

Laura Bowman

From: official information
Sent: Wednesday, 7 July 2021 5:57 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: RESPONSE - LGOIMA 21188 - [REDACTED] - Correspondence between Mayors Office and Waikato Tainui (and its Representatives) or King Tuheitia, relating to Maori Wards.
Attachments: 1. RE Request for SOLGM_Redacted.pdf; 2. Urgent Maori Wards_Redacted.pdf; 3. RE Urgent Maori Wards_Redacted.pdf; 4. RE Urgent Maori Wards_Redacted.pdf; 5. Re Maori Wards_Redacted.pdf; 6. RE Submissions_Redacted.pdf; Compilation of further Correspondence.pdf

Kia Ora Nikki,

I refer to your **information request below**.

Please find attached all relevant correspondence, as per your request.

As per S 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA, we have made some necessary redactions to protect the privacy of the natural persons.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

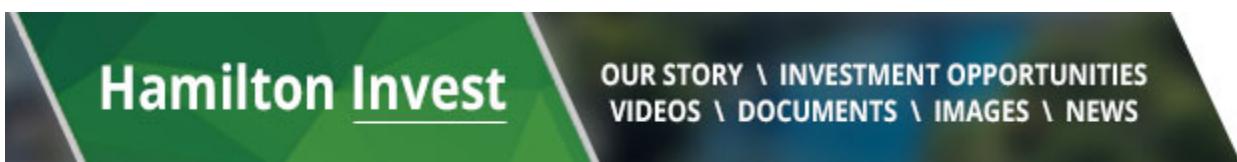
Kind Regards,

Tatiyana | Official Information & Legal Support Advisor
Legal Services & Risk | People and Organisational Performance
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 7:09 am
To: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Maori wards correspondence

Hi

Could I please be provided with the following under the Local Government Official Information Act:

Copies of any correspondence including letters emails and reports between the mayor's office and Waikato Tainui or its representatives and / or King Tūheitia or his office relating to Maori wards. The timeframe for this correspondence should be between January and June 2021.

I calculate the 20 working day deadline to be no later than 7 July.

If you require any clarification around my request please don't hesitate to contact me prior to this.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
New Zealand Herald
[REDACTED]

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Tatiyana Taunoa

From: Ngira | Kiingitanga <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 2 April 2021 7:37 pm
To: James Clarke
Subject: Re: Request for SOLGM award application be withdrawn immediately

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Kia ora James,
It's a difficult position we are all in now and it will take some time.

The decision of Council comes as a big disappointment for Maaori. What's hard for us to understand is the decision isn't made by us. And the Council's promise of inclusion seems far off and distant. It's also hard that the decision is delayed in the name of further discussion and conversation - but that's on a Pakeha timeline. And the comments from the Deputy Mayor are what infuriate the iwi the most.

Conversation about partnership for us began when the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in this region. Generically we say 6 Feb 1840, but that's not the date it was signed by Waikato. But, the general timeline for us is still in that era.

Maaori Wards are denied because Paakeha aren't ready for it. Doesn't make sense to us. After everything we've been through as a people, this is hard to take. It's affirmation for us that we are not at the table. This will take a lot of work to overcome and the fallout isn't over yet.

Most of this I'm sure won't come as a surprise to you. I don't know what comes next. But its important we just keep talking and working through difference.

Enjoy your long weekend.
Ngira

Archdeacon Ngira Simmonds
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From: James Clarke [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:58:27 PM
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Request for SOLGM award application be withdrawn immediately

Kia ora Ngira,

Great to catch up with you yesterday. Further to our chat, I thought worth flagging this email that has just landed in my inbox. I appreciate tensions are high and I'm sure we'll regroup with Waikato Tainui as soon as we can to see how we can work together most effectively. (I'm just sending now as I'm not round next week.)

I should flag that Paula has already commissioned staff, off the back of today's resolution, to start work on how we can deliver on our commitment to strengthen meaningful representation and participation of Maaori across all levels of Council activity following the adoption of He Pou Manawa Ora. She believes in this passionately, and we look forward to working with Kiingitanga, Waikato Tainui and others on this.

Ngaa mihi,
James

James Clarke
Director of Mayor's Office
DDI: [REDACTED]

Apologies for brevity and any typos – I'm typing with a broken thumb.

From: Ikimoke Tamaki-Takarei [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:06:45 PM
To: Nathanael Savage [REDACTED]; Simone van Asbeck [REDACTED]
Alastair Black [REDACTED] Tahl Lawrence [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Request for SOLGM award application be withdrawn immediately

Kia ora koutou,

Due to the backlash of today's decision not to support Maori ward within HCC, our Governance Chair of Te Ara Taura Linda Te Aho has requested the withdrawal of the SOLGM as per email below.

