

TE RUNANGA O NGATI POROU BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill establishes Te Runanga o Ngati Porou as a Maori Trust Board. Subject to the provisions of the Bill the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 will apply to this body as it does to other Maori Trust Boards.

In accordance with section 24 of that Act, the principal function of Te Runanga will be to administer its assets for the general benefit of its beneficiaries. The beneficiaries are declared by this Bill to be the descendants of the hapu of Ngati Porou from Potaka to Te Toka a Taiau.

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou will have an initial membership of 20, to be appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister of Maori Affairs. Their task will be to draw up a roll of adult beneficiaries to enable elections to be held (*clause 4*).

It is expected that for the purposes of elections, the beneficiaries will be divided into sections or divisions. If this is done, a majority of the representatives of each section or division must be resident in the appropriate area (*clause 5*).

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou is required to hold an annual hui at which it must explain its activities and outline its future plans to the beneficiaries (*clause 6*).

Clause 7 is of a consequential nature only.

Hon. K. T. Wetere

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ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to establish Te Runanga o Ngati Porou as a Maori Trust Board

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand
5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Act 1985.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of April
10 1986.

2. Interpretation—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

15 “Nga nohokainga”, in relation to any particular section or division of the beneficiaries of Te Runanga, means beneficiaries who are resident in the area to which that section or division relates:

“Nga uri o nga hapu o Ngati Porou mai Potaka ki Te Toka a Taiau” means the descendants of the hapu of Ngati Porou from Potaka to Te Toka a Taiau:

20 “Te Runanga” means Te Runanga o Ngati Porou constituted by **section 3** of this Act.

(2) For the purposes of elections of members of Te Runanga, a beneficiary shall be deemed to reside in the area to which any section or division of beneficiaries relates if that beneficiary has his or her principal place of residence in that area.

3. Te Runanga o Ngati Porou constituted—(1) There is hereby constituted a body corporate to be known as Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, which shall be a Maori Trust Board within the meaning and for the purposes of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, and, subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of that Act shall apply accordingly.

(2) The beneficiaries of Te Runanga shall be nga uri o nga hapu o Ngati Porou mai Potaka ki Te Toka a Taiau.

4. Membership of Te Runanga—(1) As soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, the Governor-General shall, on the recommendation of the Minister of Maori Affairs, appoint such number of persons not exceeding 20 as the Minister thinks fit to be the initial members of Te Runanga.

(2) Each initial member of Te Runanga shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and comes into office under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Te Runanga shall cause to be prepared a roll containing the names and addresses of all adult beneficiaries of Te Runanga, and, as soon as practicable thereafter, Te Runanga and the Secretary to Te Runanga shall do everything necessary, in accordance with Part III of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, to hold an election of members of Te Runanga.

(4) If, by regulations made under section 56 of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, the Governor-General makes provision for the representation of specific sections or divisions of the beneficiaries of Te Runanga, the roll prepared under subsection (3) of this section shall also show the section or division to which each beneficiary belongs.

5. Majority of representatives of section or division of beneficiaries to be nga nohokainga—If, by regulations made under section 56 of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, the Governor-General makes provision for the representation of specific sections or divisions of the beneficiaries of Te Runanga, he shall, by such regulations, ensure that the majority of representatives of each such section or division are nga nohokainga; and any such provisions shall have effect according to its tenor notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 49 (2) of that Act.

6. Annual hui—(1) Te Runanga shall in every year hold a hui at which it shall report on its activities and its plans for the future to the beneficiaries.

(2) Not later than 3 months before the date of the proposed hui in any year, the Secretary of Te Runanga shall cause public notice to be given to the beneficiaries of Te Runanga of the date and place of the proposed hui.

(3) Section 46 (2) of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 shall apply to every public notice required to be given under subsection (2) of this section.

7. Bank accounts—The bank account into which all money belonging to Te Runanga is required by section 28 (1) of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 to be paid shall be called “Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Account”.