



## TE PIRE MŌ Ō-RĀKAU, TE PAE O MAUMAHARA Ō-RĀKAU REMEMBRANCE BILL: FIRST READING

### LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT

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#### Overview

Te Pire mō Ō-Rākau, Te Pae o Maumahara / Ō-Rākau Remembrance Bill (the Bill) gives effect to elements of Te Whakaeetanga Whakataunga mō Ō-Rākau, Te Pae o Maumahara / Deed of Agreement Relating to the Ō-Rākau Site (the Deed), which rely on legislation to be enacted and implemented.

The following is a brief overview of the Bill's provisions.

#### Historical background

The Bill provides a historical account of the battle of Ō-Rākau, the Crown's acknowledgements of wrongdoing in relation to the Ō-Rākau site, and background to the site's return.

#### Tūpuna vesting

The Bill vests the Ō-Rākau site in ngā tūpuna o Ō-Rākau (ngā tūpuna), a list of named individuals who were either present during the battle at Ō-Rākau or had prior connections to the whenua. Certain provisions will cease to apply if the Ō-Rākau site is transferred from ngā tūpuna.

The Bill gives Maniapoto, Raukawa and Waikato-Tainui (Ngā Ahi e Toru) the rights and obligations of the registered owner of the Ō-Rākau site, to be exercised on behalf of ngā tūpuna.

#### *Provisions to update ngā tūpuna*

The Bill provides for Ngā Ahi e Toru to apply to the Registrar-General of Lands to change ngā tūpuna as listed on the title for the Ō-Rākau site.

Following a change to ngā tūpuna on the title for the Ō-Rākau site, Ngā Ahi e Toru may also apply to the responsible Minister to make the same change to ngā tūpuna as listed in legislation. The Minister may then recommend the Governor-General make the requested change by Order in Council.

#### Rates exemption

The Bill makes the Ō-Rākau site non-rateable under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.