



## Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson

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Leith Comer  
Chair  
Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust  
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Tēnā koe

### **Crown recognition of mandate**

Thank you for submitting Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust's Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all outstanding Ngāti Rangitahi historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We have concluded that Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust has the support of Ngāti Rangitahi and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Rangitahi in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust to represent the people of Ngāti Rangitahi in negotiations for the settlement of all outstanding historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Rangitahi.

We note Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust intends to undertake an internal development plan. We wish you the best in this initiative and look forward to working with you further during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi  
Negotiations**

Hon Te Ururoa Flavell  
**Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori**