

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**“Ē tū whakahīhi ana mātou ki te whiwhi i ā ia ki waenga i a mātou e whiria ai ki roto i ngā hītori o te wānanga”: Ē whakanui tonu ana i tētahi o ngā mema tuatahi mo te Mana Whakahaere o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi ki tōna tūranga ki te Kōti Matua**

Kei te harikoa Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi me te whakamihi hoki ki te Tiatī o te Kōti Whenua Māori ki a Layne Harvey, ki tōna tūranga ki te Kōti Matua, – ko ia hoki te tiamana mo Te Mana Whakahaere o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi (te Kaunihera).

Nō ngā wiki tata nei, i whakawhiwhia ai te Tiatī e te Attorney-General, e David Parker, kei runga hoki ia i te Taraipiunara o Waitangi ana ko ia te tiati mo te Kōti Taiao ia wiki tuarua.

I te tau 2015, ka whakawhiwhia a Tiatī Harvey (Ngāti Awa, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga a Māhaki, Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa, me Te Whānau a Apanui) ki te Tohu Kairangi Whakawhanake Māori, mai i Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi mo anamahi whakahirahira, inārā ki te mātauranga me te wānanga. I te tau 2018, ka whiwhi ia i te Tohu Tākuta tuatahi mo te Ture, i te Kura Ture i AUT.

E kī ana a Tiatī Harvey, “He hōnore nui ki te whiwhi i tēnei tūranga, ana, me te haere tonu ki te whakapau kaha ki te āwhina i ō tatou hāpori.”

Ko te āhua o te huarahi ngaio umanga i whāia e Tiatī Harvey, ka hoki whakamuri ki ana rā i te wānanga, ara, i te tau 1991, ka tū ko ia te timatatanga Kaiwhakarite Awhina Tauira Māori, mo te wāhanga ture o te Wānanga o Tamaki Makaurau. Ka mahi ia hei rōia i Tamaki Makaurau mo te tekau tau, i reira, ko tana mahi he noho hei waha kōrero me te whiriwhiri i ngā kerēme ki te Taraipiunara o Waitangi, ma ngā iwi me ngā hapu.

I te marama o Hepetema 2002, ka tohua ia ki te Kōti Whenua Māori i Rotorua. Whai muri, tata ki te rua tekau tau ana wheako, pukenga hoki, ka heria e ia tēnei tūranga hou.

E kī ana te Tumuwhakahaere o Awanuiārangi, a Ahorangi Wiremu Doherty, he maioha nui tēnei kia Tiatī Layne Harvey mo tēnei whakamanahau me te mīharo atu hoki ki tana manawanui ki nga take nui.

“He maha ngā mahi a Tiatī Harvey kua tutuki i ā ia ma tōna iwi me te ao Māori, ēngari, kei hea mai anō hoki ana koha ki te mātauranga. Kaore he mutunga mai, o te tū whakahī a Awanuiārangi, ki te whakamihi mo tōna tūranga whai tikanga, i roto i tō mātou ao, inā rā, he tamariki noa iho ia i tērā wā.”

“Mīharo ana ki tōna pūmau ki te whakawhanake me te hauora i te katoa, inā rā, ma te mātauranga. Ēhara i te mea noa iho, ko ia tētahi o ngā mema tūturu mo te komiti whakapūmau o te wānanga, ēngari ko ia tētahi o ngā mema tūturu, toko ono o Ngāti Awa, mo te Mana Whakahaere o Awanuiārangi”

“Kā nui te mīharo ki te mōhio ki ā ia, me te whiwhi hoki i ā ia ki waenga i a mātou, e whiria ai ki roto i ngā hītori o te wānanga”

Ē kī ana a Tiatī Harvey, ka noho tonu ngā whakararu me te ture ki waenga i ngā hāpori katoa ahakoa ngā rerekētanga.

*“I te tau 1893 ka kī a Te Kooti Rikirangi, ‘ko te waka hei hoehoenga mo koutou, i muri i ahau, ko te ture. Ma te ture ano, te ture e aki.’ Kei te rapu tonu ngā rōia Māori me ngā tiati me pēhea te whakauru i ēnei kareāroto ki roto i te ture.”*

*Ka noho a Tiati Harvey ki Tāmaki Makaurau.*

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**Editor’s note:**

*More information about Layne Harvey, and his background, can be found on Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi’s website [here](#).*

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