Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust

2026 Special Resolution

INFORMATION SHEET

RESOLUTION

"That the Trustees be authorised to vary the Trust Deed, in accordance with the proposed variations made available to Members on the Trust's website (www.teatiawatrust.co.nz) and from the Trust Office, to permit up to two (2) of the eight (8) Trustees to be ordinarily resident outside Te Tauihu but within New Zealand, such variation being for the collective benefit of all Members of Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Proposed Trust Deed change: where Trustees can live

Members are being asked to approve a change that would allow **up to two of the Trust's eight Trustees to live outside Te Tauihu, but within New Zealand**.

The Board would remain at eight Trustees. There would be no reserved seats for people living outside Te Tauihu: members would still choose through the election process, subject to the two-person limit.

What would change?

Currently, all Trustees must have lived in Te Tauihu for at least six months before nomination and must continue to live here during their term.

Under the proposal:

- All eight Trustees would need to meet the Deed's residency requirements for New Zealand.
- A maximum of two could live outside Te Tauihu.
- When all eight positions are filled, at least six Trustees would need to meet the residency requirements for Te Tauihu.
- Candidates would declare their residency status and provide supporting evidence when nominated. Election information would tell members whether each candidate meets the Te Tauihu residency requirements.
- All other eligibility requirements would continue to apply.

"Up to two" means there could be none, one or two Trustees living outside Te Tauihu. All eight could still live within Te Tauihu.

Why is this being proposed?

Whānau have raised Trustee residency at roadshows, engagement hui and through written feedback over several years.

Many uri living elsewhere in New Zealand have governance, professional and cultural skills they could contribute. Some already carry leadership and tikanga responsibilities within Te Tauihu.

The Board is proposing this change to widen the pool of eligible candidates while keeping a strong majority of Trustees based in Te Tauihu.

What concerns have whānau raised?

Whānau have raised concerns about keeping a strong voice at home, Trustees being present and connected within the rohe, travel costs, the size of the Board, and representation for Motueka and Onetahua.

The Board would remain at eight, with no more than two Trustees living outside Te Tauihu. Eligible members living in Motueka and Onetahua could still stand, and members could continue to nominate, support and vote for candidates from those areas. The proposal would not create reserved seats for any area. Questions about representation for different parts of the rohe remain a separate matter.

How would elections work?

Where a vote is required, candidates would be considered in order of the number of valid votes they receive, starting with the highest. However, a candidate could not be elected if doing so would take the total number of Trustees living outside Te Tauihu above two.

The limit applies to the whole Board—not two new Trustees at each election. Trustees continuing in office would count towards it.

For example, if one Trustee living outside Te Tauihu were continuing in office, only one more candidate living outside Te Tauihu could be elected. Once the limit was reached, any further such candidate would be passed over and the next highest-polling eligible candidate considered, even if that candidate had fewer votes.

What does "living in" a place mean?

The proposed Deed wording uses the term "ordinarily resident" to mean that a person has their main home within New Zealand or Te Tauihu, as applicable, and has had their main home within that areas for at least the immediately preceding six months. Owning a property or staying somewhere occasionally is not enough.

A temporary absence does not, by itself, change where someone lives if that remains their main home and they intend to return. However, under the proposed definition, absences totalling more than six months in any 12-month period would not count as temporary.

Te Tauihu would be defined by the map already attached to the Trust Deed.

What if a Trustee moves during their term?

- **Moves from Te Tauihu to elsewhere in New Zealand:** They can continue only if they still meet the New Zealand residency requirements and their move would not take the number outside Te Tauihu above two. Otherwise, they cease to be a Trustee.
- **Moves into Te Tauihu from elsewhere in New Zealand:** They continue to count towards the two-person limit until they meet the six-month Te Tauihu residency requirement.
- **Ceases to meet the New Zealand residency requirements:** They cease to be a Trustee.

Any resulting vacancy would be dealt with under the Trust Deed.

How would Trustees living further away attend hui?

The Board uses a mix of in-person and online hui. Trustees living outside Te Tauihu would be expected to travel to the in-person hui and AGM. Those travel costs would be met from the Board's governance budget.

Would this apply to the 2026 Trustee election?

No. Nominations for the 2026 election are being conducted under the current rules, which require all candidates to live in Te Tauihu.

If members approve the resolution, the Trustees would formally amend the Deed as soon as possible afterwards. The new rules would take effect when that amendment is completed and would then apply to all Trustees holding office.

What are members being asked to approve?

Members are being asked to authorise the Trustees to make the proposed amendments for the collective benefit of all members.

The resolution requires **at least 75% of valid votes cast to be in favour**.

The full proposed amendments are available on the Trust's website (www.teatiawatrust.co.nz) and from the Trust Office (2/4 Te Ara Kaimoana, Waikawa Marina, Waitohi (Picton) 7220 - Ph 0800 284 292). This information explains the proposal; the full amendments set out the rules members are being asked to approve.

What about the wider Trust Deed review?

Other matters in the wider Trust Deed review are planned for consideration in 2027 and are not part of this vote.