



# New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB)

## MINUTES

**Venue:** Te Wehenga Room  
National Library  
70 Molesworth Street  
Wellington

**Thursday 28 June 2018**

Duration 9.05am-3.50pm  
Morning tea 10.20am-10.47am  
Lunch 12.30pm-1.10pm

### NOTE:

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## General

### 1. Welcome | Karakia

#### 1.1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commented on the privilege of meeting once again in the Te Wehenga room, a place of stories relating to history and the future that has a strong connection with Cliff Whiting, who was so supportive of the NZGB's work.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Matanuku Mahuika and Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe for joining the meeting by teleconference. The Chairperson welcomed Mr Mark Te One from Te Puni Kōkiri, Ms Kylie Brown, Orthographic Expert, Mr Gordon Smith and Mr Jacob Pollock from the Office of Treaty Settlements, and the Secretariat.

#### 1.2. Karakia

Mr Mark Te One opened the meeting with a karakia.

### 2. Present | Apologies

<b>NZGB Members (6)</b>	
Mr Mark Dyer, Chairperson	Surveyor General, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Mr David Barnes	Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Inc. nomination
Professor Merata Kawharu (for item 6.2 Mori, left 10.47am and returned 2.08pm, left the meeting at 3.20pm)	Minister for Land Information appointment
Mr Matanuku Mahuika (by teleconference for an hour from 9.20am to 10.20am)	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Professor Michael Roche	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (by teleconference all day, left during morning tea and lunch)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu nomination

<b>Observers (10)</b>	
Mr Mark Te One (left 1.58pm and returned 2.30pm)	Pou Whakahaere, Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)
Ms Kylie Brown (left 11.38am and returned 12.30pm)	Orthographic expert
Mr Gordon Smith (left 9.42am and returned 10.11am, left the meeting at 1.10pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Mr Jacob Pollock (from 9.05am to 2.07pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Mr Ben White (from 9.14am to 2.07pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Rachel Wikaira (from 2.17pm to 2.57pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Kerry Williamson (from 3pm to 3.20pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Mr James Mitchell (from 3pm to 3.20pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Alex Mellows (from 1.10pm to 3.20pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)
Ms Sohini Bannerjee-Smith (from 1.45pm to 2.30pm)	Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS)

<b>NZGB Secretariat (3)</b>	
Ms Wendy Shaw	NZGB Secretary
Mr Christopher Stephens	NZGB Advisor
Ms Ginny Leggett	NZGB Senior Advisor (Treaty Names)

<b>Minute Taker(1)</b>	
Ms Mandy Leighs	GBL Personnel

<b>Apologies (6)</b>	
Mr Matanuku Mahuika (for part)	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Mrs Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land appointment
Mr Adam Greenland	National Hydrographer, LINZ
Mr Rikirangi Gage	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Ms Adrienne Staples	Local Government NZ nomination
Ms Jill Remnant	NZGB Advisor

## **Resolution**

*That the apologies be accepted.*

**Moved** Mr David Barnes  
**Seconded** Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

## **3. Agenda | Disclosure of conflicts of interest**

### **3.1. Agenda**

The Chairperson advised that Mr Matanuku Mahuika would join the meeting by teleconference to provide his views on item 6.2

The NZGB agreed to the Agenda's order with these additional items, time permitting:

- 9.1. Draft TRONT motion
- 9.2. Update on the NZGB's strategic planning meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2018

### 3.2. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

**Crown Confidential**

The Chairperson noted that with the withdrawal of Professor Kawharu from item 6.2 the NZGB would no longer have a quorum. He proposed that the context be considered and debated, which would provide OTS with a flavour of the NZGB's views, and that a teleconference with the full NZGB be held to ratify the initial recommendations [the NZGB later decided to ratify at its next scheduled meeting in September]. OTS confirmed that it would be comfortable with this process.

*Mr Ben White, OTS, joined the meeting at 9.14am.*

The NZGB agreed that a committee of the four NZGB members present be formed and delegated to discuss the proposals and make preliminary recommendations for OTS to consider.

