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**Comments** Tena koutou

I am Te Whanau a Apanui Tribal Authority Runanga representative for Te Whanau a Kuaetangohia. The Runanga has representatives from each of the 10 hapu of Te Whanau a Apanui.

On 4 December 2021 the following resolution was passed unanimously: supported by the Hapu Chairs forum and Te Runanga o te Whanau

Both forums agree that all reserves stolen by the Crown and local government be returned back to hapu unencumbered with the Crown also providing resourcing to manage the land going forward.

Te Whanau a Pararaki/Te Whanau a Te Ehutu  
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The Te Arawhiti & Te Whānau a Apanui Joint Request for Ōpōtiki District Reserves must align with the resolution passed on 4 December 2021. It currently does not.

Te Whanau a Kuaetangohia will also present a Historic account detailing how TWAA lands were acquired by the crown and subsequently the Opotiki District Council under a number of applied legislation and the Reserves Act

All reserves must be returned to hapu/original land owners as Maori customary land and not under the Reserves Act or jurisdiction

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