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Tēnā koe

Thank you for submitting the Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust (RSNT) deed of mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Rangitāne historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that the RSNT has the support of Rangitāne o Wairarapa (ROW) and Rangitāne o Tāmaki Nui-ā-Rua (ROTNAR) iwi located in the Wairarapa region and is an appropriate body to represent claimant beneficiaries in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of RSNT to represent the people of ROW and ROTNAR in negotiations for the settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of ROW and ROTNAR.

We acknowledge the many years of hard work that have gone into reaching this stage and we congratulate you on achieving this milestone. We look forward to working with you.

Nā māua noa,

**Hon Christopher Finlayson**  
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

**Hon Georgina te Heuheu**  
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