#### **Resolution**

*That the NZGB approve the formation of an NZGB committee comprising Mr Mark Dyer, Mr David Barnes, Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (by phone) and Professor Michael Roche, and that the committee be delegated to make preliminary recommendations to OTS.*

**Moved** Mr David Barnes  
**Seconded** Professor Michael Roche  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

#### **Action required**

- *Secretariat to note Professor Merata Kawharu's conflict of interest on item 6.2 in the register.*

## 4. Previous minutes; Matters arising; Action sheet

### 4.1. Previous minutes

#### **Resolution**

*That the minutes of 12 April 2018 be ratified.*

**Moved** Professor Merata Kawharu  
**Seconded** Mr David Barnes  
**All in favour**  
**CARRIED**

#### **Action required**

- *Secretariat to obtain the Chairperson's signature and publish an unsigned, updated version on the LINZ webpages.*

### 4.2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 4.3. Action sheet

The NZGB did not discuss the actions.

## Treaty decisions

**Crown Confidential (items 5-6)**

*Morning tea: 10.20am to 10.47am.*

*Mr Matanuku Mahuika left the meeting at 10.20am.*

*Professor Merata Kawharu left the meeting at 10.47am.*

*Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe left the meeting at 10.20am and returned at 10.47am.*

There being no quorum, the Chairperson adjourned the NZGB meeting at 10.47am and opened the NZGB committee meeting.

*Lunch from 12.30pm to 1.10pm.*

*Ms Kylie Brown re-joined the meeting as 12.30pm.*

*Mr Gordon Smith, OTS, left the meeting at 1.10pm.*

*Ms Alex Mellows, OTS, joined the meeting at 1.10pm.*

*Ms Sohini Banerjee-Smith, OTS, joined the meeting at 1.45pm.*

*Mr Mark Te One left the meeting at 1.58pm.*

*Mr Ben White and Mr Jacob Pollock, OTS, left the meeting at 2.07pm.*

## NZGB meeting resumed

*Ms Merata Kawharu re-joined the meeting at 2.08pm.*

The Chairperson re-convened the NZGB meeting at 2.10pm.

*Ms Rachel Wikaira, OTS, joined the meeting at 2.17pm.*

*Mr Mark Te One re-joined the meeting at 2.30pm.*

*Ms Sohini Banerjee-Smith, OTS, left the meeting at 2.30pm.*

*Ms Rachel Wikaira, OTS, left the meeting at 2.57pm.*

*Ms Alex Mellows, Ms Kerry Williamson and Mr James Mitchell, OTS, left the meeting at 3.20pm.*

## 7. New standard process name proposals from Ngāti Maniapoto

### 7.1. Te Ara-o-Tūrongo

The NZGB noted the information and report provided (LinZone ID A3284972).

#### NZGB discussion

The NZGB noted that the proposal relates to a name change for a section of a major New Zealand railway line and that the report states that the line was built after 1840. Therefore the test for a Treaty name has not been met. The NZGB noted that the key test for a Treaty name is whether the claimants had an interest in the land at the time of signing the Treaty. Post Treaty signing but still in line with Treaty commitments, the NZGB noted that in 1885 the Crown agreed to name the section of railway line through the rohe of Maniapoto 'Tūrongo', but that didn't happen.

#### Resolutions

The NZGB agreed to **accept** the proposal to **alter** the official name of the part section of railway line between Taumarunui and Te Awamutu from North Island Main Trunk to **Te Ara-o-Tūrongo** based on:

- the Crown's agreement in 1885 to name the section of the railway line through the rohe of Maniapoto 'Tūrongo',

- the significance of the name to Maniapoto iwi,
- KiwiRail and local councils supporting the proposal,
- recognition of the cultural and heritage values associated with the feature,
- a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori registered translator having confirmed the orthography, and
- results of consultation tabled at the NZGB's meeting on 28 June 2018.

**Noting that:**

- if Te Ara-o-Tūrongo is assigned as the official name of the portion of railway line between Taumarunui and Te Awamutu, the sections either side (Wellington to Taumarunui, and Te Awamutu to Auckland) would remain as North Island Main Trunk with altered extents.

