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Tēnā koe

NGĀI TAMANUHIRI DEED OF MANDATE

Thank you for submitting your Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate an offer for the settlement of Ngāi Tamanuhiri historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that the Ngāi Tamanuhiri Whānui Charitable Trust has the support of Ngāi Tamanuhiri, and is an appropriate body to represent the interests of Ngāi Tamanuhiri in settlement negotiations with the Crown. We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of the Ngāi Tamanuhiri Whānui Charitable Trust.

We understand that the three Tūranga groups have agreed to work together in negotiations and that this agreement is reflected in the Tūranga Negotiating Framework document which all of the groups have signed. We note that some reservations were expressed about certain elements of the framework but that officials will hold further discussions with the Tūranga groups as part of the Terms of Negotiation.

During the Deed of Mandate submissions process Jody Toroa and others of Ngāti Rangiwhaho made a submission in which they expressed reservations about the mandate process undertaken by the Ngāi Tamanuhiri Whānui Charitable Trust. We consider that the mandate process was inclusive, robust and transparent. We note that the Ngāi Tamanuhiri Whānui Charitable Trust has indicated a willingness to continue dialogue with the submitters. We encourage you to continue to take active steps to ensure that these members of Ngāti Rangiwhaho engage in and support the negotiation process.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and leadership shown by Ngāi Tamanuhiri representatives to get to this point. We look forward to working with the Ngāi Tamanuhiri negotiators and those of Rongowhakaata and Te Pou ā Haokai in the Turanga negotiation.

Now that the Tūranga mandates have been recognised, responsibility for managing relations with Ngāi Tamanuhiri and the other Tūranga groups has passed from Peter Hodge, Claims Development Manager at the Office of Treaty Settlements to Heather Baggott, Manager – Policy and Negotiations. Heather will contact you shortly to discuss the next stage of the settlement process.

Naku noa, na

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Hon Mark Burton
Minister in Charge of Treaty of
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Hon Parekura Horomia
Minister of Māori Affairs