**Regional hapū grouping and collective proposals**

**Guidance for proposals**

Proposals should clearly:
- identify the rōpū that will seek the mandate and outline the structure of that group;
- define the group and claims to be settled – i.e. the hapū and claims covered by the proposal and their common whakapapa;
- set out the rohe covered by the proposal;
- describe the process you will use to consult hapū members on whether they support the group seeking the mandate;
- describe how the rōpū seeking a mandate will be accountable to the wider group they seek to represent; and
- identify other overlapping regional hapū groupings or iwi.

**Regional hapū grouping proposals should also:**
- be for rōpū representing multiple hapū;
- be on behalf of hapū groupings who are related by whakapapa and socially cohesive; and
- cover a single, joined up rohe.

**Draft documents to help rōpū present their proposals to the Crown will be made available on** [www.govt.nz/ngapuhi](http://www.govt.nz/ngapuhi) **after 21 January.**

**Timeframes and process**

Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri are hoping to receive proposals in writing:
- by the end of March for regional hapū groupings; and
- by the end of May for the collective mandate.

**Officials are available to:**
- meet for further discussions with any rōpū developing a proposal;
- provide advice on draft proposals; and
- answer any questions, requests for information or comments you may have in relation to your proposal.

**Funding**
- For these initial discussions on proposals funding is available for hui – more information can be found at [www.govt.nz/ngapuhi](http://www.govt.nz/ngapuhi).
- Once mandating processes get underway more funding will be provided to those groups.

**Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri strongly recommend you discuss your proposal with us first and seek our comment on draft proposals before submitting them to make sure you do not waste effort.**

**Please email any questions, comments, requests for information, or draft proposals to:** ngapuhifeedback@tearawhiti.govt.nz