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**TARANAKI**

Tēnā koe

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

We have concluded that the Taranaki Iwi Trust (the Trust) has the support of Taranaki Iwi and is an appropriate body to represent Taranaki Iwi in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of the Trust to represent the people of Taranaki Iwi in negotiations for the settlement of all their historical Treaty claims.

We are pleased with the progress made to date and look forward to signing Terms of Negotiation with you on 17 March at Puniho Marae.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi  
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Hon Dr Pita R Sharples  
**Minister of Maori Affairs**