**and**

**Notify** as a proposal to **alter** for three months.

**Moved** Professor Merata Kawharu

**Seconded** Mr David Barnes

**All in favour**

**CARRIED**

**Actions required**

- Secretariat to notify the proposal to **alter** the official name of the part section of railway line between Taumarunui and Te Awamutu from North Island Main Trunk to **Te Ara-o-Tūrongo** for three months.
- Secretariat to update the report A3284972 from 'The proposal does not meet the test for a Treaty name because the line was built after 1840' to 'A key test for a Treaty name is that the claimants have an interest in the land at the time of signing'.
- The NZGB agreed that the media release for this proposal be provided in English and te reo Māori, on the date gazetted.

**7.2. Te Māniaiti**

The NZGB noted the report and information provided (LinZone ID A3281859).

**NZGB discussion**

The NZGB noted that the proposer has undertaken consultation with local councils and iwi. The NZGB noted that Waitomo District Council advised OTS when they met on 20 March 2018, they supported in principle the name change process, subject to public consultation, and Waikato Regional Council had advised that it does not have a view. The NZGB noted that these are the only two councils affected by the proposal. OTS confirmed that it would request written confirmation of support from Waitomo District Council.

The NZGB requested clarification on whether Waitomo District Council's support was for Te Māniaiti or the dual name Te Māniaiti / Benneydale. OTS advised that Waitomo District Council is reluctant to give a firm view prior to public consultation, that the Council supports the proposal going through public consultation and will form a view once the views of the community are known. The Chairperson advised that for any proposal affecting the community, elected representatives are asked to provide a clear view of their support or otherwise. The NZGB noted that Maniapoto are proposing a single Māori name and that the NZGB rarely supports dual names for populated places.

OTS confirmed that they will re-engage with Waitomo District Council and report back to the NZGB's September 2018 meeting.

The NZGB agreed to defer the proposal to its September 2018 meeting.

**Actions required**

- Secretariat to request OTS to seek clarification from Waitomo District Council on whether Te Māniaiti or a dual name Te Māniaiti / Benneydale is supported.
- Secretariat to include deferral report for Te Māniaiti on agenda for September 2018 meeting.

*Ms Alex Mellows, Ms Kerry Williamson and Mr James Mitchell from OTS, and Professor Merata Kawharu left the meeting at 3.20pm.*

The Chairperson advised that the meeting no longer had a quorum and closed the NZGB meeting at 3.20pm.

## Information, notes, general business

### 8. Report back from Chairperson on meeting with Minister Sage on 30 April 2018

The Chairperson advised that Minister Sage was excited about the NZGB's work on undersea feature names. The Minister expressed surprise at the small budget in relation to the NZGB's workload. Matters relating to risk and reasons for the Minister's involvement in back country names were also discussed. The Minister had confirmed the NZGB's decision to reject the proposal to alter Rocky Bay and expressed confidence in the work of the NZGB.

The Minister was also updated on the national commemorations work and the launch of the NZGB's new online Gazetteer. She encouraged the NZGB to raise its public profile and publicise its work more widely.

### 9. Other business

#### 9.1. Draft TRONT motion: Kā Haru Manu Atlas as an authoritative publication

##### Tabled information

- Email from Wendy Shaw, 26 June 2018: Draft Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) motion

**Discussion:** In considering the motion from TRONT, the NZGB will need to decide whether the *Kā Haru Manu atlas* can be considered as an authoritative publication in itself.

The NZGB will also need to decide on the authority of individual sources cited in *Kā Huru Manu*, for example, Beattie and Mantell. To 'record' a name in the Gazetteer it must be in two authoritative sources.

Because there is no quorum, consideration of the draft motion was deferred for consideration by the full NZGB at its September 2018 meeting.

##### Action required

- *Secretariat to add the draft TRONT motion to the agenda for the September 2018 meeting.*

#### 9.2. Update on the NZGB's strategic planning meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2018

Not discussed. Defer for consideration at the September 2018 meeting.

##### Action required

- *Secretariat to add 'strategic planning' to the agenda for the September 2018 meeting.*

The Chairperson thanked the NZGB members for attending, and in particular thanked Ms Paulette Tamati-Elliffe for staying with the meeting by teleconference for the duration.

Mr Mark Te One closed the meeting at 3.50pm with a karakia.

Certified as a true and correct record of the meeting:

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Mr Mark Dyer, Chairperson

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Date