

The Whakatohea Maori Trust Board

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The Director
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Dear Sir

Please accept this letter as a notice of intent, that a claim will be lodged with the Tribunal on behalf of the Whakatohea Tribe in relation to the Ohiwa harbour and its foreshores in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

This refers to an area within the Whakatohea Rohe Potae and was under its control and occupation at the time of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

There are pressures from District Councils to be in control of the harbour, with a token gesture only towards the Tribe. This, we consider, is not in the spirit of the partnership basis of the Treaty, nor has it taken additional recognition of the present increasing Maori population in the district.

In the claim we will be proposing, if the Tribunal agrees, that the matter be dealt with through the mediation process under the authority of the Tribunal.

Yours faithfully



Claude Edwards
Executive Chairman