

NOTICE

of Non-Assent to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
and Exercise of Constitutional Power of Veto in Respect Thereof

**This Second day of February 2016, at Waitangi, New Zealand /Aotearoa /
Nu Tireni**

For the attention of: all Ambassadors / High Commissioners of the pending partner countries of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (Notice to one is Notice to all); all Trade, Foreign Affairs or State Departments, Ministries etc of the pending partner countries of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (under whatsoever names they may operate; Notice to one is Notice to all); and Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of England, Treaty partner by succession in respect of Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840.

I, **Kingi Taurua**, Tino Rangatira by descent from Pareha, Ngati Rehia, signatory of He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni 1835 (The Declaration of Independence of New Zealand, 1835) and Te Kemara, signatory of Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 ("The Treaty of Waitangi, 1840, Maori language version), being present-day Rangatira o Te Whakaminenga o Ngā Hapū o Nu Tireni do solemnly and respectfully give notice of the following:

1 That I have considered the text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and I am of the firm belief that it would not be in the interests of this nation, New Zealand /Aotearoa / Nu Tireni; and further, that the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement as written would seem to undermine the Tino Rangatira or true sovereignty held by myself and the respective Rangatira of the Hapū (tribes) of the various rohe (districts) of this nation as enshrined in our existing agreements with Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of England;

2 That I am exercising my tino rangatiratanga and thus my constitutionally vested power of veto with respect the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and hereby affirm that the New Zealand Crown does not have due authority to enter into such an Agreement on behalf of the nation of New Zealand without the assent of myself and the other rangatira of the Hapū of our various districts, which assent has not been given;

3 That the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement seems to be a legislative vehicle through which overseas or international corporate interests may make attempts upon the sovereignty of our Independent State, and accordingly I request and require that our treaty partner Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of England act now as our Protector from any such attempts by standing in opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement with myself and those other Rangatira o Te Whakaminenga o Ngā Hapū o Nu Tireni that agree to this my position of Non-Assent to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement;

4 That I communicate this to you in my right as Rangatira o Te Whakaminenga o Ngā Hapū o Nu Tireni on behalf of the Rangatira therein and in anticipation of their full agreement to this my position over the coming days and weeks;

5 That in light of the above, if the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement as it stands is signed without the full and clear assent of the Rangatira then it will be void in respect of New Zealand's involvement; and

6 That finally insofar as I am a Rangatira of this nation who lives some of my time in Auckland / Tamaki Makarau and Rangatira o Te Whakaminenga o Ngā Hapū o Nu Tireni, I do not give my permission to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement being signed in Auckland, which position I take to the full extent of my right to regulate trade in that district on behalf of the respective Tino Rangatira of it.

Signed



Kingi Taurua



Countersigned, Rangatira o Ngā Hapū o Nu Tireni