

*ruapehu te maungaa  
whanganui te awa  
ngaati haaua te iwi  
hauaroa te hapuu  
ngaapuwaitaha te marae  
nyree hurst ahau*

I am one of the candidates for election for Ngati Haaua Iwi Trust 2018. I have 17 years of experience as a Ngaati Haaua Tangata Whenua Tribal Representative/Advocate since being nominated on to Hinengaakau Development Trust in 2001 at Ngaapuwaitaha Marae by Uncle Archie and Auntie Annie. During this time I have been intensively involved in the following projects and activities:

- Ngapuwaitaha Marae Committee Secretary from 2001 to 2006;
- Ngaati Haaua Representative/Trustee on Hinengakau Development Trust to current;
- Taumarunui High School Board Member as Ngaati Haaua Tangata Whenua Representative Trustee;
- Child Youth and Family Panel Member as Ngaati Haaua Tangata Whenua Representative;
- Tuwharetoa Maaori Warden since 2001;
- a Waitangi Tribunal Member in the Te Rohe Potae Inquiry District;
- current Trustee on Taumarunui Township 01 Ahu Whenua Trust;
- Trustee Taurewa Forest Settlement Trust.
- Ngaati Tama o Ngaati Haaua Representative on Makara, Ohariu, Raurimu, Kaiwharawhara, Karori and Turakirae Lands held in Whanganui a Tara); and
- Ngati Haaua Iwi Trust Inc as a Trustee from 2013 to 2016.

**My knowledge and experience of central and local government matters include:**

- Diploma in Iwi Environmental Management;
- Resource Management Act 1991;
- Local Government (Rating) Act 2002;
- Local Government Act 2002;
- Resource Consents;
- RDC District Plan;
- RDC Long Term Plan;
- Policy and Planning;
- Horizons Regional Council One Plan;
- Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993;
- HDT appointment to Creative NZ Creative Communities Panel (RDC);
- HDT/NHaaua to input District Plan and Annual Plan (Policy and Planning);
- HDT appointment to CYFS Panel (Taumarunui);
- HDT/Ngaati Haaua submitter on many levels including; District Plans, Long Term Plans, Annual Plans, Resource Consents Iwi Liason Officer (HDT), to name a few.

Throughout my experience with consent authorities, including the Department of Conservation, I have carried myself with much respect and dignity to all positions and worked diligently with stakeholders towards achieving positive outcomes for all. In all dealings with Tauwi and consent authorities I have strongly represented my whaanau, hapuu, marae and Iwi positively and confidently.

**Familiarity with Ngaati Haaua Land Claims:**

I am a Ngaati Haaua Treaty Claims Researcher and the Ngaati Haaua Iwi Land Claims Manager of

Wai No's 48, 81 & 146 for the past 15 years. I am also personal assistant to Kevin Amohia. I have acquired extensive knowledge and experience of the Ngaati Haaua Tribes, Ngaati Haaua Treaty Claims, the Waitangi Tribunal process, Treaty Claims management and Crown processes, personally participating in the National Park, Whanganui, Whanganui a Tara and Te Rohe Potae Inquiry Districts by providing supporting evidence where and when required.

I have also Treaty Settlement and negotiations experience, assisting and supporting the Whanganui River Claims and Ngaati Haaua Treaty Claims held by Hikaia Amohia, now held by his eldest son, Kevin. The Port Nicholson Block Claims, Waitangi Tribunal Inquiry Districts of National Park, Whanganui, Te Rohe Potae, Taihape and Kapiti. I have only ever aspired to protect tangata whenua customary lands and interests as guaranteed to us by Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840. I remain vigilant towards achieving amicable agreements that are culturally acceptable to Ngaati Haaua.

**In conclusion,**

I believe I am a strong candidate for the position as a Ngaati Haaua Trustee on Ngati Haua Iwi Trust. I have actively taken part in all matters pertaining to Ngaati Haaua with an immense sense of pride and will towards the protection, preservation and promotion o ngaa taongaa tuku iho o ngaa maatua tupuna o Ngaati Haaua, for the benefit of Ngaati Haaua and our future generations.

Kia ora taatou.  
Nyree.