



# MANIAPOTO MĀORI TRUST BOARD

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Tēnā koe e Michelle,

Ka wehi ki te Atua

Ka whakahōnore te Kīngi Tuheitia, tae noa ki te Whare Kāhui Ariki whānui tonu, pai mārire.

Ki ngā mate o te wā, haere, haere, haere atu rā.

Ki a tātou, te hunga ora, tēnā koe, tēnā tātou katoa.

I am writing to formally raise a key issue for Maniapoto with respect to the inclusion of Ngā hapū o Poutama on Te Kahui Mangai and to convey the position that has always been held by the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (MMTB).

The inclusion of Poutama on Te Puni Kōkiri's list for national iwi, Te Kahui Mangai, continues to cause difficulties for the only two iwi that are on the south western border of the Maniapoto rohe, being Maniapoto and Ngāti Tama. The main issue is that district and regional councils together with Crown agencies insist that they are compelled to consult with all iwi, as listed on Te Kahui Mangai. However, Poutama is a hapū of Maniapoto whose interests are covered by the Mokau ki Runga Regional Management Committee (RMC).

The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board formally requests that Te Puni Kōkiri rectifies this situation and removes Poutama from Te Kahui Mangai. The Trust Board, along with members of Mokau ki Runga RMC and Ngāti Tama, would appreciate a meeting with you to discuss this matter kanohi ki kanohi.

Our Chief Executive, Sonya Hetet, will work with your office to confirm a date that suits your availability.

Noho ora mai,

R Tiwaha Bell  
**Chairman**  
**Maniapoto Māori Trust Board**