



TE KUPENGA O NGĀTI KURA KI TAI
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Tēnā koe Ngaire
I ngā tini ahuatanga o te wa.

Thank you for your attached letter dated 13 November that was received via email on 25 November 2023 [5 days ago].

In response to your letter. An invitation by Mere Apiata to attend a hapū hui on Sunday, 12 November 2023 was declined due to short notice [4 days prior]. As a matter of a considered process, all proposed meetings are confirmed by our Chairperson and Kaunihera Whakahaere first and once approved a formal notification is sent to registered hapū members and published on our website. We provide a 3 week notification period before meetings to provide sufficient opportunity for members to attend. The timeline provided by Mere did not allow this to happen.

Again, a further Facebook post, 2 days prior to a second hapū hui, was called by Moana Kiff [Marae Trustee] and approved for publication by Mere Apiata. It is observed by this second hui held, and as you state a group of 35 people in attendance, that there was no intent to invite the wider hapū to participate in those discussions. Unfortunately, our hapū register, of 901 people, recognises that 87% of our membership reside outside of Matauri Bay.

As for 'Ngati Kura ki Tai' clarification we have had 4 meetings to date [from inception] on our marae over 2 years of which you yourself have participated in all hui and initially agreed to be our communications person. I'm confused by your action and intent. We are no secret Ngaire and I do hope you will continue to attend a wider hapū hui, in the near future, to embrace an inclusive approach toward working together. We will however, prepare for a Special Hapū Hui to clarify our position going forward.

To assist, all future communications will be managed by our newly elected interim communications person, Emma Hēpi. Please send all communications directly to her on emmahepi@yahoo.co.nz or 027 4820036. She's a lovely person and I'm sure you will enjoy getting to know her and her courteous personality.

In hindsight, please send a copy of your meeting minutes [12 November and 26 November] to distribute to our Chairperson and Kaunihera Whakahaere.

Kind regards

Nāku noa
Anahera Pomare
[Kaituhi / Secretary](#)