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Horimatua Evans

Te Roopu Whakamana o Te Raupatu o Ngā Hapū o Te Iwi o Ngāti Ranginui

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TAURANGA

Tēnā koe Horimatua Evans

We refer to the Deed of Mandate submitted by Te Roopu Whakamana o Te Raupatu o Ngā Hapū o Te Iwi o Ngāti Ranginui (Te Roopu Whakamana). The documentation demonstrates an open and transparent process in which the claimant community has chosen to mandate Te Roopu Whakamana.

It is important that the negotiations process is as efficient and manageable as possible. For this reason, it would be preferable for Te Roopu Whakamana to appoint negotiators before Terms of Negotiation discussions commence. We note that the interests of each of the claimant hapū of Ranginui will be represented in negotiations under the umbrella of Te Roopu Whakamana.

On the basis that this work is completed and agreed with the Crown, we are pleased to formally recognise Te Roopu Whakamana to represent Ngāti Ranginui in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Ranginui.

Officials from the Office of Treaty Settlements will contact you shortly regarding claimant funding. We look forward to being updated on your progress towards Terms of Negotiation.

Nā māua noa,

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

cc: Mr Te Ruruanga Te Keeti, Chairperson, Te Roopu Whakamana