



Sir Tipene O'Regan: Company Director and Academic Historian; Ngai Tahu Kaumatua: Upoko Runaka, Te Runaka o Awarua Ngai Tahu

Sir Tipene O'Regan has written and lectured on the evolution of the Maori inter-generational economy and on the development of indigenous governance.

He is chair for the Centre for Maori Research Excellence in the University of Auckland and is Upoko - traditional head of the Awarua Runaka of Ngai Tahu, the major tribal group in the South Island of New Zealand. He chairs Te Pae Korako, the body charged with the oversight and development of the Ngai Tahu Archives and Ngai Tahu Search Engine. He has held a number of long-term appointments in the New Zealand heritage sector and retired in 2013 after 29 years as a Member of the NZ Geographic Board.

From 1985 to 1998 he led the Ngai Tahu Claims culminating in the Treaty settlements of 1998 and from 1986 to 1992 he was involved in the Treaty Fisheries Claims. He was the principal architect of the fisheries settlements of 1989 and 1992.

He is a Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Directors and a Fellow of the University of Auckland. He holds three honorary degrees – a D.Litt from the University of Canterbury and two Doctorates of Commerce from Lincoln University and Victoria University of Wellington respectively.

