



## UCT Engagement Strategy

### Purpose

The purpose of this engagement strategy is to identify key actions to continue the consultation process for developing Te Korowai o Wainuiarua readiness for negotiations. This is an interim strategy until a mandate is conferred by the crown, and the treaty negotiations structure has been established. The strategy is primarily targeted to all TkoW members as well as internal and external stakeholders. The objective is to keep the claimant community informed and provide the opportunity and choice to be involved.

### Background

In June 2013, the framework for Treaty settlements in the Whanganui region was agreed at a meeting between the Whanganui District Collective and the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS). The agreed settlement framework includes four LNGs in the Whanganui region. Following significant work undertaken by many people in the central Whanganui region, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations recognised the central Whanganui LNG in August 2014.

UCT commenced the process of seeking a mandate to represent the central Whanganui LNG named Te Korowai o Wainuiarua. In December 2014, a draft Mandate Strategy was developed and publicly advertised for submissions before proceeding to the formal mandate voting process in June and July 2015.

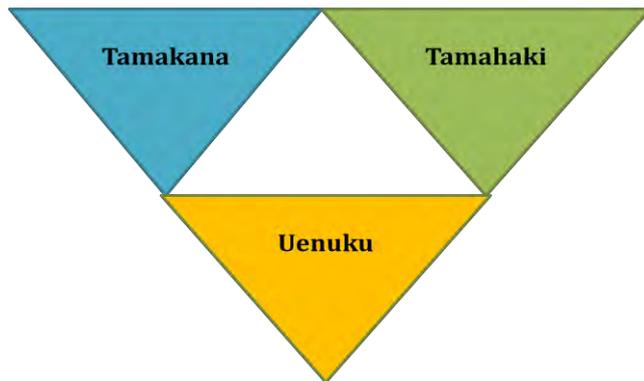
There was majority support for UCT to enter into settlement negotiations. The voting on the mandate resolution during the voting process conducted by independent voting company electionz.com was **82% approval**:

*That Uenuku Charitable Trust is mandated to represent Te Korowai o Wainuiarua in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims that relate to Te Korowai o Wainuiarua.*

The submissions and mandate voting process has been invaluable to UCT, and feedback from the uri of Tamakana, Tamahaki and Uenuku ki Manganui-o-te-Ao, na Tukaihoru has been incorporated, where appropriate, into a draft Deed of Mandate. The draft Deed of Mandate will be submitted to the Crown for a submission process to follow in October 2015. UCT seeks to have a Deed of Mandate conferred by 31 December 2015.

## Niho Taniwha

Niho Taniwha means teeth of the taniwha. UCT adopted this meaning into a framework which unifies uri from three tupuna against the taniwha and in this case the Crown. UCT likened the framework to balancing an inverted triangle. The diagram below (as presented at all mandate hui throughout the country) represents Uenuku leading the treaty settlement claims on behalf of the three but requiring support and balance from the two other tupuna.



To give effect to this framework, UCT will engage in the following key activities.

### Key Activities

UCT acknowledge the importance of consultation and consulting widely among uri of Tamakana, Tamahaki, Uenuku ki Manganui-o-te-Ao.

1. **Independent stakeholder bodies**, may include but not limited to Tamahaki Council of Hapu Incorporated Society, Tamahaki Kaunihera, Tamakana Council of Hapu Incorporated, Nga Hapu o Uenuku and Te Kotahitanga Komiti.

UCT has an open door policy and will continue efforts to inform and have discussions with key TkoW stakeholders, at least once before December and once prior to establishing the treaty negotiations structure working groups being the Claims Committee, the Research Committee and the Negotiators.

We will take this opportunity before the mandate is conferred to;

- Provide updated information on the mandate process
  - Seek feedback on the contents of the draft Deed of Mandate document
  - Discuss the Treaty Negotiations Structure as referred to above, the composition and appointments process.
  - Have high level discussions regarding the Post Settlement Governance Entity
2. **Wai Claimants:** Further to the Wai Claimants hui held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015, UCT will establish a Wai Claimants Forum designed to bring claimants together to be consulted throughout the treaty process and to seek their advice on historical claims issues. All named wai claimants will be invited should they wish to attend monthly meetings starting in October 2015. UCT will also endeavour to meet with individual wai claimants should that suit their circumstances.

### 3. Overlapping Claims

UCT will take responsibility for engagement with neighbouring groups regarding overlapping interests. It is noted that UCT representatives regularly interact with neighbouring iwi regarding other claims including the Tongariro National Park and Taurewa Forest. These are also used as opportunities to foster relationships and discuss overlapping interests.

4. **Iwi Aspirational Hui** is being organised by UCT. Although we have just completed a comprehensive mandate hui roadshow throughout the country, it is important to engage the claimant community to provide an update on the mandate progress and seek their aspirational ideas. A strategy to encourage good attendance is to bring together peer groups. The peer groups will start with kaumatua in October, followed by rangatahi in November, finishing with a whanau day early December
5. **Membership drive:** We plan to increase iwi participation through increased registration of interest, either through the UCT register, or the Whakapapa register. This supports our desire to make contact with as many uri of Tamakana, Tamahaki or Uenuku as possible. In 2016 a new iwi membership registration system will be established to increase efficiencies around information, participation and voting.
6. **Aspirational Survey:** An aspirational survey will be emailed to 460 members on our distribution list and posted on the website. The survey is designed for whanau to dream and share with us their aspirational projects post Treaty settlements.
7. **Iwi communications:** UCT will continue to provide regular information about Mandate progress and opportunities to hui, via the UCT distribution list, website, social media and the local newspaper.
8. **Elections to UCT Governance:** This occurred at the AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and the SGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 where a total of 18 Trustees were ratified for the next three years. A further 20 Trustees seats will be available next year.
9. **Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting;** UCT will hold AGM to update members on iwi business including the treaty settlement process. UCT will also hold SGM's and Hui-a-iw as and when required.

UCT board meetings are open for members to attend and board trustees are expected to meet regularly with their constituents to report back and seek advice.