

# HE PANUI - RUAWAIPU CLUSTER

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## *Introduction*

Who is Ruawaipu? – Ruawaipu are tangata whenua pre migration that still occupy the northern East Coast territory commonly known as the area from Potaka to Tikapa.

In 2004, The Three East Coast traditional tribes (Ruawaipu, Uepohatu and Te Aitanga-A-Hauiti) were granted the right to lodge their own claims [independent of Ngati Porou] and to seek funding from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (CFRT) to prepare research to support their claims. At present there are approximately 50 Ruawaipu claims in the East Coast Inquiry.

## *The website*

Information about;

- the Ruawaipu cluster
- the Ruawaipu claims
- Ruawaipu claimants
- current research
- Ruawaipu history
- Crown treaty breaches

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## *Where are things at*

We are at the pre-casebook phase of the inquiry in which a series of scoping reports and main research reports are commissioned. The casebook is the record of all the documentary evidence for the inquiry. The Tribunal has extended the deadline for the completion of all the technical research reports to be filed on the record by March 2009.

## *Claimant progress*

Dr Grant Young, a historian, was commissioned by the CFRT in August 2007 to complete a Ruawaipu oral & traditional history scoping report. In December 2007 the CFRT approved funding for the main research project. It is hoped that the main research project will be

completed by April 2009. Dr Young has initiated archival research during the April – August 2008 period. The Ruawaipu claimants have begun oral interviews since September 2008 and hope to complete this part by early December 2008. Dr Young will use this resource as part of the main project. It is planned that drafting the report will begin in January 2009. This main report will be critical to the Ruawaipu claims evidence base.

## *Current issues*

Currently Te Runanga o Ngati Porou have initiated a Foreshore & Seabed Deed of Settlement which has been introduced by Dr Cullen (Attorney General) in Parliament as a Bill. If the Bill becomes law, all Ruawaipu claims against the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 will be blocked from the Waitangi Tribunal. Courts will also be blocked from challenging the validity of the Deed.

TRONP are also engaging with Dr Cullen (Minister of Treaty Settlements) to adjourn all Ruawaipu historical claims and to settle without the consent or consultation with Ruawaipu claimants. It is intended that legislation be introduced preventing the Ruawaipu claims from being heard in the Waitangi Tribunal.

These actions will cause irreversible prejudice to Ruawaipu and create further treaty grievances.

## *How to register*

You can register on line via the website or we can send you a registration form. Our contact details are set out below.

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