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Tēnā koe

### **Crown recognition of mandate**

Thank you for submitting the Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru Trust's Deed of Mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We have concluded that Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru Trust has the support of Ngāti Maru and is an appropriate body to represent the people of Ngāti Maru in negotiations for the settlement of all outstanding historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Maru.

We look forward to working with you during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
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