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Tēnā koe

On 17 April 2009 we wrote to inform you of our decision to recognise, on behalf of the Crown, the Treaty negotiations mandate of the Ngāti Kurī Trust Board. At that time we stipulated that Crown recognition of the Trust Board's mandate was conditional on Ngāti Kurī passing further resolutions at hui-a-iwi confirming the iwi's support for the Trust Board's constitutional arrangements and mandate.

We are pleased to learn that the Ngāti Kurī Trust Board has completed a series of hui to consult with the wider iwi on the Crown offer to Te Hiku Forum and to pass the required resolutions. The Trust Board has provided evidence that it commands the support of the Ngāti Kurī claimant community and that strong accountability measures have been put in place. Accordingly, we have decided to formally and unconditionally recognise the mandate of the Trust Board to negotiate the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Kurī.

We wish to record our appreciation for the work the Trust Board has completed to date in representing Ngāti Kurī interests in Treaty settlement discussions with the Crown and with other iwi. We wish you all the best as Ngāti Kurī continues to progress towards a comprehensive Treaty settlement.

Nā māua noa,

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