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Comments Tēnā kotou.

I am an active member of Te Whānau a Pararaki hapu, I reside in Te Kaha and I am the current deputy chair of Te Kāwhiu o Pararaki Trust, charged with leading the cultural aspirations and visions of the hapu.

On 4 December 2021 the following resolution was passed unanimously by our hapu leaders:

The Apanui Hapu Chairs Forum 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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My hapu of Te Whānau a Pararaki were part of moving and carrying the resolution.

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.

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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