

## Ngati Porou Trust Deed Review

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### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRUST DEED:**

Te Taurahere o Ngati Porou ki Poneke is proposing three key amendments to the Ngati Porou Trust Deed.

They are:

1. Amend the Runanganui Structure.
2. Amend the Representation Model.
3. Implement a financial distribution model into the Trust Deed.

#### **1) Change the Runanganui structure. Re-establish its purpose.**

**WHY:** To shift the balance of decision-making and financial resources away from one central body, TRONPnui, and support the development of Ngati Porou at hapu, community and taurahere level. The TRONPnui among other things, should be a facilitator-coordinator rather than a competitor for Ngati Porou resources.

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

- a) Remove the need for the TRONPnui's huge bureaucracy by reducing the size of the corporate body to a small CE office only.
- b) Put all investment, financial and business components of the organisation under Holdco.
- c) Place the cultural responsibility for Ngati Porou with hapu and Regional Taurahere.
- d) Empower the Elected Representatives, they should be the only members eligible to sit on Subsidiary Boards. When and if required, specific expertise is brought in to advise these Boards.
- e) Define Ngati Porou according to whakapapa, NOT geography.

#### **2) Change the Representation Model**

**WHY:** Current system is unfair. We need a system that supports and encourages the development of Ngati Porou 'kei te whenua' while maintaining the mana of our home marae. The current system has a noho kaenga preference (e.g. 50% of elected Representatives MUST be noho kaenga and Chair MUST be noho kaenga representative). This pretty much guarantees a majority for the 4 percent who live at home or the 12 percent who live in Gisborne. The system does not work for more than 87% of Ngati Porou who live away from home. They do not vote, take little interest in

the activities of the Runanganui and are losing their Ngati Porou-ness. This has caused disengagement, loss of identity and disillusionment at the unfair distribution of resources.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

- a) Change the Representation Model to engage all Ngati Porou.
- b) Harness the expertise of Ngati Porou at the board table.
- c) Simplify the electoral voting process.

**3) Implement a financial distribution model into the Deed**

**WHY:** Holdco pays a dividend of \$3m each year to TRONPnui. This dividend should be distributed to the people. But every year it has been absorbed into the operations of TRONPnui. No distribution has been made directly to the people. The annual dividend needs to be fairly distributed **DIRECTLY** to all Ngati Porou.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

- a) Include in the Trust Deed a Financial Distribution Schedule. The distribution should be allocated directly to Ngati Porou via their Regional Taurahere.