

Trustees Recommendations for 2008 AGM

The following are the recommendations of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust of the items being placed before the 2008 AGM of the Trust for Consideration.

10.1	<i>The Neck Strategy (Neck Owners Only)</i>	<i>Trustees fully support this motion</i>
<p>The Trustees of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust unanimously support this motion to adopt the Management Strategy for “The Neck. This will be used to guide implementation of the vision that was adopted by “The Neck” Owners at the 2007 AGM. The Management Strategy will be the guiding document used by the Trustees as they begin the process of restoring and developing “The Neck” to govern the way things should be done. The Management Strategy is in effect the policy document that ensures everyone knows how things will be done, the considerations that must be observed, and the things that are considered most important. This is a unique opportunity for the Trust to begin protecting and managing the assets of the Trust in a productive and self sustaining way for the beneficial owners of today and tomorrow.</p>		

10.2.1	<i>Rule Changes – Obligations & Restrictions (All Owners)</i>	<i>Trustees fully support this motion</i>
<p>The Trustees of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust unanimously support this motion to ensure the current and future Trustees provide good governance of the Trust. This motion ensures that an appropriate Governance Policy, (which current Trustees have already developed), is maintained and developed by the Trustees of the day. This then provides protection for the owners as the Trustees will be required to follow the policy they have in place or demonstrate good reason to change the policy or do something different in anyway. We think this is an essential part of protecting and improving the quality of the Trusts governance today and into the future.</p>		

10.2.2	<i>Rule Changes – Whānau Trust Voting (All Owners)</i>	<i>Trustees fully support this motion</i>
<p>The Trustees of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust unanimously support this motion to clarify the voting and participation of Whānau Trusts. Once land has been put into a Whānau Trust Rakiura Maori Land Trust or other owners have no control over the rules of the Whānau Trust in such areas as who the succeeding beneficiaries will be and how many spokes people and voters they can send to a meeting. We therefore think it is only fair that a Whānau Trust holds the right it had before it put its land into the Trust that is one person with one vote for the land they have. We have been operating in this manner for sometime now but feel it is necessary to have this position clarified and put into our Trust Order.</p>		

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10.2.3	<i>Rule Changes – Upoko (All Owners)</i>	<i>Trustees fully support this motion</i>
<p>The Trustees of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust unanimously support this motion to formally provide for an Upoko within the Trust. For sometime Harold Ashwell had been recognised as our kaumātua or elder prior to his death on 9th May 2007 but the Trust Order did not provide for this role. We have considered this position for the future and we feel that it is important that this role and the method of its appointment is provided for within the Trust Order. While we had used the term kaumātua we feel the more appropriate term is Upoko and we have therefore provided for this within the proposed Trust Order changes.</p>		

12	<i>Election of Trustees</i>	<i>Trustees ask you to support this motion</i>
<p>The Trustees of the Rakiura Maori Lands Trust having only received 3 nominations for the 3 vacant positions of Trustees. The nominations are for the 2 sitting Trustees Phillip Smith and Richard Manning and Suzanne Spencer who filled a causal vacancy during the year. Given there is only 3 nominations for 3 positions there is no requirement for an election but the Trustees of the Rakiura Maori Land Trust ask you to confirm the appointment of the 3 above mention nominations to the Maori Land Court for a term of 3 years as provided under the rules of the Trust Order.</p>		

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