Please withdraw our support to this award. This request is non-negotiable.

Apologies for any implications caused.

Ikimoke

From: Linda Te Aho [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 1 April 2021 15:54
To: Ikimoke Tamaki-Takarei [REDACTED]
Cc: Donna Flavell [REDACTED] Jason Ake [REDACTED] Jackie Colliar [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; PareKa [REDACTED] Ngira Simmonds [REDACTED]

Subject: Request for SOLGM award application be withdrawn immediately

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Waikato DHB IS

Kia ora Ikimoke,

I understand the the HCC has applied for a Local Government Award (SOLGM) for partnership at Peacockes. I request on behalf of Waikato Tainui that the application be withdrawn immediately on the basis that:

The partnership has been fraught and the HCC has voted today to deny Maaori guaranteed representation, by deciding not to establish wards in the 2022 elections. We have issued a press release criticising the Council's decision and I will be conducting interviews this evening.

Please let me know if you have any issues regarding this request.

Ngaa mihi,

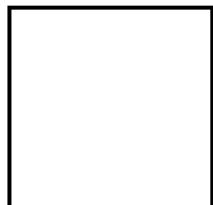
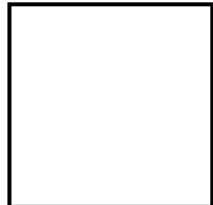
Linda.

Linda Te Aho | Chair, Te Arataura

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Tatiyana Taunoa

From: Paula Southgate
Sent: Monday, 5 April 2021 9:49 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Urgent Maori Wards
Attachments: Letter to Kiingi Tuheitia.docx



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
HAMILTON

King Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII
Turangawaewae House
2 Eye Street
Ngaruawahia

5 April 2021

Dear Kingi Tuheitia

I write to you this evening seeking urgent assistance on an issue which is causing me great heartache.

You will know that last week a vote at Hamilton City Council, which sought to establish Maaori wards in Hamilton in time for the 2022 election, failed. The vote failed because some Councillors were concerned that introducing Maaori wards without having a discussion with our wider community, would be hugely divisive.

A second vote that day, proposed by me, sought to do the best I could in the circumstances given I knew the vote would be lost. It aimed to keep the issue of Maaori Wards on the table, as well as undertake other actions to improve Maaori representation. In doing so, Council committed to using He Pou Manawa Ora as a basis for action, knowing this strategy has been developed alongside Maaori and indeed, has your personal support.

The second vote was supported unanimously by all Councillors. Nonetheless, I know that many within Maaoridom, including Maaori leaders for whom I have enormous respect, are bitterly disappointed my Council did not deliver the outcome they wanted. I know some people are also disappointed in me personally and I feel this very deeply. It has been an extremely challenging few days but I am utterly determined to move forward and encourage my Council to reach a decision that will be good for our entire city.

Over Easter weekend, I have done everything possible to encourage my Council colleagues to revisit this decision. While the timeframe is tight, I believe that with your support and assistance, there may be a way forward. I am very hopeful I have done enough over this weekend, and previously, to get an outcome which better reflects the desires of Maaori and will culminate in Maaori wards by 2022.

I am asking for your assistance to facilitate and support an urgent hui with Linda and Parekawhia, whom I have also written to. Given timing pressures (driven by legislation) I would be ready to meet at the earliest possible convenience of all parties. I appreciate your wise counsel and remain extremely appreciative of any assistance you may be able to offer.

With warm regards



Paula

Tatiyana Taunoa

From: Paula Southgate
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2021 10:36 am
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga
Cc: Rochelle Miller
Subject: Re: Urgent Maori Wards

Nga mihi kia koe,
That is perfect. I will alert you if I decide to bring anyone but will be approaching Tame.
Paula

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From: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:20:46 AM
To: Paula Southgate [REDACTED] >
Cc: Rochelle Miller [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Urgent Maori Wards

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Teenaa koe Your Worship,
Kiingi Tuheitia this morning received your letter.

In full transparency, the King received news of Council's decision with sadness and disappointment. Your letter brings an opportunity for justice and restoration, which the King welcomes.
Kiingi Tuheitia will be happy to meet with you on Thursday, 8 April, at 10am in his Offices at Hopuhopu (Waikato-Tainui Endowed College).

You are welcome to bring a few people as kaitautoko to support you, should you wish.

Paimaarire,



Archdeacon Ngira Simmonds
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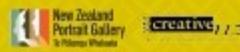
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Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:49 PM

To: Ngira | Kiingitanga <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Urgent Maori Wards

Tatiyana Taunoa

From: James Clarke
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2021 10:39 am
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga
Subject: Re: Urgent Maori Wards

Thanks Ngira.

