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Chairman  
Mana Ahuriri Incorporated  
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Tēnā koe

Thank you for submitting the Mana Ahuriri Incorporated deed of mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Ahuriri hapū historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that Mana Ahuriri Incorporated has the support of the Ahuriri hapū, comprising Ngāti Hinepare, Ngāti Mahu, Ngāti Matepu, Ngāti Paarau (including Ngai Tahu Ahi), Ngai Tawhao, Marangatuhetaua (Ngāti Tu) and Ngai Te Ruruku, and is an appropriate body to represent the Ahuriri hapū in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of Mana Ahuriri Incorporated to represent the people of the Ahuriri hapū in negotiations for the settlement of all their historic Treaty claims.

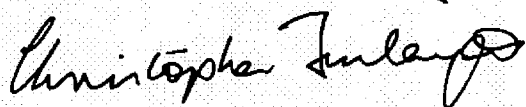
We applaud your agreement to the passing of a resolution at your Annual General Meeting to confirm that the claimant community supports the work of the Mana Ahuriri Komiti, and consider that this is a good starting point for confirming the support of the claimant community for the komiti members. However, concerns were raised during the submission process regarding the foundational komiti members. We consider that the explicit support for the foundational komiti members would remove the concerns which we have been made aware of. Therefore, we encourage you to insert a resolution at your Annual General Meeting which states:

*we continue to support the role of the foundational komiti members of Mana Ahuriri Incorporated.*

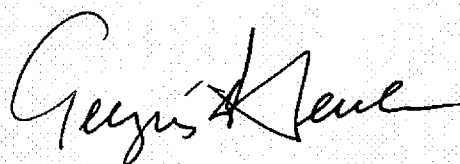
We consider that using the resolution set out above, in conjunction with the resolutions agreed previously with officials, will significantly enhance the position of Mana Ahuriri Incorporated, should it face opposition in the future.

We acknowledge the many years of work that have resulted in reaching this stage of the Treaty Settlement process and we congratulate you on achieving this milestone. We look forward to working with you.

Nā māua, noa



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Hon Georgina Te Heu Heu  
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