

Ngāti Mutuahi has been, is currently and will always be a hapū of Rangitāne

Recently passed legislation known as the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki Nui a Rua Claims Settlement Act has knowingly and purposely claimed ownership of a number of Rangitāne hapū including Ngāti Mutuahi.

“While we applaud Ngāti Kahungunu for largely accomplishing their settlement, we disagree with the inclusion of our hapū and pledge to fight against it on behalf of Ngāti Mutuahi's future generations,” says Ngāti Mutuahi spokesperson Stephen Paewai.

“We think it's an insult that the Crown has accepted our hapū into the settlement of another tribe. Despite working with the Crown in good faith to resolve our historical grievances in the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā (Wairarapa Tamaki nui-ā-Rua) Claims Settlement Act 2017,” says Mr Paewai.

“We categorically assert that Tamaki nui-ā-Rua is home to Ngāti Mutuahi of Rangitāne and it has been our home continuously and permanently,” he says.

"Today, yesterday, and forever, Ngāti Mutuahi is a hapū of Rangitāne."

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