



# National Iwi Chairs Forum

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua



# PĀNUI



The National Iwi Chairs Forum meets four times a year. All chairs of iwi are able to participate and together they share information about matters of interest. The National Iwi Chairs Forum establish Iwi Leader Groups (ILG) to research and work on specific issues. The contents of this pānui is developed from the information shared by the leadership groups.

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## MIHI

*Tēnei rā te hora ake i ētahi whāinga hei kawe i ngā tini kaupapa kei mua i te aroaro o te Kāhui Ūpoko ā-Iwi hei kōkiri hei whiriwhiri tērā kia puta ko ngā hua ki o tātou karangatanga ki o tātou uri a ngā wā kei te heke mai. E pātata mai nei ngā ra kua tohua hei huihuinga ngātahi mō aua tini kaupapa. Anei rā te reo maioha ki tēnā ki tēnā o tātou - nau mai, haere mai, hoki mai anō ki te hora i ngā tini aronga mai i ō tātou iwi maha mō a tātou uri whakatupu ki roto o te hui tuatahi mō te tau rua mano rua ngāhuru mā tahi, kāti ake.*

With the decision made by the NICF to shift to an online hui due the COVID-19 risk a 'Plan B' was quickly actioned. This included shifting the Iwi Housing and Iwi Assets and Māori Land Symposium hui and the Matike Mai Māori Constitutional Convention to online formats on Wednesday the 3rd of February. Day one of the NICF hui saw a condensed agenda with succinct reports from Pou and ILG chairs and an update on the priorities mahi that was instigated at the Taranaki hui. Day two included Crown engagement and presentations from Government officials and members of Parliament.



## POU TIKANGA



**Professor Margaret Mutu**  
Chair - Pou Tikanga

Pou Tikanga hosted the Matike Mai Māori Constitutional Convention, focussed on the [2016 Matike Mai Aotearoa report](#), the day prior to the NICF hui via zoom.

The hui was well attended and well received. The event was livestreamed on Te Hiku Media and participation in the afternoon workshops provided confirmation to the pou that they are progressing in-line with the thinking of the people with regard to Tino Rangatiratanga and Mana Motuhake.

The hui were privileged to have the attendance of [Moana Jackson](#) to provide further guidance and direction on how to keep progressing the mahi

forward. The next steps will be to determine the shape of the Rangatiratanga sphere and what structures/institutions will need to be put in place in order to achieve this.

Pou tikanga have provided clarity around the definition of rangatiratanga as defined by us as independence, the term has often been misunderstood due to numerous crown mis-translations.

Pou tikanga have been working closely with the Human Rights Commission and have been involved in the development of video resources featuring contributions on the [vision for Aotearoa 2020](#).

In December, the Data Iwi Leaders Group of Pou Tangata met with the new Minister for Statistics, the Hon David Clark. The Data ILG identified three key 'active matters' with the minister; Māori Data Governance, Māori Population Estimates and Te Whata the innovative data platform for iwi. The data ILG have completed 17 of their 20 identified milestones to date. The Mana Orite Relationship Agreement with the Chief Data Steward and Statistics NZ stills remain a priority for the Data ILG.

The Maturanga ILG were pleased to announce and introduce the Rangatahi

Interns to the forum who will work alongside members of the MILG in three regions, under the mentorship and guidance of Lead Technician Hana O'Regan. The NICF approved the recommendation from the MILG that MOE be requested to provide a report on the equity of treatment and investment into Māori Medium Education.

The Justice ILG have been working on the inclusion of tikanga based solutions within the Court system.

Discussion was also had in relation to the new Oranga Tamariki regime of which Kahurangi Naida is a board member. Pou Tangata will host a zoom hui to discuss Iwi

be seeking to report from this directly to the new board. Also of note was the ['Beyond Puaote-Ata-Tu report](#) released the morning of the NICF hui.



## POU TANGATA

**Rahui Papa**  
Co-Chair - Pou Tangata

# POU TAHUA

**Ngahiwi Tomoana  
Chair - Pou Tahua**



Pou Tahua hosted the Iwi Housing & Iwi Assets and Māori Land Symposium at Hopuhopu and online, prior to the NICF. A key outcome from this hui is the development of an iwi procurement entity in order to leverage off existing supply relationships for the benefit of whānau, hapū and iwi.

Pou Tahua also ran a strategy session within their hui to identify key priorities objectives, outcomes and measures for with which to progress on behalf of the NICF, these included:

- advancing iwi/Māori housing aspirations
- advancing the rights and interests of iwi/Māori in relation to spectrum
- advocating and monitoring the implementation of the Government Social Procurement requirements for all Crown entities
- assessing and considering the merits of ratifying elements of Wai 262 in relation to the delivery of economic uplift to the Māori economy and Māori SME's
- ensuring that rights and interests under Te Tiriti are protected and enhanced in relation to any and all Free Trade Agreements
- identifying alternative sources of capital to support Māori owned business and enterprise



# POU TAIAO

**Rukumoana Schaafhausen  
Co-Chair - Freshwater ILG**



The Fresh Water ILG met with the Prime Minister and Ministers Parker, Allen, Mahuta and Jackson in December. The Prime Minister has re-iterated her commitment to the election manifesto to work through rights and interests in freshwater including allocation.

A National Freshwater Summit was hosted in Whanganui by the FILG in January which continued to highlight issues and concerns from the people, particularly around the RMA reforms. The FILG intend to host a number of hui around around the motu to ensure they take the views of the people into consideration and to ensure meaningful engagement in this space.

Rukumoana Schaafhausen was endorsed by the NICF to remain as co-chair of the FILG.

# POU TAKE ĀHUARANGI



**Mike Smith Co-Chair  
Pou Take Āhuarangi**

Rod Carr Chair of the Climate Commission presented to the NICF to discuss relationship building and Iwi engagement in the work of the commission.

Pou Take Āhuarangi presented their structure documents, the takiwa GIS tool

they are utilising that will soon be available to all iwi, showing the seriousness of climate change across a number of areas in relation to their whenua.

A robust discussion was also had regarding synthetic fertilisers and an approach to transition away from their use.

Pou Take Āhuarangi have identified the following three priorities for their work:

1. Emissions
2. Reduction v Mitigation
3. Adaption v Data





## NICF PRIORITIES

Following on from the wānanga session held in Taranaki at the end of 2020 Jamie Tuuta, Liana Poutu and Dion Tuuta presented a discussion paper on future priorities, including a draft framework, to the NICF for consideration.

NICF Pou and ILG's were asked to utilise the draft framework to think about the current priorities and measures of success in relation to their work and accountability back to the NICF.

Further wānanga will be held in this space.



## CROWN ENGAGEMENT



The NICF met with the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Ministers on day two of the forum and had a productive discussion regarding matters of importance to the NICF and Government. The engagement was positive and the Forum will be working to develop an accountability framework that will set out key outcomes and measures relevant to Te Ao Māori that can be tracked and monitored over time. This will be determined collectively, and ensure the effectiveness of both the Forum and Government.

The NICF was pleased with the response from the Prime Minister and her Ministers. Specifically, the commitment to meaningful engagement and relationship building in order to advance kaupapa and identify and develop solutions.

The NICF also had the opportunity to meet with Police Commissioner Andrew Costa, CEO and Secretary for Justice, Andrew Kibblewhite, National Party representatives and Māori Party representatives with a core focus on relationship building in relation to the development of the NICF accountability framework.



# POU & ILG CONTACTS: FEB 2021

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