



Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi  
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**IWI ANGRY OVER PERSONAL ATTACKS  
TO ONE OF IT'S ESTEEMED LEADERS**

“Ngāti Kahungunu is disturbed at the name calling and undermining of one of our leaders and Taumata member, Dr Pita Sharples, by political opponents and strident commentators.”

“Pita was the first Chairman of Te Runanganui o Ngāti Kahungunu and now resides as one of only four Taumata members, a body chosen by consensus to oversee the cultural integrity of our tribe’s evolution.”

“Any attack on Pita is an affront to his Iwi, an insult to his hapū but most importantly a body blow to his whānau, a whānau who is suffering enough already and have given selflessly to Māori through Te Reo, Kohanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa, Te Wharekura, Kapa Haka, whānau and hapū.”

“Ngāti Kahungunu will support Pita through this trying period and ensure that his whānau are surrounded and protected from direct attacks and that their safety is uppermost” says Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Chairman, Ngahiwi Tomoana.

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