

## Crown information for Hokotehi Moriori Trust mandate reconfirmation for Treaty settlement negotiations

Hokotehi Moriori Trust (**HMT**) is seeking to reconfirm its mandate to represent Moriori in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

HMT were engaged in Treaty settlement negotiations on behalf of Moriori until 2008 following Crown recognition of the mandate conferred on HMT by Moriori. The deed of mandate dated 21 July 2003 is available on the HMT website at [www.moriori.co.nz](http://www.moriori.co.nz). A copy can be obtained from the HMT office on 0800 667 4674.

Members of the Moriori community aged 18 years and over are asked to vote on the following resolution:

*That the mandate of the Hokotehi Moriori Trust to represent Moriori in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims that relate to Moriori is reconfirmed.*

Moriori may vote either by post until 2 December 2015 or in person at the hui-ā-Moriori at Kōpinga marae on 5 December 2015.

To be eligible to vote you must be 18 years or older, descend from one or more of the ancestors listed below and either be registered with HMT or have completed a hokopapa verification form. Registration or hokopapa verification forms are available on the HMT website at [www.moriori.co.nz](http://www.moriori.co.nz) or from the HMT office on 0800 667 4674.

### **Moriori claims**

HMT is seeking a mandate to represent all Moriori (whether or not registered with HMT). For the purposes of Treaty settlement negotiations, Moriori are defined as all persons of Moriori descent who can trace their hokopapa to the founding Moriori ancestors, Rongomaiwhenua and/or Rongomaitere.

The Wai claims to be negotiated are all historical claims, whether registered or unregistered, that arise from Crown actions and omissions that occurred prior to 21 September 1992, including, but not limited to: Wai 64, 308 and 417 with particular reference to events which occurred on Rēkohu (Chatham Island). The claims may also relate to events which occurred on Pitt Island (Rangihau), the Auckland Islands, and certain parts of mainland New Zealand. Moriori claims in relation to the return of land will be restricted to the Chatham Islands. The purpose of the mandate is to negotiate an initialled Deed of Settlement to be presented to Moriori for ratification.

Kōpinga marae is the Moriori marae and the base for all Moriori on Rēkohu.

### **Next steps**

Following the vote, there will be further opportunities for Moriori to have their say on the HMT mandate refreshment. Treaty settlement negotiations will only resume after the new trustees are in place and the timing of this will be decided through discussions between the new trustees and the Crown.

For further information please contact the HMT office on 0800 667 4674 or see the HMT website at [www.moriori.co.nz](http://www.moriori.co.nz). This information sheet will be added to the website.