



## Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

### Minita Nōna te Mana Whakarite Take e pā ana ki Te Tiriti o Waitangi

16 NOV 2004

The Executive Committee  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Apa Society Inc.  
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#### Ngāti Apa Deed of Mandate

Tēnā koutou

Thank you for submitting your Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate an offer for the settlement of Ngāti Apa historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that Te Rūnanga has the support of Ngāti Apa, and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Apa in settlement negotiations with the Crown. We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of Te Rūnanga to represent the people of Ngāti Apa ki Rangitikei in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of all your historical claims.

We are aware that Te Ngahina Matthews and George Mathews, claimants for Wai 655, made two opposing submissions challenging Te Rūnanga's mandate. We also understand that the Executive Committee has made a number of efforts to encourage the Wai 655 claimants to participate in the upcoming negotiations and has developed a number of ways in which the Wai 655 claimants can participate, if they wish. It is important that the Executive Committee and the Crown continue to encourage the Wai 655 claimants to take part throughout the negotiation process.

Dean Cowie, Manager Policy/Negotiations at the Office of Treaty Settlements, will contact you shortly to discuss the next stage of the settlement process. We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely

Hon Margaret Wilson  
Minister in Charge of Treaty of  
Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Parekura Horomia  
Minister of Māori Affairs