



Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations **FILE**
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Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for the Deed of Mandate submitted to the Crown on 22 August 2003. As you know the Deed was publicised on 12-13 September 2003 and submissions were received regarding the intention of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare (TRONW) to represent Ngāti Whare in Treaty of Waitangi negotiations.

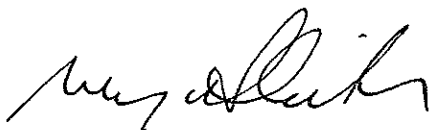
We would like to acknowledge the efforts of TRONW to advance the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Whare, which are all claims relating to Crown acts or omissions prior to 21 September 1992. We also acknowledge that TRONW has agreed in principle to joint negotiations with Ngāti Manawa and how to structure those negotiations.

Having considered the TRONW Deed of Mandate, we have come to the conclusion that the Rūnanga has considerable support from the Ngāti Whare claimant community and it is an appropriate structure to represent the people of Ngāti Whare in the negotiation of their historical Treaty claims.

We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of TRONW to represent the people of Ngāti Whare in negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims.

The Crown is strongly committed to addressing the wrongs of the past and establishing the basis for a strong, ongoing relationship with Ngāti Whare. We therefore look forward to working with you in negotiating your settlement. To this end, the negotiation and signing of the Terms of Negotiation is the next milestone to be achieved in the settlement process. Following that, formal negotiations can begin.

Nāku noa, nā,



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Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations



Hon Parekura Horomia
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