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Tēnā koe

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Rangi Trust Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all outstanding Ngāti Rangi historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We have concluded that the Ngāti Rangi Trust has the support of Ngāti Rangi and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Rangi in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the Ngāti Rangi Trust to represent the people of Ngāti Rangi in negotiations for the settlement of all outstanding historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Rangi.

We note the Whanganui groups have agreed to work towards a collective framework for negotiations and my officials will continue to assist you to develop this. We also note your contribution to the work being done to develop a collective approach by groups with interests in Tongariro National Park.

We also note the Ngāti Rangi Trust is seeking to meet Ngāti Patutokotoko kaumātua to discuss the way Ngāti Patutokotoko is represented in the Ngāti Rangi Trust mandate and we encourage you to continue your efforts to do so as you enter negotiations.

We look forward to working with you further during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

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Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

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