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Ngati Tama update

1. Purpose

To inform Ara Tahi of a letter that Greater Wellington has received from Te Puoho Katene, discussing Ngati Tama and Ara Tahi.

2. Background

Greater Wellington has received several letters from Ngati Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika Society Incorporated requesting a relationship with Greater Wellington, including membership of Ara Tahi. As members of Ara Tahi will be aware, this request has been discussed at Ara Tahi on several occasions.

On 12 November 2003, Ara Tahi resolved to advise Ngati Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika Society Incorporated that it is the view of Ara Tahi that Ngati Tama has always been represented on Ara Tahi through the Wellington Tenths Trust and that if they want to pursue a place on Ara Tahi they will need to approach the Wellington Tenths Trust and the other Te Ati Awa affiliated iwi (Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai and Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui) in the first instance. Those iwi would then make a recommendation on whether Ngati Tama should be invited to join Ara Tahi.

3. Response

On 22 March 2004 Greater Wellington received a letter from Ngati Tama kaumatua - Te Puoho Katene, outlining his concern regarding the resolution. In the letter he challenged the mandate of the Wellington Tenths Trust to represent the interests of Ngati Tama. He then asked that Ngati Tama “be released from representation on Ara Tahi” and stated that “Ngati Tama has withdrawn its mandate for its representation”.

A letter of response was written to Te Puoho on 15 April 2004. In this response Greater Wellington gave assurance that his views would be noted at the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that Ara Tahi:

- 1. receives the report; and*
- 2. notes the contents.*

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