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Tēnā koe

Muaūpoko Tribal Authority: Recognition of Mandate

Thank you for submitting the Deed of Mandate for the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority (**MTA**) to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Muaūpoko historical Treaty claims.

We realise that a number of Wai claimants have aligned to form the Muaūpoko Claimant Cluster and understand they oppose the MTA mandate. We ask that you continue to engage with them throughout the process to ensure their views are taken into account. We would also encourage you to actively engage in relation to the Waitangi Tribunal's Porirua ki Manawatū Inquiry process to assist in achieving objectives for all parties.

We have concluded that the MTA has the support of Muaūpoko iwi and has processes and systems in place to ensure it is appropriately accountable to its claimant community. We are, therefore, pleased to formally recognise the mandate of the MTA to represent Muaūpoko in direct Treaty negotiations for the settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Muaūpoko.

We confirm we are happy for members of the Muaūpoko claimant community to participate in the Waitangi Tribunal's Ngā Kōrero Tuku Iho process in parallel with Treaty settlement negotiations.

We acknowledge the hard work that has gone into MTA reaching this stage of Treaty settlement development. We congratulate you on achieving this milestone and look forward to progressing Treaty settlement negotiations with you.

Nā māua noa,

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