

# HE PĀNUI

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In March 2012 a group of RoM beneficiaries lodged an application with the Waitangi Tribunal seeking an urgent hearing basically challenging TMI mandate yet again. The Tribunal declined the application for an urgent hearing and found amongst other things TMI mandate valid. The Crown continues to have full confidence in TMI mandate to settle the claim.

To complete the claim TMI shall be holding two ratification processes. The first one will be seeking ratification of the RoM Trust which is proposed as the Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) to receive hold and manage RoM historical Treaty Settlement. Pending the outcome of this process and when the Deed of Settlement is initialled TMI will then undertake the ratification process for the Deed of Settlement. This process will also include voting for the Trustees to the RoM Trust.

We completed the ratification process for the PSGE with our last hui in Palmerston North on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. It was a fantastic turnout with over 120 RoM whanau in attendance.

As the Principal Negotiator I am very pleased to report that the Minister in Charge for Treaty Negotiations and the Minister for Maori Development have considered the results of the ratification of the proposed Rangitāne o Manawatu Post Settlement Governance Entity.

They advised in January 2015, they consider the overall results demonstrate sufficient support from the Rangitāne o Manawatu claimant community for the RoM Settlement Trust to be established to receive and manage the settlement redress.

This now paves the way for us to complete the settlement including the Trustee election process and ratification of the initialled Deed of Settlement once initialled.