



TE TŌPUNI NGĀRAHU TRUST

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Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī Board appointed to speak on behalf of Te Kāhui Tupua

Tēnei ka noho i te pakitara o tōku whare, whakamau te titiro, te tākiritanga o ngā whetu, ngā kanohi o te rangi, ngā whana tongitongi, mahuta i runga. Kei runga te kawa, kei mania te kawa, he kawa nui, he kawa roa.

In January 2025, Te Pire Whakatupua Mō Te Kāhui Tupua/Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Bill passed its second and third readings in Parliament.

As part of the redress arrangements, Te Kāhui Tupua (which encompasses Taranaki Maunga and its surrounding peaks) is recognised as a legal person and is jointly managed by the eight Post-Governance Settlement Entities (PSGE) of Taranaki (through its collective vehicle, Te Tōpuni Ngārahu Trust) and the Crown under the Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2024/Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2024.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is a statutory board of eight members who will be the human face and voice of Te Kāhui Tupua. Its function is to act and speak for and on behalf of Te Kāhui Tupua, and to perform functions in relation to Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki in accordance with this Act, Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo (Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Deed), Conservation Act 1987 and the National Parks Act 1980.

The eight PSGEs of Taranaki, through Te Tōpuni Ngārahu Trust, ran a thorough process to appoint four members to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī. These appointees are Liana Poutu as Chair (Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Tama, Maniapoto, Ngāti Rangī, Te Atihaunui a Pāparangi), Dr Acushla Dee Sciascia (Ngāruahine, Ngāti Ruanui, Te Atiawa), Nicola Ngarewa (Ngāti Ruanui, Ngā Rauru, Ngāruahine), and Dr Te Aroha Hohaia (Taranaki, Te Atiawa, Ngāruahine).

They join the four Crown appointed members Professor Bruce Clarkson, Hemi Sundgren, Rex Hendry and Stephen Daysh.

"The most important role for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī members is to act in the best interests of our Tūpuna Maunga," says Jacqui King, inaugural Chair of Te Tōpuni Ngārahu Trust. "We look forward to all eight members working in partnership and utilising their collective experiences and skills for the benefit of Te Kāhui Tupua and Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki."

The role of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī, as a statutory body for Te Kāhui Tupua, is to carry out conservation-related functions such as strategy and planning, promoting the health and wellbeing of Te Kāhui Tupua. The Department of Conservation will retain operational management responsibility, including budgeting, operational planning and delivery within the national park. Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī will meet in the coming months, and engagement hui will be held to share the aspirations for Te Kāhui Tupua.

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