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Tēnā koe

Crown recognition of mandate

Thank you for submitting the Ngātiwai Trust Board's Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Ngātiwai historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

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

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

We note you are working through remaining concerns from certain members of the claimant community. We encourage you to continue attempting to address these issues and look forward to working with you further during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

Hon Christopher Finlayson
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi
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