



## MANDATED IWI ORGANISATION RATIFICATION

### RESULT OF POLL

Tēnā koutou i ngā tini ahuatanga o te wā.

*“The Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust has been overwhelmingly supported by **97%** of eligible voters who participated in the recently concluded mandated iwi organisation ratification poll. Just under **35%** of eligible voters exercised their vote – the highest participation rate of any mandated iwi organisation ratification process ever.”*

The Returning Officer has now declared the results for the ratification poll for the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust, as the mandated iwi organisation and iwi aquaculture organisation for Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga. That ratification poll was held between Monday 16 August and Friday 10 September 2010, through postal and internet voting.

The following resolution was put to all adult members of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga registered on our iwi register:

*That I, as an adult member of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, approve of and ratify the deed of trust for the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust as the mandated iwi organisation for Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga for the purposes of the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 and as the Iwi Aquaculture Organisation for the purposes of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.*

Many of our adult iwi members took the time to complete postal voting forms or vote through the internet. In fact, almost **35%** of all eligible voters exercised their vote. This is the highest voter participation rate of any process to ratify a mandated iwi organisation, and indicates the importance our iwi members place on this process.

Of those who voted, an overwhelming **97%** voted in favour of the resolution to approve and ratify our mandated iwi organisation. This is one of the highest approval rates of any previous mandated iwi organisation ratification process, and indicates a strong level of support for the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust.

The ratification results have been provided to Te Ohu Kai Moana, who have commenced the process to transfer our fisheries settlement assets to the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust structure.

The Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga MIO Formation Committee wishes to acknowledge all of the iwi members who voted on this important issue. There is clear support for the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust to receive our fisheries settlement assets and to develop them into the future. Your continued involvement in that process will ensure ongoing success.

**Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust**