

New Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore Claims Research Project

The Crown Forestry Rental Trust has agreed to commission a Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore research project on behalf of affiliated claimants participating in the Waitangi Tribunal's Porirua ki Manawatū Inquiry.

Dr Paul Husbands has been commissioned to complete the project over coming months.



The project will examine Ngāti Rangatahi's early migrations and its relationships with other hapū during this time to establish how these relationships impacted upon Ngāti Rangatahi's migration to, and their ultimate settlement at, Kakariki (Te Reureu block). Additionally, Dr Husbands will characterise Ngāti Rangatahi's engagement with the Crown and how the relationship impacted the hapū's ability to exercise its rangatiratanga.

Ngāti Matakore of Te Karaka are of Ngāti Maniapoto extraction and lived formerly in the Rereahu district. Ngāti Matakore came to the Kapiti coast to support their whananunga of Ngāti Rangatahi who were living in the Hutt Valley, but were under duress from the military. After the engagement at Battle Hill in 1846, they were forced to relocate. They did so with Ngāti Rangatahi under the leadership of Te Rangihaeata of Ngāti Raukawa and moved to the Rangataua stream on the Rangitīkei river in what became called the Reureu block. Ngāti Matakore hold mana over lands at Te Kakariki based on the hapū's important relationship with Te Rangihaeata.

Dr Husbands will meet with both Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore during the project to discuss draft findings and receive feedback.

Members of Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Matakore met at Te Hiiri Marae on Sunday 7 July and approved the draft project brief.