

Office of the

# Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Te Tari o Te Minita Nona te Mana Whakarite Take e pā ana ki Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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Ngati Tama Iwi Development Trust P O BOX 361 NEW PLYMOUTH

## Attention Mr Gregory White

Dear Mr White

## Background to this letter

Ngati Tama have mandated the Ngati Tama Iwi Development Trust ("you") to negotiate their Historical Claims.

You and the Crown have signed:

- Terms of Negotiation dated 18 August 1997 (specifying the scope, objectives, and general procedures for the negotiations); and
- Heads of Agreement ("Heads") dated 24 September 1999 (agreeing that Ngati Tama and the Crown were, in principle, willing to enter a Deed of Settlement on the basis of the settlement proposal set out in the Heads).

## **Settlement Proposal in the Heads**

The settlement proposal in the Heads:

- i included provision of the following by the Crown (on the terms and conditions set out in the Heads) as a final settlement of the Historical Claims of Ngati Tama:
  - acknowledgements and an apology
  - financial redress of \$14.5 million; and
  - cultural redress; but
- ii did not provide for an apology or for cultural redress by the Crown in relation to the Historical Claims that relate to Mount Taranaki. (It is intended that the Crown will, after completion of a Deed of Settlement with Ngati Tama, work together with

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the mandated representatives of Ngati Tama and other iwi of Taranaki to develop an apology and cultural redress in relation to historical claims that relate to Mount Taranaki).

You and the Crown agreed in the Heads to work together in good faith to develop, as soon as reasonably practicable, a Deed of Settlement.

#### **Deed of Settlement**

Negotiations have continued between you and the Crown, after the Heads of Agreement, to develop a Deed of Settlement.

### Ratification process

I enclose a copy of a Draft Deed of Settlement which you and the Crown have agreed that you should put to Ngati Tama for ratification by 17 December 2001 in accordance with the ratification process specified in a letter to you sent from the Office of Treaty Settlements dated 31 October 2001.

It has also been agreed that the persons referred to below (the "Mandated Signatories") should seek, as part of that ratification process, a mandate from Ngati Tama to sign the enclosed Deed (with any drafting changes approved by the Mandated Signatories) on behalf of Ngati Tama.

The Mandated Signatories are:

- Stephen Taitoko White
- Te Aramou Lake
- Peter Te Maihengia White
- Kenneth Crete Matuku
- Nora Te Mate Horere Tahuna Tearanga Leatherby
- Reece Baker
- Davis Rawiri McClutchie

The Crown and the Mandated Signatories (on behalf of Ngati Tama) will sign the enclosed Deed (together with any drafting changes approved by the Mandated Signatories and the Crown) if the Crown and you each consider that a sufficient number of Ngati Tama have ratified (in accordance with the ratification process referred to above):

- the enclosed Deed of Settlement; and
- the Mandated Signatories to sign that Deed (together with approved drafting changes) on behalf of Ngati Tama.

#### Agreement on other relevant matters

It has also been agreed by you and the Crown that:

- this letter and the enclosed Deed of Settlement are provided on a "without prejudice" basis; and
- this letter (except for the agreement in relation to the "without prejudice" nature of this letter and the enclosed Deed) does not create legal obligations and the Terms of Negotiation continue to apply.

Terms used in this letter, and defined in the enclosed Deed of Settlement, have the same meaning in this letter.

I greatly appreciate the efforts you and Ngati Tama have made to endeavour to achieve settlement. I wish you well in the next stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

Hon Margaret Wilson Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

# Acknowledgement by the Ngati Tama Iwi Development Trust

The Ngati Tama Iwi Development Trust agrees with the provisions of this letter.

Signed by the Ngati Tama Iwi Development Trust by:

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Signature of authorised signatory

Gregory White

Name of authorised signatory