

## Te Rarawa files for resumption



TE RUNANGA O TE RARAWA

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### **Te Rarawa files it's own resumption application to the Waitangi Tribunal**

By building upon the recent advances made by Ngati Kahu on the new frontier of Te Tiriti rights, Te Rarawa has today decided to file it's own resumption application with the Waitangi Tribunal.

Haami Piripi says that continuing to participate merely as an interested party in Ngati Kahu's application is not going to provide the iwi with the certainty and opportunities that it needed to present a hearty case. We need a level playing field where all Te Hiku Iwi can participate fairly.

Key evidence submitted by Te Rarawa has already been rejected by the Tribunal, and iwi representatives have been required to sit outside the hearing in a tent and therefore have not been able to properly engage in the kōrero and proceedings.

Piripi says that Te Rarawa has been forced to take these measures in order to maintain existing mana whenua interests. "The unbalanced format used by Ngati Kahu organisers has not worked for Te Rarawa over the last four days. The Te Rarawa negotiation team also has the responsibility to preserve the essence of the currently agreed and ratified Te Rarawa Deed of Settlement, and the filing of this application will achieve that."

He adds, "These proceedings should not necessarily delay the progress of the Te Rarawa Settlement. If anything this action will provide further surety and enhancement of the agreed redress."