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**THE ORIGINS OF NGAA
RAURU KIITAHİ**

(English Translation)

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Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi is recognised today as a sub-tribe of the Taranaki peoples whose boundaries extend from Parininihi near Mokau, to Waitotara near Wanganui. Waitotara is regarded as the hub of Ngaa Rauru. Their oral traditions and those of the Aotea tribes, Taranaki and Whanganui claim that the ancestors of the Ngaa Rauru came originally in the Aotea canoe as part of the great fleet. The main object of this publication is to argue the Ngaa Rauru position as a Tangata Whenua or people of the land group and as a consequence remove mistaken though generally accepted ideas that the original ancestors of the group came in the Aotea canoe. The tribe has an identity which is distinct from that of the Aotea people.

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