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Legislative Statement: Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Claims Settlement Bill

Overview

Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Claims Settlement Bill (the Bill) gives effect to elements of Te Tihi o Te Rae, the Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Deed of Settlement, (the Deed), which relies on legislation to be enacted and implemented.

The Deed provides for the final settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua resulting from acts or omissions by the Crown before 21 September 1992. This Bill contains provisions related to settlement redress that require legislation for their implementation. Other aspects of the settlement are provided for only in the Deed because they do not require legislative authority.

This Bill comprises three Parts as follows:

- Part 1 sets out the purpose of the Bill, states that the provisions of the Bill take
 effect on the settlement date unless a provision states otherwise, specifies that the
 Bill when enacted binds the Crown, and defines terms used in the Bill, including Te
 Korowai o Wainuiārua and historical claims. It also includes a summary of the Te
 Korowai o Wainuiārua historical account, as well as the acknowledgements and
 apology of the Crown;
- Part 2 sets out the cultural redress for Te Korowai o Wainuiārua in 13 subparts and includes:
 - protocols;
 - o a statutory acknowledgement and deed of recognition;
 - changes to official geographic names;
 - vesting of cultural redress properties;
 - provisions relating to membership of the Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Board and the Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Management Strategy;
 - o establishment of a joint strategic advisory committee; and
 - o provisions enabling access to certain cultural materials and minerals.
- Part 3 sets out the financial and commercial redress for Te Korowai o Wainuiārua in 4 subparts and includes:
 - the transfer of commercial redress properties and deferred selection properties; and
 - redress over licensed land, access to protected sites, and rights of first refusal (RFR) over RFR land.p