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Tēnā koe,

Resignation from Trustee Position on Tūhoronuku Independent Mandated Authority

I have spent two and a half years on this Board after I was nominated by Uncle Goff Rawiri to the position of Mandated Hapū Kaikōrero for my hapū Ngāti Kairewa. As with everything we as Maori do, this was only possible because of my whakapapa and Uncle Goff's faith in my capability and accountability to my people.

I have become totally dissatisfied with the leadership, lack of transparency and the abuse of power over people. The culture of the Board is more like a dictatorship, than a Trust serving our people.

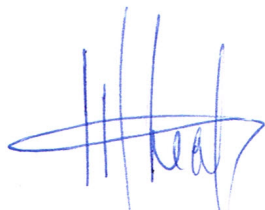
We have been waiting for settlement for our future generations because of the deficit situation so many of us are in. And while many of us as Trustees can go back to our cushy salaried positions, a large number of our people are living below the poverty line, have nowhere to live, are ill, abused, have no employment and deteriorating health.

The inaction of our Board and the way new leaders emerging are bullied and trampled over disgusts me.

For these reasons and many more, I cannot support this abusive behaviour to our people any longer and tender my resignation as Trustee.

I attach an invoice from Ngāpuhi youth and whanau for the opportunity cost of inaction and the waste of a mandate and eight years' work.

Heoi ano,



Helene Leaf Q.S.M.