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NGĀTI HEI CLAIMS SETTLEMENT BILL: SECOND READING

LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT

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Overview

The Ngāti Hei Claims Settlement Bill (the Bill) gives effect to elements of the Ngāti Hei Deed of Settlement (the Deed), which rely on legislation to be enacted and implemented.

The Ngāti Hei settlement package will finally and comprehensively settle all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Hei. It includes Crown apology redress, cultural redress, and commercial and financial redress of \$8.5 million.

The following is a brief overview of the Bill's provisions:

Apology redress

This Bill contains a summary of the historical account of the relationship between the Crown and Ngāti Hei. It also contains the Crown's acknowledgements of, and apology for, its breaches of Te Tiriti/the Treaty of Waitangi with regard to Ngāti Hei.

Cultural redress

Cultural redress is intended to recognise the cultural, historical, and traditional associations of Ngāti Hei within their area of interest. The Bill provides for the implementation of a number of cultural redress instruments:

Vesting of properties

The Bill vests fifteen sites, specified in Schedule 1, in Ngāti Hei as cultural redress properties. Of these, four sites will be vested in fee simple and eleven sites as reserves. Two other properties will be jointly vested with other iwi in fee simple to be administered as reserves