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The Crown Forestry Rental Trust has approved a funding request from Te Hono ki Raukawa and Tūmatanui Incorporated Society, two of the three Ngāti Raukawa claims cluster groups funding to scope some additional research to support Ngāti Kauwhata claimants.

Ngāti Kauwhata has filed eleven consolidated or aggregated Waitangi Tribunal claims relating to lands and resources, public works takings, rating policy and soldier resettlement issues.

Peter McBurney, the researcher responsible for Tūmatanui's excellent oral and traditional history report has been commissioned to complete the initial project. The first hui to discuss project was held at Kauwhata Marae on Monday 5 August.

By the end of the month he will review the current research that has been completed, look at what other sources of information are available and develop a detailed proposal and recommendations for undertaking further research.

Dr. Terence Green in April 2019 identified a number of issues that were not covered by the "Crown Action and Māori Response, Land and Politics 1840-1900" report completed by Robyn Anderson, Terrence Green and Lou Chase. Dr Green ultimately recommended that a project to determine whether any future research is warranted in terms of the Te Awahou purchase, Te Ahuaturanga purchase, the Rangitikei-Manawatū purchase, Te Awahuri Native Township, Te Hakuai No. 3 block, the reserve of Taimoana Pikaura and the NZ Wars.

In preparing his scoping report, Peter McBurney will meet with the cluster groups and claimants throughout the project and will present draft reserach findings for comment. Once completed the scoping report will be made available all with an interest and will form the basis for a further application for support.