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PRESENTS

# TE IKA

AN INDIGENOUS FANTASY EPIC

WHERE MYTHOLOGY, WHAKAPAPA AND  
THE NATURAL WORLD COLLIDE

Hidden deep within the ancient forests, rivers and sacred lakes of Aotearoa lies a story older than memory itself. A story whispered through generations. A story waiting to awaken.

When Tipu, a young Māori hunter, accidentally wounds a mysterious woman emerging from the wilderness, his life changes forever. Known only as Hinerangi, she carries an extraordinary connection to the natural world. Animals gather around her. Ancient wounds heal beneath her touch. The forests seem to recognise her presence.

As powerful corporate interests descend upon ancestral lands with promises of wealth and progress, a battle begins between guardianship and greed, tradition and exploitation, humanity and nature itself.

What follows is an epic journey through sacred landscapes, ancient prophecies, family conflict and forgotten mythology as Tipu discovers his destiny is tied to forces far greater than he ever imagined.

At its heart, TE IKA is a story about belonging, whakapapa and protecting what cannot be replaced.



## SHE COMES FROM THE LAND

A mysterious woman with ancient ties to the natural world.



## HE IS SWORN TO PROTECT IT

A young hunter torn between modern worlds and ancient responsibility.



## TOGETHER THEY WILL AWAKEN

A destiny that could heal the land... or destroy it forever.

## THEMES



### WHAKAPAPA & LEGACY

Exploring the responsibility we inherit from those who came before us and the choices we make for future generations.



### GUARDIANSHIP OF THE LAND

A powerful environmental story highlighting the deep connection between Indigenous peoples and the natural world.



### MĀORI MYTHOLOGY

Ancient stories, taniwha, spiritual guardians and sacred traditions brought to life for contemporary audiences.



### FAMILY & RECONCILIATION

A deeply human story of fathers and sons, loyalty, identity and healing.



### CULTURE & RESILIENCE

A celebration of Māori language, knowledge, creativity and the enduring strength of a people.

## WHY THIS STORY MATTERS

In a world facing environmental decline, cultural displacement and growing disconnection from nature, TE IKA reminds us of something ancient and universal:

**"THE LAND IS NOT INHERITED FROM OUR ANCESTORS. IT IS BORROWED FROM OUR CHILDREN."**

TE IKA is more than a feature film. It is a celebration of Indigenous knowledge, cultural resilience and the enduring relationship between people, place and spirit.



GENRE  
Indigenous  
Fantasy  
Adventure



FORMAT  
Feature  
Film



TARGET MARKET  
Australia  
New Zealand  
North America  
Europe  
International  
Film Festivals

ESTIMATED BUDGET

AUD  
**\$6M - \$8M**



STATUS  
Development

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LET'S BRING THIS LEGEND TO LIFE  
FOR OUR PEOPLE, OUR LAND AND THE WORLD.

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