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Chair
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine

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Tēnā koe e te rangatira

Crown re-endorsement of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine mandate strategy

Thank you for submitting Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine's (TRONH) mandate strategy which outlines how TRONH will seek a mandate to represent the Ngāti Hine claimant community (Ngāti Te Ara, Ngāti Kōpaki, Te Orewai, Ngāi Tai ki Kaikou, Tekauimua, Ngāti Hine ki Waiomio, Ngāti Ngaherehere, Ngāti Te Tarawa, Ngāti Kahu o Torongare ki Waiomio) in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all Ngāti Hine historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi claims.

I can confirm that both the Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana - Te Tari Whakataou and Te Puni Kōkiri endorse the mandate strategy that has been developed by TRONH. As we have previously discussed, Crown endorsement of a mandate strategy is not Crown recognition of a mandate. Through the implementation of your mandate strategy, members of Ngāti Hine will decide whether to confer a mandate on TRONH to represent them in comprehensive Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown on their behalf.

Following implementation of TRONH's mandate strategy and once a draft deed of mandate has been agreed by officials and TRONH, the Crown will seek public submissions on the draft deed of mandate. Following any amendments to the draft deed of mandate as a result of the submissions process, officials will report to the Ministers for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Māori Development on TRONH's mandate process and seek a decision on Crown recognition of TRONH's mandate.

We look forward to continuing to engage with TRONH as you implement your mandate strategy and wish you all the best for your voting and information hui in early 2026.

If you have any further questions about the mandating process and next steps, please contact Alex Mellows (Negotiation and Settlement Manager) at Alexandria.Mellows@whakatau.govt.nz or Morgan Hodgson (Senior Analyst) at Morgan.Hodgson@whakatau.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leah Campbell'.

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