Waikato-Tainui

Te Mana aa Ture
Rights and Interests
TE WHAKAKITENGA
The 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
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...
New era of Co-Governance
(River Settlement)

28 August 2008, Tuurangawaewae Marae
Building Waikato, Maaori & New Zealand Futures:
Waikato-Tainui
Cultural Materials Plan