



*FEDERATION OF
MĀORI AUTHORITIES (INC.)
Me Uru Kahikatea*

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*Kia kapo atu au i te uhi o te kōrero, ko tā te uhi he whakairo,
ko tā te arero he kōrero, ko tāku nei he mihi,
tēnā koutou e aku rangatira*

Tēnā koe e te Rangatira

‘Ka pu te ruha, Ka hao te rangatahi’

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of **Rino Tirikatene** (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Hine) as the new CEO of *Federation of Maori Authorities (FoMA)*. FoMA’s Executive Committee believes it has chosen an excellent leader who will guide FoMA’s efforts to foster and promote the economic advancement of Maori commercial entities.

Rino has more than 12 years of industry experience working to promote Māori economic development and he brings a wide range of sector knowledge to FoMA. For the past five years, Rino has worked for Ngāi Tahu in both corporate and oversight roles where he spearheaded significant advances for its seafood business. Before joining Ngāi Tahu, Rino worked in the Maori Enterprise Team with Trade New Zealand where he led a number of export initiatives across Māori business sectors. We are also delighted that he has an understanding of legal and commercial issues as a result of his experience as a commercial lawyer.

Paul Morgan, who has played a momentous role leading FoMA for the past 15 years, and achieved major triumphs for members to strengthen the Māori asset base and business capability, will now take up the role of Managing Director with FoMANA Capital Ltd, a management and consultancy business of which FoMA has an investment. Paul also continues to serve on the FoMA Executive for Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Maui (Top of South) region.

We believe Rino's extensive experience and his understanding of Maori industry make him an excellent choice to lead FoMA as it continues to expand its commitment to advancement of Maori business interests.



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Rino looks forward to meeting with you and developing relationships with your organisation. He will arrange a series of calls over the next few weeks to introduce himself in person. Rino can be contacted directly on ph: 021 620 874; email: Rino@foma.co.nz

We are confident that under Rino's leadership, FoMA will continue to provide excellent service to our members in leading advocacy work across Māori economic interests. Please join me in welcoming Rino to FoMA.

Naaku noa, na

Temuera Hall

Chair - Federation of Māori Authorities