

## Ngati Whatua Mandate

26 JUNE 2008

Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua has sought a mandate from Ngati Whatua to enter into negotiations with the Crown on their behalf for the comprehensive settlement of all of the remaining historical claims of Ngati Whatua (that is, the iwi claims and the outstanding hapu claims).

In May 2008, the Runanga held eight hui around the country to present its mandate proposal and to provide an opportunity for Ngati Whatua to discuss the proposal with the Runanga. Registered adult members of the Runanga were asked to vote by way of postal ballot on the mandate proposal.

The Runanga has received the report of the Independent Returning Officer and the voting results are as follows:

	No. of votes	% of votes
Valid votes	634	84.4
Invalid votes	117	15.6
<b>Total votes received</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Acceptance of Runanga's mandate proposal	606	95.6
Rejection of Runanga's mandate proposal	28	4.4
<b>Total valid votes</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The voting results will be publicly notified in national print media (the NZ Herald and the Dominion Post) as well as the Northern Advocate, the Waikato Times and The Press.

The Runanga wishes to thank all those who participated in the voting process. The Runanga will submit the voting results along with its Deed of Mandate to the Crown in July 2008.