



**WAIPATU MARAE PROPOSALS
FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
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Change of Name:

We suggest that the name be changed to **TAMATEA POKAI WHENUA**. Why, because Heretaunga Tamatea seems always divisive. More like Heretaunga versus Tamatea rather than Heretaunga and Tamatea and there is continual polarisation around the two rohe.

Our suggestion for Tamatea Pokai Whenua is that Tamatea is our tipuna, Pokai Whenua is our purpose. Which is to pull people together, roll whenua together, roll moana together and to collectivise people.

The proposal is made off the Kotahitanga Movement which started with Te Kupenga a Te Huki in his time. Prior to that though it was Te Hononga Mareikura o Takitimu, Tuhonohonotanga of Kahungunu, Te Kupenga a Te Huki then Pokai Whenua Pokai Moana followed by Te Whatuiapiti Pokohiwi ki te Pokohiwi and Te Kotahitanga Movement which ended with the First Sitting of the Maori Parliament in 1892 at Waipatu. Tamatea Pokai Whenua evokes kotahitanga, new discovery, holding things together and pursuing new opportunities on land sea and with people.

Other names that could equally apply are Kai Hau Kai which is uniquely Matau a Maui Hawkes bay of which kai was provided rather than people going to war and whoever produced the best kai ended up victors over land, Kai Hau Kai, Pokai Whenua. It could be He Toa Takitini which is an iteration from Tuhoto Ariki during his time by working together rather than working apart. Tamatea Pokai Whenua, Kai Hau Kaikai, Pokihiwi ki te Pokihiwi and names like that bring people together.