

MANDATING PLAN: INFORMATION SHEET

The Runanga is aware of its responsibility to create the most transparent, fair and robust mandating process possible. The process by which the Runanga will seek a mandate from Ngati Whatua consists of the following three broad phases.

Phase I: Pre-hui communications

Public notifications will be made during this period regarding the Runangas mandate proposal and the information hui that will be held to present and discuss the proposal.

In addition, voting packs regarding the Runangas mandate proposal will be distributed to all adult members on the Runangas iwi roll.

Phase II: Information Hui

The Runanga will hold eight hui around the country to present its mandate proposal to its beneficiaries and to provide an opportunity for Ngati Whatua to discuss the proposal with Runanga representatives. The schedule of hui is as follows:

17 May 2008	10am	Te Houhanga marae (Northern Wairoa takiwa)
18 May 2008	10am	Tirarau marae (Whangarei takiwa)
20 May 2008	10am	Copthorne Hotel, Durham St, Christchurch
21 May 2008	10am	Copthorne Hotel, Oriental Bay, Wellington
22 May 2008	10am	Alcamo Hotel, Ulster St, Hamilton
24 May 2008	10am	Puatahi marae (South Kaipara takiwa)
26 May 2008	10am	Orakei marae (Orakei takiwa)
27 May 2008	10am	Otamatea marae (Otamatea takiwa)

Phase III: Voting

This phase will involve registered adult members of the Runanga casting their votes on whether to accept or reject the Runangas mandate proposal. This will occur by way of postal ballot. The Runanga considers this to be the most appropriate way to allow for the wider Ngati Whatua membership to participate in the mandating process.

By this stage in the process, public notifications will have been made regarding the Runangas mandate proposal with a description of how the voting will occur. As well, all registered adult members of the Runanga will have been provided with a voting pack explaining the mandate proposal in detail, and beneficiaries will have had the opportunity to discuss the mandate proposal with Runanga representatives. The mandating plan has been designed so that by this phase, voting members should have been provided with sufficient information about the Runangas mandate proposal to be able to make an informed decision.

When this process is completed, the Runanga will submit a Deed of Mandate to the Crown.