James Clarke
Director of Mayor's Office
[REDACTED]

From: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:26:38 AM
To: James Clarke [REDACTED] >
Subject: FW: Urgent Maori Wards

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Hi James,
Response to the Mayors letter from the King is below.

Paimaarie,



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Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Paula Southgate <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Rochelle.Miller <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Urgent Maori Wards

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Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:49 PM
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Urgent Maori Wards

Tatiyana Taunoa

From: Paula Southgate
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2021 11:08 am
To: Linda Te Aho
Subject: Re: Maori Wards

Who will be attending with you? Ryan and I have been closely working together.

On 6/04/2021, at 10:58 AM, Paula Southgate [REDACTED] >
wrote:

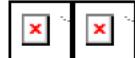
Kia Ora. I can do. I'm meeting with Kiangi Tuheitia Thursday. Where do you suggest?

On 6/04/2021, at 10:53 AM, Linda Te Aho [REDACTED] >
wrote:

Kia ora Paula,

Pare and I are available to meet today at 12-1 if you are free. We can meet in town.
Linda.

Linda Te Aho | Chair, Te Arataura
Mobile: [REDACTED] | Tel: [0800 TAINUI](tel:0800TAINUI)
Email: [REDACTED] | Web: www.waikatotainui.com
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From: Paula Southgate [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, 5 April 2021 10:12 PM
To: Linda Te Aho <[REDACTED]>; PareKa <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Maori Wards
Importance: High

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Tena korua Linda and Parekawhia

This weekend has been a very difficult one for me, as I imagine it has been for you, your colleagues and whanau.

I have heard directly the feedback from Maaori in regard to the decisions made by Council last week, specifically from Waikato-Tainui. I know you and your people personally feel disappointed and angry; I acknowledge that and I understand that.

I am also deeply saddened by what has occurred and this weekend I have focused my energy on finding a way forward which would encourage my Council to revisit this decision.

Today I have written to Kingi Tuheitia seeking his assistance to help us find a path which I hope may lead more quickly to Maaori Wards.

I advised Kingi Tuheitia that last week I sought to do the best I could in the circumstances, given I knew the vote to introduce Maaori Wards by 2022 would be lost. My motion aimed to keep the issue of Maaori Wards on the table, as well as undertake other actions to improve Maaori representation.

While the second vote was supported unanimously by all Councillors, I know this did not deliver the outcome you wanted.

Over Easter weekend, I have done everything possible to encourage my Council colleagues to revisit this decision. While the timeframe is tight, I believe there may be a way forward. I am hopeful I have done enough over this weekend, and previously, to get an outcome which better reflects the desires of Maaori and will culminate in Maaori wards by 2022.

I have asked Kingi Tuheitia for his assistance in facilitating and supporting an urgent hui. Given timing pressures (driven by legislation) I would be ready to meet soon as possible and sincerely hope you would also be willing to do that.

I believe we all want the same thing but I will need your assistance to help me get there.

Regards

Paula

Tatiyana Taunoa

From: James Clarke
Sent: Monday, 17 May 2021 9:04 am
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga
Subject: Re: Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards

Great, see you tomorrow. If you give your name to reception, one of us will come down and get you.

James Clarke
Director of Mayor's Office
DDI: [REDACTED]

From: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 2:57:09 PM
To: James Clarke [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards

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Yes that's perfect!

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From: James Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 12:47:29 PM
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga <[REDACTED].com>
Subject: Re: Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards
[REDACTED].

4.30 Tuesday works well. Shall we meet in Paula's office? If you agree with this approach, I'll tell Tame that this will be a less formal meeting for which he's not required, and that we'll look to organise a more formal meeting with the King in a couple of weeks, for which we would like his involvement.

Best,
James

James Clarke
Director of Mayor's Office
DDI: [REDACTED]

From: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 8:16:34 PM
To: James Clarke <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards

Kia ora James,
Unfortunately the King won't be able to meet with Paula prior to Wednesday. We just can't squeeze it in the diary and we have to balance things [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I can meet with Mayor Paula, to receive her update on the King's behalf, on Tuesday afternoon at 4.30pm. If that's acceptable we can lock it in.

Our apologies, we can still look to a meeting in around 2 weeks time for a general update and catch up between the King and Mayor.

Every best wish,
Ngira

Archdeacon Ngira Simmonds

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From: James Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 9:50:35 AM
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED] >
Subject: Fwd: Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards

As discussed (sorry I had to run yesterday; look forward to hearing from you).

