

Hon Paul Goldsmith

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8 December 2025

Kipa Munro
Chair
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust

By email: Kipa@ngatirehia.co.nz

Tēnā koe,

Letter of Agreement to amend Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā / Deed of On-account Vesting of Kororipo Pā

This Letter of Agreement is between the trustees of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust (**TRONR**), on behalf of Ngāti Rēhia, and me, as Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, on behalf of the Crown, to amend the *Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā / Deed of On-account Vesting of Kororipo Pā* (the **Deed**) dated 1 August 2025.

Background

During consideration of *Te Pire Whakahoki i a Kororipo Pā/ Kororipo Pā Vesting Bill* (**Bill**) by the Māori Affairs Committee it was agreed that the vesting date be amended to enable the vesting of Kororipo Pā to take place on 23 January 2026. I am advised this was agreed by TRONR to provide the opportunity for a ceremony to take place on Kororipo Pā celebrating its return in late January/ early February should this be desired.

Thank you for your 5 December letter confirming the ceremony celebrating the return of Kororipo Pā will occur on 27 March 2026. As the Māori Affairs Committee have already reported back to the House on the amendment to the vesting date, we are unable to revert to the original vesting date in the Bill without entering a more involved House process. Given this, I propose we proceed with the vesting date of 23 January 2026.

As a result of the amendment to the Bill, the definition of “vesting date” in the Deed also requires an amendment to ensure consistency across the Deed and Bill.

Amendment effected for the Deed

The Deed is amended by replacing the definition of “vesting date” at clause 4.10 with the amended definition of “vesting date” provided at clause 9 of the Bill: “23 January 2026”.

Implementation

This letter of agreement will be published alongside the Deed on the Te Tari Whakatau website.

This letter is signed by me on behalf of the Crown. Please confirm the agreement of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust to amend the Deed as outlined above by countersigning this letter.

I look forward to seeing you on 17 December and celebrating the return of the pā with you in March 2026.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

cc Aroha Herewini, aroha.herewini@kaupare.co.nz

I confirm the agreement of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust to amend the *Tuhinga Whakaae o te Tuku Tōmua o Kororipo Pā / Deed of On-account Vesting of Kororipo Pā* as outlined in the Letter of Agreement above.



William Skipper (Kipa) Munro
Chair
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Trust

Dated: 12 December 2025