT SIGNING

The official signing of Ruruku Whakatupua, the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement, between the Crown and Whanganui Iwi will now be held on **Tuesday, 5 August 2014** at **Rūaka Marae**, 4475 Whanganui River Road, Rānana.

The programme for the signing ceremony at Rānana on 5 August is as follows:

8.00am	Pōwhiri - Whanganui hapū and Tūpuna Rohe
9.00am	Pōwhiri - Ngā Mātāwaka o te Motu
10.00am	Pōwhiri – Ministers and officials of the Crown
10.45am	Signing Ceremony and speeches
11.45am	Whakangahau
12.00pm	Lunch

Nau mai, haere mai ki runga o Whanganui nui tonu me ngā uri maha a Ruatipua rāua tahi ko Paerangi. Tautokia mai i runga i te korero a ngā tūpuna e whēnei ana:

He ao āpōpō, he ao tea!

Kūi! Kūi! Whitiwhiti ora!