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Te Whakaaetanga
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Tēnā koutou

Crown endorsement of Te Whakaaetanga Trust mandate strategy

Thank you for submitting Te Whakaaetanga Trust's mandate strategy which outlines how the Trust will seek a mandate to represent Ngā Hapū Te Whakaaetanga (Ngāti Manu and their associated hapū Te Uri Karaka and Te Uri o Raewera, Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, and Ngāti Torehina ki Matakā) in direct negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all Ngā Hapū Te Whakaaetanga historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi claims.

Both Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri endorse the mandate strategy that has been developed by Te Whakaaetanga Trust (**the Trust**). As discussed, Crown endorsement of a mandate strategy is not Crown recognition of a mandate. Through implementation of the Trust's mandate strategy, members of Ngā Hapū Te Whakaaetanga will decide whether to confer a mandate upon the Trust to enter into Treaty settlement negotiations on their behalf.

Following implementation of the Trust's mandate strategy and once a draft deed of mandate has been agreed by officials and the Trust, officials will report to the Ministers for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Māori Development on the Trust's mandate process and seek a decision on Crown recognition of the Trust's mandate.

We look forward to continuing to engage with Te Whakaaetanga Trust during mandate strategy implementation and wish the Trust all the best for the upcoming information and voting hui in the first half of 2024.

If you have any further questions, please contact Alex Mellows (Negotiation and Settlement Manager) at Alexandria.Mellows@tearawhiti.govt.nz or Ashley Tvrdeic (Analyst) at Ashley.Tvrdeic@tearawhiti.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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