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Request for Official Information: Cabinet papers relating to the Ngāi Tahu Deed of Settlement

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 June 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- a) Cabinet paper (97) M 43/21, 17 November 1997*
- b) All other Cabinet papers relating to the signing and finalisation of the Ngāi Tahu-Crown Deed of Settlement.*

On 24 June the Ministry of Justice transferred your request in full under section 14 of the OIA to the Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana - Te Tari Whakatau.

On 25 June we provided you with a list of Ngāi Tahu Cabinet papers from 1997 and 1996 to consider. In response, you advised that require all the Cabinet papers listed.

A response to your request of 25 June is attached.

Proactive release statement

After considering our response to your request, we can advise that the information provided will be published no earlier than 20 working days from the date of this letter at www.whakatau.govt.nz. Your personal and other identifying information will be removed.

If you have any concerns about the information in this response being published on our website please contact us by emailing officialcorrespondence@whakatau.govt.nz by 5.00pm on 4 August.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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