

TE UPOKOREHE TREATY CLAIMS TRUST



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Te Upokorehe Treaty Claims Trust (“TUTCT”) oppose Te Kawa O Te Urewera Board / Te Urewera Act 2014

- 1) Te Urewera Act 2014 provides that:
 - a) Any lands in the Tūhoe Area of Interest can be added to the Urewera National Park at any time at the behest of the Board.
 - b) The Tūhoe Area of Interest falsely claims all Te Upokorehe lands as “Tuhoe Dominant.” (see map overleaf)
 - c) Te Upokorehe lands currently outside the Urewera National Park can be added to the Park by Te Urewera Governance Board without Te Upokorehe’s consent. Once there, it will be governed by Tūhoe, Tūhoetanga and the Crown.
 - d) Te Upokorehe lands inside the Park have been solely given to Tūhoe to govern with no acknowledgement of or provision for Te Upokorehe mana whenua over our own lands.
 - e) There has been no consultation with Te Upokorehe over any of these proposals.

- 2) The draft Te Kawa O Te Urewera Board is silent on any means to appropriately address the above inter-iwi grievances arising through overlapping claims where tribal lands of other iwi have been and can be unilaterally added to the Park at any time, without the consent of those iwi.
- 3) Te Kawa O Te Urewera Board / Te Urewera Act 2014 has no provision for Te Upokorehe Iwi tino rangatiratanga as Tangata Whenua Tuuturu in our own rohe.
- 4) Te Kawa O Te Urewera Board / Te Urewera Act 2014 does not enable or provide for in any way, the Treaty rights of Te Upokorehe.
- 5) Te Upokorehe Iwi will continue to pursue our Treaty rights over our own lands.

Nāku noa nā,

Te Upokorehe Treaty Claims Trust

Tuhoe Area of Interest

