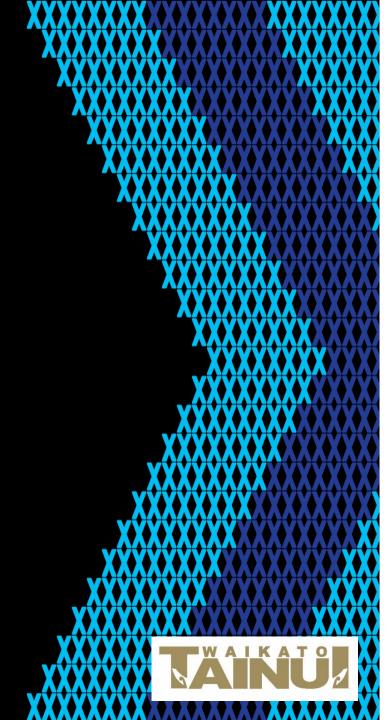
Waikato-Tainui

Te Mana aa Ture

Rights and Interests



TE WHAKAKITENGAThe Vision

Maaku anoo e hanga i tooku nei whare Ko ngaa pou oo roto he maahoe, he patete Ko te taahuhu, he hiinau Me whakatupu ki te hua o te rengarenga Me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki

I shall fashion my own house.
The support posts shall be of maahoe, patete
The ridgepole of hiinau
The inhabitants shall be raised on rengarenga
and nurtured as kawariki.

- Kiingi Taawhiao





From the Era of King Pootatau to the Era of King Taawhiao







The Maori as a Digger. Using the ko or digging stick.

Photo by A. Hamilton, 1898.







Kiingitanga & The Raupatu

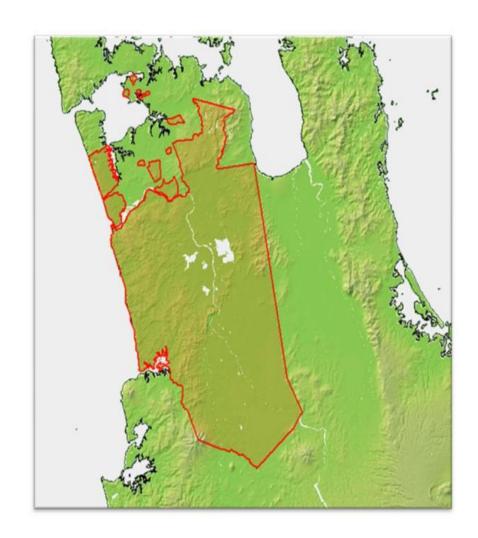


Kingitanga Movement:

- 1. To prevent the loss of land
- 2. To prevent the loss of life
- 3. Unity of the Maaori people

1864 Crown response:

- Fabricated imminent invasion of Auckland by Waikato-Tainui
- Invasion of Waikato
- Tribe driven into exile
- 1.2 million acres confiscated
- NZ Settlements Act



Taawhiao's Lament

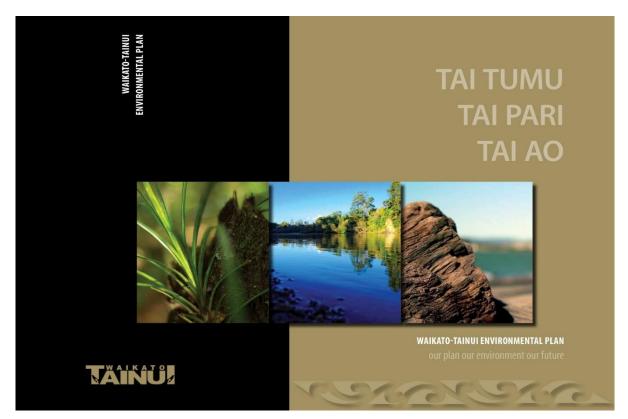
I look down on the valley of Waikato, as though to hold it in the hollow of my hand and caress its beauty, like some tender verdant thing.

I reach out from the top of Pirongia, as though to cover and protect its substance with my own See how it bursts through the full bosoms of Maungatautari and Maungakawa, hills of my inheritance.

The river of life, each curve more beautiful than the last. Across the smooth belly of Kirikiriroa, its gardens bursting with the fullness of good things, towards the meeting place at Ngaaruawaahia.

There on the fertile mound I would rest my head, and look through the thighs of Taupiri.

There at the place of all creation...let the King come forth





1995 Deed of Settlement (Land)

Crown Apology:

Land confiscations were illegal and unjust, caused the loss of life and crippled the welfare of the people of Waikato-Tainui...





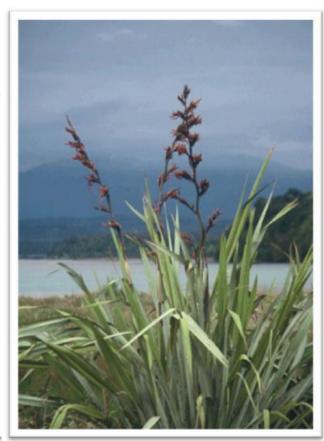


22 May 1995, Tuurangawaewae Marae

New era of Co-Governance (River Settlement)





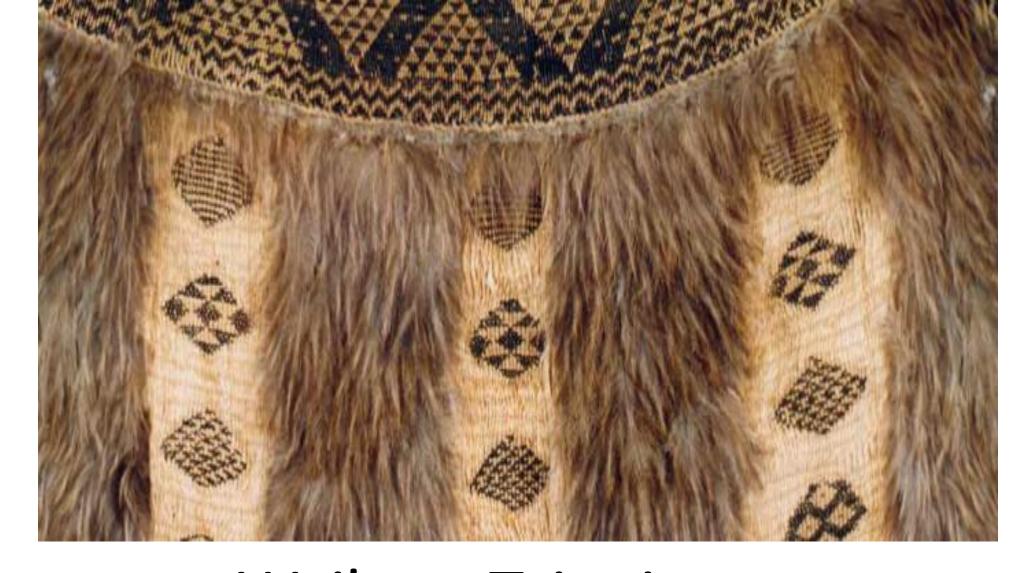


Building Waikato, Maaori & New Zealand Futures:









Waikato-Tainui Cultural Materials Plan