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**Subject:** Re: New Paihia Waitangi Kindergarten & Paihia Sea Scouts lease

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kia ora Kevin raua ko Tania

On behalf of Ngati Rahiri Ngati Kawa Hapu, I would like to acknowledge your decision to contact us regarding the renewal of the leases for our kindergarten and scout den.

I wish to submit our **opposition** to renew the leases....

Ngapuhi is going through a crucial period of identifying and rectifying so many issues pertaining to our lands, that after submitting claims for over the past 100yrs, we finally get a statement from the Waitangi Tribunal, saying what we have always said....here is as follows.....

Waitangi Tribunal Stage 1 Report.....Ngapuhi **did not** cede sovereignty

Waitangi Tribunal Stage 2 Report.....**All land** owned by the Crown within the inquiry district be returned to Te Raki Māori (Ngapuhi) ownership as redress for the Crown's breaches of te Tiriti/the Treaty and ngā mātāpono o te Tiriti/the principles of the Treaty.

**NOTE from the JUDGE:**

*Discussions and negotiations will occur in part at a **constitutional level** and will require **a sharing of power** as envisaged in te Tiriti.....We have no doubt that this process will be challenging for the Crown but undertaking it **in good faith is essential.....IF.....** the treaty partnership and the Crown's own honour is to be restored.*

Our kindergarten and scout den have serviced and are still servicing our community of waitangi with excellent child initiated developments, and I for one am very appreciative of their manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga of our children over the years.

Rather than just say '**get out it's ours now**' I would like to inform everyone that as a hapu, yea we have said the words for a long time, but have never actioned them unfortunately, due to negotiations being one sided.....

so to ensure our kindergarten and scout den are able to continue their services I would like to offer the following;

- 1) sit down, take a breath, there is no hurry
- 2) that property is found elsewhere for their operations
- 3) that financial assistance is confirmed to enable their services to continue
- 4) that instead of 1x 15yr lease, perhaps look at 5x 3yr leases .....flexibility needs to be considered here
- 5) that maybe we seek a legal opinion and/or legal papers so we all understand what is happening

I'm not really too sure about how this all goes, but I do take note of what the Waitangi Tribunal has stated about **restoring the treaty partnership and the crowns honour...** which tells me we have to work together....**mahi tahi**

in the meantime I will be circulating this to the hapu to ensure we discuss this kaupapa fully at our next hapu hui **25mar23** .....

nga mihi maioha  
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