



How do I engage with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu? Expectations

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga) and the Crown are partners. Te Tiriti and the Ngāi Tahu Settlement require the Crown to partner with Te Rūnanga and act in cooperation. Partnership is central to policy development and legislative implementation and requires more than consultation; Ngāi Tahu must be involved in co-designing and developing solutions.

Ngāi Tahu exercises rangatiratanga within the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā. Te Tiriti and the Ngāi Tahu Settlement uphold Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga in the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā. If policy development concerns the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā, the Crown must engage with Te Rūnanga. Solutions must be consistent with Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga. On regional matters, unless otherwise required for legal reasons, engagement is to be undertaken with the relevant Papatipu Rūnanga, with Te Rūnanga providing support and advocacy.

Engage in good faith with Te Rūnanga:

- Provide us with plans and timeframes so we have time to engage with our Representatives, who meet every two months. If your plans change, talk to us so we can agree on a new plan.
- Involve us from ideation through to decision-making. We are partners, not just another stakeholder.
- Provide us with information well in advance of hui so we can form our position.
- Help us resource and fund engagement, particularly at Papatipu Rūnanga / council level.

No one else speaks for Ngāi Tahu. Only Ngāi Tahu can speak to Ngāi Tahu rights and interests within the Ngāi Tahu Takiwā. Without the Ngāi Tahu view, the Crown’s engagement is not complete.

