Hon Paul Goldsmith

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Kipa Munro Chair Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rēhia Trust

E te Rangatira, tēnā koe

Crown offer for the on-account transfer of Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve

Ngāti Rēhia have sought the return of Kororipo Pa Historic Reserve (**Kororipo Pā**) for many years, raising it on numerous occasions with Ministers, Chief Crown Negotiators and officials. This determination is reflected in your whakatauki:

Ngāti Rēhia mata momoe Ngāti Rēhia mata kakaa Titiro ki ngā maunga, ngā awa, ngā moana, ngā whenua tapu o Ngāti Rēhia

Ngāti Rēhia the sleeping giant Ngāti Rēhia faces all challenges, when awakened Ngāti Rēhia protects your sacred mountains, rivers, seas and lands

Kororipo Pā has high cultural and historical significance, and I acknowledge Ngāti Rēhia's longstanding role as kaitiaki of the pā on behalf of Ngāpuhi. I thank you for your patience over this time.

The Crown and Ngāti Rēhia have come a long way since agreeing to engage on the potential early transfer of Kororipo Pā in August 2022 and signing Terms of Engagement in February 2023.

I am pleased to be able to offer Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rēhia Trust (**TRONR**) the transfer of Kororipo Pā as cultural redress on-account of a future comprehensive Ngāpuhi Treaty settlement. I acknowledge Ngāti Rēhia's kaitiaki role will continue once Kororipo Pā is returned. The complete details of the proposed transfer are outlined for consideration at **Appendix One**.

Next steps

If you accept this offer, Te Arawhiti and Department of Conservation (**DOC**) officials will work with TRONR to finalise a deed of on-account transfer reflecting the terms of transfer set out in **Appendix One**. I then look forward to initialling the deed of on-account transfer with you during Waitangi 2025.

Nāku noa, nā,

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