



# Treaty settlements and local government



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## The Government's goal

- Just and durable settlement of all historical Treaty claims by 2014
- Restored Crown-Māori relationship
- 13 comprehensive settlements reached
- Minimum of 60 settlements remaining, half in negotiations



## Getting to 2014

- Improved Crown planning and co-ordination
- Increased Crown and Māori capacity
- Working regionally
- Talking to Māori regionally and nationally



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- Know that local government has concerns about being consulted, facing costs, being affected
- Government committed to working with local government
- As we approach 2014, most local authorities will have clarity about the scope of any future obligations
- May help improve relations between local government and iwi



## Local government and iwi cooperation

- Taranaki Whanui
- Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa
- Waikato Tainui/other river iwi
- Ngāti Whātua o Orākei arrangements with Auckland City Council and Bastion point settlement



## Co-management

- Co-management arrangements assist the government deliver on several key objectives:
  - Enhancing relationships with iwi to build enduring partnerships
  - Delivering more effective management of natural resources
  - Completing all historical Treaty settlements by 2014
- Relationship & certainty benefits for local government



## Co-management

- A lot of different definitions. Takes many forms in settlements & arrangements outside of settlement
- Iwi asking for co-management arrangements more often
- Local authorities role in any co-management arrangement needs to be clear (not a displacement model of local authorities)
- Government committed to working with local government to ensure co-management arrangements are clear and workable for all parties



## Concluding remarks

- To achieve the government's 2014 goal
  - Will need to be steady, consistent and cumulative change over time
  - Will require the Crown, local authorities and iwi to engage more intensely over the next few years
- Benefits for local government
  - Clarity about the scope of any future obligations
  - Opportunity for improved relations with iwi
- Questions?