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Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai
c/o Marianne Parker, Secretary

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koutou

Confirmation of Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai as a hapū grouping

Thank you for your 28 May letter of introduction and 3 July hapū grouping proposal from Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai. I acknowledge the work that has been undertaken to get to this point.

I am pleased to confirm Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai (encompassing Te Whiu – Wahineiti, Ngāi Tāwake ki te Tuawhenua, Ngare Hauata, Te Uri Taniwha, Ngāti Hineira, Ngāti Korohue, Te Whānau Whero of Te Ahuahu, Ngāti Rangi of Ngāwhā, Te Whānau Wai, Te Matarahurahu, Ngāti Mau and Ngā Kiriahi) as a hapū grouping for the purposes of seeking a mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi claims of those hapū. The Crown is committed to working with Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai to develop a mandate strategy.

I am advised you have signalled a willingness for other hapū to join your grouping. I encourage you to keep the door open for those hapū who wish to join you, and the Crown will expect the claimant definition in your mandate strategy to be sufficiently inclusive. I also expect that you will continue to discuss with neighbouring groupings and my officials how hapū with interests in more than one region can be represented during Treaty settlement negotiations.

I have approved a total of \$200,000 to assist Ngā Pūriri Pūmau o Te Waimate me Taiāmai to submit a final deed of mandate. The first \$50,000 will be released to you immediately. A further three tranches of \$50,000 will be available as milestones in the mandate process are reached and upon proof of expenditure showing prior funding was used appropriately. A table outlining standard funding milestones, for discussion with officials to ensure these reflect your proposed mandate process, is attached for your reference.

I wish to acknowledge the constructive way you have engaged with my officials to reach this point and I look forward to hearing about your progress over the coming months.

If you have any questions, please contact Alexandria Mellows, Negotiation and Settlement Manager on 027 239 6787 or Alexandria.Mellows@whakataui.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Tranche Release	Milestone
\$50,000	Ministerial confirmation of hapū grouping
	Claimant definition drafted
	Draft Mandate Strategy submitted Reviewed by Te Tari Whakatau and Te Puni Kōkiri
\$50,000	Draft Mandate Strategy agreed and released for public consultation
	Submissions received and feedback considered
\$50,000	Final Mandate Strategy agreed and endorsed
	Mandate hui and voting
	Draft Deed of Mandate submitted
	Draft Deed of Mandate reviewed by Te Tari Whakatau and Te Puni Kōkiri Feedback incorporated
	Draft Deed of Mandate agreed and released for public consultation
	Submissions received and feedback considered
	Draft Deed of Mandate finalised in light of feedback Te Tari Whakatau and Te Puni Kōkiri consult and review
	Te Tari Whakatau and Te Puni Kōkiri report to Ministers on recognition of Deed of Mandate
	Mandate recognised
TBC	Standard matrix mandate funding as required to cover any remaining legitimate costs already incurred