



15 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Re: Official Information Act (OIA) Request – kōiwi to be repatriated to Whangārei

I refer to your OIA request of 24 June 2025 for:

- 1. All correspondence regarding koiwi stolen from Taiharuru down the coast to Waipu during the 1800's that are to be, or have been repatriated to the Whangarei area in the last two years.*
- 2. Copies of all financial assistance or funding given or requested to a Trust known as Te Waiariki Ngati Korora Ngati Takapari hapu/iwi Trust.*
- 3. Copies of correspondence with anyone else relating to the uplifting of Koiwi to be repatriated to the Whangarei area.*

The requested information is attached. Some information has been withheld in accordance with s(9)(2)a) and s(9)(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA (privacy and commercial grounds). Other information was redacted as 'out of scope' of your request, and images of kōiwi tangata were redacted as they are sensitive, and to remain consistent with our practice of publishing [kōiwi tangata reports on our website](#).

We note that one other party has also requested this information and will be receiving the same attachment.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact OIA@tepapa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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