



**Office of Hon Mark Burton, M.P. for Taupo**

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03 OCT 2006

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Director  
Tainui Taranaki ki Te Tonga Ltd  
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Tēnā koe Mr Hippolite

**TAINUI TARANAKI KI TE TONGA LTD DEED OF MANDATE**

Thank you for submitting the Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Ltd Deed of Mandate on 14 December 2005 to the Crown.

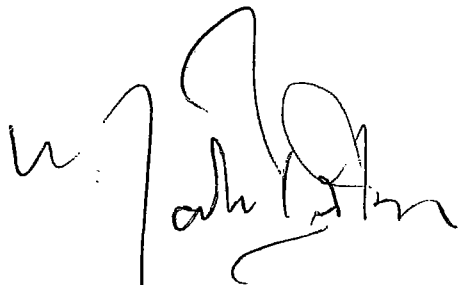
We have concluded that Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Ltd has the strong support of the Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga people, and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa of the northern South Island in settlement negotiations with the Crown. We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga Ltd to represent the Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa iwi in negotiations for a comprehensive settlement of all their historical claims. It should be noted that our recognition of the mandate is based on the understanding that all members of Tainui Taranaki clearly understand that:

- (a) there will be a single negotiation process leading to one Deed of Settlement and one piece of settlement legislation for Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga iwi; and
- (b) any settlement will be final and comprehensive, covering all historical claims.

Crown officials look forward to commencing discussions on a Terms of Negotiation with the Tainui Taranaki ki te Tonga directors in the near future.

Paul James, Director, at the Office of Treaty Settlements will contact you about the next stage of the settlement process. We look forward to working with you.

Nā māua noa atu

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Hon Mark Burton  
**Minister-in Charge of Treaty of  
Waitangi Negotiations**

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Hon Parekura Horomia  
**Minister of Māori Affairs**