

GOVERNANCE POLICY

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1. Purpose

To ensure all Museum encounters with iwi (Maori people) are conducted in a manner that upholds the integrity – mana – of both parties.

2. Definitions

Treaty of Waitangi 1840 rule: Any Maori kin group that can demonstrate it held mana whenua (customary rights and responsibilities of and over a defined area of lands) at the time the Treaty of Waitangi was signed (1840) is considered the appropriate tribe with whom to exclusively enter into any negotiations, settlements, joint ventures or partnerships.

3. Policy

- 3.1 To ensure Maori values are upheld, the appropriate conduit between the Museum and iwi will be the office of the Tumuaki.
- 3.2 The Tumuaki will ensure the Director, Board and Taumata-a-Iwi are kept fully briefed of any interactions that may impact on the Museum's Maori values.
- 3.3 Within any region where more than one Maori community is claiming tangata whenua status the Museum will be guided by the Treaty of Waitangi 1840 rule as with whom it should interact to ensure Maori values are upheld.
- 3.4 Within any Maori community where leadership is contested the Museum will ensure Maori values are upheld by not engaging exclusively with any one party until such time the whole community reconciles its internal differences to the satisfaction of the Museum.