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Tēnā koe

### Invitation to explore the potential transfer of Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve

It was great to see you on Saturday 16 July and I wish to thank you again for the welcome and manākitanga you gave to me and my officials.

When we met in August 2020, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia requested the Crown return Kororipo Pā to Ngāti Rēhia as a gesture of goodwill. You have continued to raise this with my Chief Crown Negotiator and officials, and have indicated any return would be for the intended benefit of ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi.

The Minister of Conservation, the Minister for Māori Development and I would like to invite Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia to enter engagement to explore the potential on-account transfer of Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve. While the Crown does not consider Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia to be a mandated entity for the purpose of Treaty settlement negotiations, we are willing to engage with you on this.

Some of the matters that will need to be considered in initial discussions include:

- how overlapping interests will be addressed to the Crown's satisfaction;
- the process for ratifying any agreement reached over this property;
- the need for any transfer to be to a suitably representative and accountable entity; and
- how any transfer will be treated as on-account redress.

While engagement on this issue takes place, we would like you to continue working with other Te Pēwhairangi hapū on a mandate proposal and during subsequent steps in the Treaty settlement process.

Please note any agreement reached regarding the potential transfer of Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve will need prior Cabinet agreement and will need to be consistent with the Crown policy on the use of public conservation land in Treaty settlements, including the ongoing protection of conservation values (including public access) and protection of third-party rights. Legislation will also be required to transfer the property.

Officials are also available to begin discussions on your aspirations for changes in administration and management of other public conservation land in Kerikeri, in particular the Kerikeri Basin Recreation Reserve and the Hongi Hika Recreation Reserve. However, any changes will need to be a part of negotiations towards the settlement of historical Treaty claims and will not be agreed prior.

If you wish to explore the transfer of Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve, my officials will arrange to meet with you. We look forward to seeing where this process takes your rūpū, the wider Te Pēwhairangi hapū and others with interests in Kororipo Pā Historic Reserve.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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