Ngāti Tara Tokanui Post Settlement Governance Entity Newsletter

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## Mihi

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karangaranga he mihi mahana ki a koutou Ngāti Tara Tokanui iwi whanui tena ra koutou Katoa

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of the Ngāti Tara Tokanui Post Settlement Governance Entity (The Ngāti Tara Tokanui Trust). We are sending you this newsletter to share information regarding COVID-19 and to update you regarding a number of urgent matters that have resulted from our work.

### COVID-19

These are unprecedented times, things have changed for us all. We do not intend to repeat government warnings or guidelines but, to link you to Hauraki based organizations that have received COVID-19 related funding and or provide services aimed at supporting whanau through these difficult times. We recognize our iwi live globally and apologize we do not have information relating to organizations outside of the Hauraki rohe. Our main agencies are the Hauraki Maori Trust Board: Social services and Te Korowai o Hauraki. A list of local organizations is attached at the end of this panui.

### **IWI PLANNING**

Over the next few months we had intended to conduct iwi strategic planning hui, kaumatua and iwi interviews relating to the Kaimai Windfarms and commence the in-depth partnership hui with Tauranga Moana iwi, local Schools and government agencies. Working from a virtual platform, much of this work continues however aspects involving person to person contact will be postponed, until further notice.

This first edition is to provide you with information relating to COVID 19 and advise you of two key strategies that were due to 'rollout' over the coming months.

Nga mihi nui: on behalf of the Ngāti Tara Tokanui Post Settlement Governance Entity.

# Naumai Haere mai

# Welcome by the Chair

Thank you for accepting this newsletter we have accessed your contact details from our iwi register. Your information remains confidential to the Trust it is not shared, publicly discussed or changed in any manner. These are interesting times and we look forward to any response you may have regarding the matters raised in this newsletter.

Amelia Williams

### **Contact Us**

If you have any queries or would like to register to Ngāti Tara Tokanui let us know

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### Kaimai Windfarms

Kaimai Wind Farms Limited (KWF) has lodged resource consent applications with Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council for a large-scale wind farm located on the Pukemokemoke, Mangamutu Blocks in the southern part of the Hauraki tribal region where the Kaimai Ranges connects to Te Paeroa o Toi range in the north.

Resource consents are sought by KWF to construct 24 large scale wind turbines between 180 metres and 207 metres high. Other structures include a substation, two lattice transmission towers, two overhead power lines, and 18.9km of on-site roading. The wind farm will cover 1304 hectares at 771 and 604 Rotokohu road and 6356 SH26. The resource consent applications were publicly notified on 28 November 2018 and the submission period closed on 31 January 2019. Between both Councils, 363 submissions were received, of which 253 were against and 99 in support with 11 neutral submissions. Alongside other Hauraki and on behalf of Ngati Tara Tokanui iwi the Trust also submitted strongly opposing the KWF proposal.

As a part of the Resource Consent process the developers KWF are obliged to complete a Cultural Values Assessment 'CVA' which is a comprehensive plan setting out how the development may have potential to adversely affect iwi relationships, values, tikanga over the above land.

It is proposed to conduct the CVA over a 6-month period overseen by a Steering Group and bringing the final document together through wananga, interviews and hui supported by a project manager, cultural specialists including writer and secretariat support.

Face to face hui and wananga are also planned. These are now suspended given COVID-19. If you would like to participate in a telephone interview relating to the Windfarms please send your contact details to: Tennile Hirama tennillehirama@yahoo.co.nz

The purpose of this panul is to express our support and to advise that the strategic planning exercises and feedback information hull will be called when the issues of COVID-19 are resolved.

Take care, keep safe whanau. Kia haumaru te noho me ngā Manaakitanga o te Runga Rawa. Na matou ko Tennille on behalf of the Ngāti Tara Tokanui Trust (Post Settlement Governance Entity)

# Ministry of Education Co-designed lwi Scholarships

The Trust is seeking to work alongside MOE to design and develop a new scholarship programme to best support Māori Rangatahi into an initial teacher education programme. This will include supporting and guiding iwi applicants through the programme to graduation, and then into a teaching role and full certification.

Through an iwi-based teaching support package we are seeking to offer an iwi-based Uri scholarship of 4 Rangatahi to complete the programme.

At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest. If you have aspiring Rangatahi and or Ngāti Tara Tokanui Uri who would like to be supported through a teaching degree, we would be keen to hear from you.

Please contact Tennille Hirama via email at tennillehirama@yahoo.co.nz

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