

# Te Haeata

## Settlement Portal

### What is Te Haeata?

Te Haeata is an online, searchable database of commitments from historical Treaty of Waitangi settlements, as recorded in deeds of settlement and settlement legislation. The purpose of Te Haeata is to raise the visibility of Treaty settlement commitments and help organisations manage their commitments.

Note that deeds of settlement and legislation remain the authoritative source of information about Treaty settlements. Te Haeata is a tool to help people find this information more easily.

### Who can use Te Haeata?

Te Haeata is a free resource for representatives of organisations with Treaty settlement responsibilities (e.g. central and local government, post-settlement governance entities). Te Haeata is not publicly available; users must register for an account before they can access Te Haeata.

### Why should I use Te Haeata?

Te Haeata can help you gain familiarity with your organisation's Treaty settlement commitments.

Te Haeata enables you to:

- quickly find relevant information from Treaty settlements – search by key word, settlement, responsible entity, commitment type or timeframe;
- manage your organisations commitments – through reminders, post-settlement update statements and the progress status function.

By raising the visibility of Treaty settlement commitments, Te Haeata supports organisations to

deliver on their obligations and ensure the durability of settlements is upheld.

Commitments that are not delivered correctly can undermine the durability of Treaty settlements, affect relationships with settled groups, affect Māori-Crown relationships, and result in operational delays or legal challenges.

### Does Te Haeata capture all information from deeds and legislation?

No – deeds and legislation contain information beyond what is recorded in Te Haeata. Te Haeata records the 'commitment' statements from deeds and legislation – instances when a party will or must carry out a task. Statements in a deed that note a party may do something are not recorded in Te Haeata.

Te Haeata does not record commitments from the Treaty of Waitangi (Fisheries Claims) Settlement Act 1992, Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004, or some settlement agreements from the 1990s. Copies of these agreements can be found [here](#).

### Do agencies have further obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi?

Yes – the Crown and local government have Treaty of Waitangi obligations aside from those recorded in Treaty settlements. For example, the Urban Development Act requires that all persons exercising functions and powers under this Act take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. These requirements remain and are not recorded in Te Haeata.

**Register now! Create an account at:**  
<https://tehaeata.govt.nz/user/register>



## Why does Te Haeata now have a dashboard?

Since its launch in June 2019, users have helped to identify areas of Te Haeata that could be improved. One area for improvement was the ability to help manage settlement delivery. The Crown is committed to ensuring Treaty settlement commitments are met. Te Haeata's new dashboard builds on the status function launched in 2020 and is intended to help organisations maintain an overview of their progress in delivering settlements.

## How does the dashboard work?

The dashboard provides Crown agencies greater visibility of their Treaty settlement delivery. Each organisation has its own dashboard which displays an overview of the status of their commitments, presented as a bar graph. The dashboard draws on information already contained in Te Haeata and also highlights upcoming commitment timeframes and recent activity (e.g., new post-settlement update statements or any change in progress status of a commitment).

## Who can access each Crown agency's dashboard?

Your organisation's dashboard is confidential to your organisation's users. In time, the intention is for this data to be made available to all Treaty settlement commitment holders.

Only Organisation Administrators for Te Haeata have the ability to update their organisation's progress statuses. Other users for an organisation are only able to view the content provided on their organisation's dashboard.

Please note that System Administrators of Te Haeata can view all information on the site, and content in Te Haeata may be released on request under the Official Information Act (the Act) following any necessary consultation and if it is appropriate to do so under the Act.

## How can Te Haeata help me manage my Treaty settlement commitments?

### *Progress status breakdown for Crown agencies*

Crown agencies have a 'Progress status breakdown' bar graph which provides a high-level view of the commitments for which you are responsible and allows you to provide status updates and comment on progress.

You should choose one of four progress statuses for each commitment. These statuses can be changed and if none are selected will display as 'not yet entered'.

Updating the status of your commitments provides a high-level overview of your organisation's settlement delivery. This is necessary for reporting purposes and is also useful when engaging with post-settlement governance entities.

### *Post-settlement update statements*

You can add a post-settlement update statement to a commitment for which your organisation is a responsible entity.

Updates on the status of commitments should be brief and high-level. Detailed issues that require ongoing dialogue are best dealt with directly between relevant parties.

This text will be visible to all users of Te Haeata and can be requested under the Official Information Act. Updates will show the organisation name of the person who posted the update, and the time the update was added.

Updates can be edited by contacting a Te Haeata administrator.

### *Set email reminders for commitments*

You can set up email reminders to remind you about a commitment within timeframes that suit you. This is useful to remind you of a task that must be done within a particular timeframe.

Email reminders can be set up as a one-off or at a regular interval. You can customise the email you will receive, and emails will be sent to the email address linked to the Te Haeata account you are logged in with.



## What does each progress status mean?

You should choose one of four progress statuses for each commitment. These statuses can be changed and if none are selected will display as 'not yet entered.' The four statuses are:

- 1) **Complete** – the responsible entities have completed the actions required to deliver the commitments. For example, all letters of introduction have been sent.
- 2) **On Track** – the responsible entities have the systems in place or have started the actions required to deliver the commitments and are on track to complete them (including within any timeframe specified). For example, the organisation has a system in place to manage the actions required in carrying out the Right of First Refusal process.
- 3) **Delivery issues** – the responsible entities have made attempts to complete the actions required to fulfil the commitments. However, complicating factors have meant that the responsible entities are unlikely to be able to deliver the commitments as required (including within any timeframe specified). For example, there are delivery issues because the disclosure information for a Deferred Selection Property was not provided in the timeframe specified in the deed.
- 4) **Yet to be triggered** – the responsible entities are yet to start on the delivery of the commitments. This may be because they are conditional on other commitments, or to be completed in a certain timeframe that is yet to be triggered. For example, for the commitment type 'participation arrangements over natural resources', the first meeting of a statutory board has not yet been held due to the requirement to wait for other participating iwi to finalise their Treaty settlements.

