

POSTAL BALLOT: INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet addresses a series of matters that are often queried during the course of a voting process. If a matter in which you seek clarification is not covered here, please contact the Information Officer at the Runanga on 09 470 0720 or at runanga@ngatiwhatua.iwi.nz

Voter eligibility

All of the following criteria must be met to deem you eligible to vote:

- you must be of Ngati Whatua descent;
- you must be 18 years of age or older before the end of the voting period; and
- you must be a registered member of the Runanga. If you have not already registered, please contact the Information Officer and request an application for enrolment form. In this situation, any vote cast will be referred to as a special vote and will only be considered valid once the application for enrolment has been accepted.

Voting period

The period for voting begins on 17 May 2008 and ends on 11 June 2008. Votes can only be submitted during this period.

Voting rules

Each voter can only vote once.

Voters must use the original voting paper provided; photocopies will not be accepted. If you make an error on the voting paper, please contact the Information officer at the Runanga who will provide you with a replacement voting paper.

The voting form must be completed and signed by the registered member.

The votes will be authenticated by the Independent Returning Officer whose judgment will be final. A voting paper will be deemed invalid if:

- a replacement voting paper has been issued for the same number (where a replacement voting paper has been issued, the original voting paper is no longer valid)
- the vote is not clearly marked in indelible ink
- it has been altered in such a way that the voting decision is not clear
- the voting number is not able to be reconciled with the iwi roll
- it is post-marked after 11 June 2008.

Results

The results of the postal ballot process will be notified in a public notice in national and regional print media as well as on the Runanga website www.ngatiwhatua.iwi.nz on 28 June 2008.