James

James Clarke
Director of Mayor's Office
DDI: [REDACTED]

From: Hamilton City Council <ourhamilton@hcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 09:30

To: James Clarke

Subject: Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards

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Submissions indicate support for Maaori wards

Community consultation has indicated support for enhanced Maaori representation, including Maori wards, at Hamilton City Council.

Council's consultation on Maaori wards and other means of achieving Maaori representation has closed, with 994 people sharing their voice between 16 April and 10 May.

The consultation sought a range of views on how Council can extend its commitment to making sure Maaori are best represented in its decision-making process.

Staff analysis indicates that more than four out of five people who submitted (81%) favoured Council introducing Maaori wards to achieve better representation.

Submissions in support of Maaori wards gave three clear themes for their views:

- direct input into decision making by Maaori and voting rights on Council
- addressing obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- greater Maaori representation from the community.

Another 16% of submitters indicated they did not favour Maaori wards. The themes in their submissions were:

- Maaori wards would be divisive in the city.
- Maaori can currently stand for election in existing wards.
- Maaori currently have an equal opportunity to have their say.

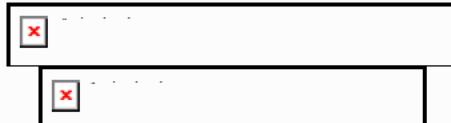
A decision on whether or not to introduce Maaori wards will be made at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 19 May.

While submitters could suggest other alternatives for Maaori representation, such as maintaining Council's Maangai Maaori model, those options won't be considered at next week's meeting.

If Council does resolve to introduce Maaori wards, a wider review of its representation arrangements would take place later this year. However, a decision to introduce Maaori wards would be binding for the 2022 and 2025 local government elections.

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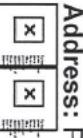
From: Marae [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 30 March 2021 10:15 am
To: Paula Southgate; Jim [REDACTED]; Allan [REDACTED]
Cc: Garry Dyet; Richard Briggs; Gavin Ion; Gary Knighton; Muna Wharawhara; Sam [REDACTED]; Donna [REDACTED]; Manaaki [REDACTED]
Subject: Waikato-Tainui: Position on Maori Wards
Attachments: 2021-03-26 - Letter to Councils - Maori Wards.pdf

Tenaa koutou e ngaa koromatau;

Please find attached a letter from the Chair of Te Arataura, Linda Te Aho and our CEO, Donna Flavell, which sets out Waikato-Tainui's position on Maori Wards.

We look forward to seeing you and / or your representatives tomorrow at the Joint hui with our Partner Councils which is taking place at our Tribal Parliament, Hopuhopu, where we will discuss this and other important matters.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Marae Tukere | General Manager, Development and Wellbeing
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26 March 2021

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Teenaakoutou e ngaa Rangatira

WAIKATO -TAINUI POSITION ON MAAORIWARDS

He honore, he kororia, he maungarongo ki te mana o te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngaa tangata katoa. Pai Marire.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm for you, once again, Waikato-Tainui's position on the introduction of Maori wards across our rohe.

Waikato-Tainui celebrate the removal of legislative provisions that have allowed a percentage of the general public to deny Maori from having guaranteed representation in local government. We acknowledge the swift action of Minister Nanaia Mahuta who has listened to the champions of this cause, despite trenchant opposition.

We are pleased that the amended legislation will be in effect for the next round of local body elections, and we encourage councils to be bold in the face of inevitable challenge. We note that Waipaa District Council has indicated that they will move to introduce Maori wards to the Council in May 2021 and we congratulate Mayor Mylchreest and his councillors on this action.

Waikato-Tainui has advocated for representation at local government levels for many years. This work has been instrumental in establishing Maangai Maori appointments at Hamilton City Council and Waikato District Council. Similar positions are in place at Waipaa District Council. Maangai in these positions have voting rights on key committees, and the model works well because Maangai bring exceptional skills and experience. Their contribution also adds necessary diversity rendering local government more representative of the peoples in their communities and provides for more robust and sustainable decision-making.

We urge Councils to retain these positions even if they vote to establish Maori wards. We look forward to discussing our views with councils in our rohe at our joint hui at our Tribal Parliament next week.

Local government decisions affect our everyday lives. The inclusion of Maori in all levels of decision-making goes some way for Councils to act honourably and in accordance with the provisions of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Inclusion also aligns with international Indigenous rights instruments adopted by the New Zealand government.

