



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Ngāti Paoa position on the Housing / RFR issue.

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Ngāti Paoa will not join any other iwi in taking legal action against the Crown over the RFR / Housing issue in Auckland.

At this point in time, like several other iwi in Auckland, Ngāti Paoa is still in active negotiations with the Crown. Our focus is on completing our settlement negotiations so that we can participate. Therefore, we believe the solution is at the negotiation table not in a court room. Ngāti Paoa believe all 13 iwi Manawhenua who signed the Tamaki Collective Bill should be considered for the RFR opportunities.

“When this issue first came to light one of the obvious solutions we envisage and have already shared with the Minister is that Iwi could play a significant role in resolving the housing crisis as a preferred developer” said Iwi Negotiator Hauāuru Rawiri.

It would be premature to take legal action if we haven’t sat down yet to fully consider and develop a process that will enable us to work together to explore this option further.

Ngāti Paoa has the capacity and capability to develop and increase housing in Auckland.

“This would provide a win-win solution for all concerned and more importantly address the growing housing crisis in Auckland” said Gary Thompson, Chairman Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust.

### Background Information about Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust:

The Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust is the mandated entity to receive settlements as part of the Treaty of Waitangi settlement redress.

Ngāti Paoa is part of the Hauraki, Tāmaki and Marutuahu collectives in the treaty settlement process.

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