

**ATTENTION: Review of the Ngāti Rangiteāorere Deed of Trust (03 September 2018)**

1. On 14 June 2013, a deed of trust was signed which established the Ngāti Rangiteāorere Koromatua Council (NRKC) as the post-settlement governance entity (the “Deed”).
2. One of the requirements set in the Deed is to conduct a review of the Deed’s electoral and other voting arrangements.
3. The timeline for this review expired on 14 June 2017. However, High Court proceedings against NRKC brought by Mr Cookson-Ua and Mr Pirika meant the 4-Year Review could not proceed and was bypassed.
4. Mr Pirika then appealed against the High Court decision to the Court of Appeal but this latter appeal was abandoned on 29 May 2018. This left NRKC out of time to complete a Review in time for the 2018 NRKC Trustee Elections.

Independent Facilitators

5. NRKC Trustees have appointed a two-person panel to independently undertake the process of engagement and consultation to carry out the Review. This panel consists of:
 - a. Mr Chris LaHatte: Mr LaHatte is a barrister based in Wellington. Mr LaHatte’s role in the Review is to advise the Trustees of the legal and constitutional implications on the Deed arising from the Cookson-Ua and Pirika High Court case and other matters.
 - b. Mr Rawiri Bhana: Mr Bhana is a tribal member of Ngāti Rangiteāorere but he has not been intimately involved in the political or legal disputes besieging the Tribe. Mr Bhana’s role is to hear all opinions for improving the electoral system. He is expected to consult with interested Rangiteāorere whanau and to seek a balanced input on electoral amendments that could be made to the Deed to improve voting processes.
6. Mr LaHatte and Mr Bhana will then jointly produce a report for discussion by the Trustees no later than 19 October 2018. Any decisions made by the Trustees can then be considered and notified in time for the 24 November 2018 AGM. If adopted, the



review recommendations can then be incorporated into the next 3-year Trustee election cycle, due November 2021.

7. Please direct any questions about the Review to Kahuariki Hancock on 022 6200504