Maori have rights to a decisive voice in decisions that affect us directly. Moreover, it makes sense for us to work together with local communities in the governance and management of the landscapes and ecosystems we live in and near. For these reasons, it is critical that Maori are at the forefront of co-designing the proposed new legislative regime for resource management that is being progressed at haste

We commend this legislative change as a step in the right direction. Having said that, we would like to see further improvement.

Following a legacy of having been denied the right to vote, Maaori have guaranteed seats for Maaori in Parliament to ensure participation. We are of the view that there should also be guaranteed seats on every council. We have a successful model operating at Waikato Regional Council where two Maaori wards have been in place for some years and we recommend this model as a way forward for councils when they come to consider the establishment of wards.

This is an opportunity for local government to give effect to the promise of partnership.

Kia manawanui taatou.



Linda Te Aho
**CHAIR, TE ARATAURA
TE WHAKAKITENGA O WAIKATO INC**

Donna Flavell
**TUMU WHAKARAE
TE WHAKAKITENGA O WAIKATO INC**

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Tatiyana Taunoa

Subject:

Joint Hui

Location: Tribal Parliament, Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu

Start: Wed 31/03/2021 9:30 am

Shaw Time: **End:** **Wednesday 31/03/2021 12:30 pm** **Tentative**

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Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Mārāe Tukēre

Kia ora all,

Please see invite from Waikato Tainui. I have not RSVP'd on anyone's behalf. I am assuming that councillors on the Co-Governance committee will have the opportunity to attend. Although it seems all councillors are welcome to attend.

Muna

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Marae Tukere

To: Marae Tukere

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Subject: Waikato-Tainui and Partner Councils under Joint Management Agreements: Joint Hui
When: Wednesday, 31 March 2021 09:30-12:30 (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Kia ora koutou;

We are pleased to extend an invitation to this hui where Waikato-Tainui Chair of Te Arataura Linda Te Aho and Te Arataura members will discuss our priorities for the next 3 years with our partner councils under our respective Joint Management Agreements.

We would be pleased if you could extend this invitation to your Chair/ Mayors and Councillors. Please RSVP to **Hinerangi [REDACTED]** by **Wednesday 24 March 2021** and advise of any dietary requirements. We look forward to hosting you.

Agenda:

- 1) Mihi whakatau / karakia
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Purpose of hui and presentation of Waikato Tainui priorities (including annual work programme and Strategic Work Programme with Councils for the next 3 years)
- 4) Open Discussion
- 5) Closing Comments from Chair and previous
- 6) Lunch

Supporting papers will be sent out closer to the date.

Ngaa mihi o te waa
Marae [REDACTED]
GM, Oranga
Waikato-Tainui

7/4/2021

Tatiyana Taunoa

From: Ngira | Kiingitanga [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 April 2021 11:11 am
To: Paula Southgate
Cc: Rochelle Miller; Linda Te Aho [REDACTED]; Parekawhia McLean
Subject: Re: Urgent Maori Wards

Warning! This message was sent from outside your organization and we are unable to verify the sender.

Morena e te Mea, e te rangatira.

I regret to advise that your schedule meeting with Kiingi Tuheitia has been cancelled.

The King received with some shock and disappointment the Press Releases from both your Office and Waikato-Tainui. Your letter invited the assistance of the King with this matter, particularly in calling for a meeting with yourself, Parekawhia and Linda, as Chairs of the King's iwi entities. However the meeting has already taken place and the assistance of the King was not taken.

While the outcome of the meeting itself is what the King had hoped for, the issue of Mana Arikhi has been put under stress by requesting assistance from the King then proceeding without him anyway, despite his offer.

The King is disappointed by the actions and circumstances now faced before us all.

I regret to advise that this decision will not be revisited.

Kia u ki te pai.
Paimaarei

Archdeacon Ngira Simmonds
Ranga Tiki | Chief of Staff
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From: Paula Southgate <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 6 April 2021, 10:36 am
To: Ngira | Kiingitanga

Cc: Rochelle Miller
Subject: Re: Urgent Maori Wards

Nga min ki a koe,
That is perfect. I will alert you if I decide to bring anyone but will be approaching Tame.
Paula

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From: Ngira | KIingitanga <
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:20
To: Paula Southgate
Cc: Rochelle Miller <
Subject: RE: Urgent Maori Wards

Teenaa koe Your Worship,
Kingi Tuheitia this morning received your letter.

In full transparency, the King received news of Council's decision with sadness and disappointment. Your letter brings an opportunity for justice and restoration, which the King welcomes. King Tuheitia will be happy to meet with you on Thursday, 8 April, at 10am in his Offices at Hopuhopu (Waikato-Tainui Endowed College).

Paimaare.



Archdeacon Ngira Simmonds
Ranga Tiki | Chief of Staff

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