



Mawae Rex Morton – Candidate Profile Statement

Tēnā koutou e te whānau, ko Mawae Rex Morton tōku ingoa. He uri āhau o Ngāti Te Kohera. Our whānau connection to Mōkai is through my kuia, Te Uira Maniapoto Jones.

I was fortunate to grow up at Waitetoko and Turangi, and attend Tongariro High School. My qualifications include a degree in agriculture from Massey, masters degree in public policy from Victoria, and executive education certificates from Stanford University.

My wife Aulani Wilhelm and I have three sons. She is the Assistant Director for Climate, Oceans and Inclusion in the Executive Office of the President at the US White House. I am based in Aotearoa and Hawaii.

Most of my career has been dedicated to Māori and indigenous development. This experience, and the example set by my mother Julie Morton, has motivated me to serve as an Interim Trustee.

My governance, commercial and finance experience includes:

- GM for Tupu Angitu – finance, investment and asset management arm of the Lake Taupō Forest Trust with around \$700 million under management.
- Director on several commercial startups, and governance pool member for New Zealand Green Investment Finance.
- Advisor to investment firm Finistere Ventures and Pono Island Capital in Hawaii.
- Director and CEO of an aquaculture company listed on the NASDAQ.
- CEO of a privately owned renewable energy company.
- Senior executive at a family office that invested in renewable energy projects globally.
- Manager at Kamehameha Schools, a US\$15 billion financial endowment serving native Hawaiians.
- Strategy consultant with KPMG Consulting both in Aotearoa and the USA.