

*Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau me ngā hapū o Ngāti Paoa  
Ko te tumanako e ora pai ana koutou i ngā āhuatanga o te wā  
We hope you are all well*

### **Pouārua Farm Investment Opportunity**

At the Ngāti Paoa Hui ā Iwi on Saturday 7 Sept there were some issues raised about the Pouārua Farm investment especially around the existing impact of the farm operations on the environment.

Below is the link to the article laid at the Hui ā Iwi:

<http://www.ruraldelivery.net.nz/2006/04/challenges-of-dairy-farming-and-building-on-peat-land/>

In the booklet sent to the all registered beneficiaries of Ngāti Paoa were details about the farm and this commercial investment. Commercial advice and the Pouārua Farm valuations provided at negotiators hui have been positive in bringing back to the Ngāti Paoa beneficiaries this commercial investment opportunity. (The valuations are confidential to the Collective). The advice by the Collective advisors and Ngāti Paoa's independent commercial advice has affirmed to your negotiators the viability of this farm investment. However at the end of the day, the decision to accept the *Pouārua Farm On Account Settlement* is yours i.e. that of **the beneficiaries of Ngāti Paoa**.

Tiakitanga of the environment is important to Ngāti Paoa and as discussed at the series of Pouārua Farm hui, important to all the partners in this investment. Initial and on-going discussions of the farm environmental impacts should align to each tribe's resource management plan and also the RMA requirements of the local Council. Furthermore, the Hauraki Collective Co-Governance arrangement and the Conservation Management Strategy will also assist in working together with Council at all levels to protect and enhance our environment.

Should the iwi agree to support the investment into this farm, the new governance entity - Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust will be responsible for the administering and aligning this farm to the resource management plan.

We include the powerpoint presentation provided at the Collective Ratification Hui.

Considering the commercial advice provided of the farm, your negotiators are pleased to provide this commercial investment opportunity.

Finally whānau, as your Iwi Mandated Negotiators we encourage you to vote "YES" for Pouārua and "YES" for the new PSGE Post-Settlement Governance Entity for Ngāti Paoa.

Ngā mihi matakuiuku atu ki a koutou

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