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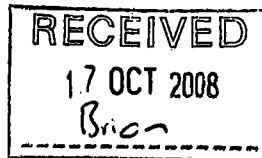
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Charlie Tawhiao

Chairperson

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi

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Tēnā koe Mr Tawhiao

Thank you for submitting Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi's (**Te Rūnanga**) Deed of Mandate to the Crown on 4 August 2008. We would like to acknowledge the work undertaken by Te Rūnanga during the mandate process, particularly in relation to those hapū who have endorsed your mandate.

We consider that the mandate process undertaken by Te Rūnanga was open and transparent, and provided a number of opportunities for Ngai Te Rangi members to participate. We note that Ngā Potiki have asked Te Rūnanga to consider amending the negotiations structure to appropriately reflect their ability to direct the negotiations. Notwithstanding that, we accept and approve the mandate of Te Runanga of Ngai Te Rangi subject to the following condition that:

- Ngā Potiki be given the opportunity to participate in the negotiations as they progress should the hapū decide that it is their preference

In the meantime, we encourage you to work with officials and representatives of Ngā Potiki to address the outstanding issues. Ngawa Hall (Manager – Te Puni Kokiri Regional Office, Tauranga) will contact you and Ngā Potiki representatives to make arrangements for this process to occur. We have also written to Ngā Potiki representatives encouraging them to meet with you.

We look forward to hearing of progress with these matters.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Dr Michael Cullen
Minister in Charge of
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Hon Parekura Horomia
Minister of Maori Affairs