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NGĀTI TARA TOKANUI CLAIMS SETTLEMENT BILL: SECOND READING LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT

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Overview

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

The Ngāti Tara Tokanui settlement package will finally and comprehensively settle all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Tara Tokanui. It includes Crown apology redress, cultural redress, and commercial and financial redress of \$6 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 Tara Tokanui. It also contains the Crown's acknowledgements of, and apology for, its breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles with regard to Ngāti Tara Tokanui.

Cultural redress

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

Vesting of properties

The Bill vests nine sites, specified in Schedule 1, in Ngāti Tara Tokanui as cultural redress properties. Of these, three sites will be vested in fee simple, four as reserves and two subject to conservation covenant. Two of these sites are joint sites with other iwi.

Protocols

The Bill requires the issuance, by the responsible Minister, of the following protocols:

- Primary Industries Protocol; and
- Taonga Tūturu Protocol.

These protocols set out how the responsible agencies will interact with and consult the Ngāti Tara Tokanui Trust (the Ngāti Tara Tokanui Post-Settlement Governance Entity) when carrying out statutory duties and functions.

Statutory acknowledgements

The statutory acknowledgements acknowledge statements of association by Ngāti Tara Tokanui of their particular cultural, historical, spiritual and traditional association with areas specified in Part Two and Schedule 3 of the Bill.

Whenua rāhui classification

The Bill provides for a whenua rāhui classification over the area of land specified in Schedule 2.

Commercial redress

The Bill sets out the conditions for the transfer of one deferred selection property specified in Subpart one in Ngāti Tara Tokanui and the vesting of certain Crown owned minerals in the trustees or the Pouraua Farm Limited Partnership.