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Tēnā koe

TE POU Ā HAOKAI DEED OF MANDATE

Thank you for submitting your Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate an offer for the settlement of Te Pou ā Haokai historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that the Te Pou ā Haokai Central Progression Team has the support of Te Pou ā Haokai, and is an appropriate body to represent the interests of Te Pou ā Haokai in settlement negotiations with the Crown. We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of the Te Pou ā Haokai Central Progression Team.

We understand that the three Tūranga groups have agreed to work together in negotiations and that this agreement is reflected in the Tūranga Negotiating Framework document which all of the groups have signed. We note that some reservations were expressed about certain elements of the framework but that officials will hold further discussions with the Tūranga groups as part of the Terms of Negotiation.

During the Deed of Mandate submissions process, Angelique Brown, on behalf of the Edward Mokopuna Brown Whanau Trust, made a submission in which she questions the extent of representation of Ngāriki Kaiputahi on Te Pou ā Haokai and notes her concern that their views have not been taken on board. We note that it is up to Te Pou ā Haokai and Ngāriki Kaiputahi to determine the extent of representation. Further, we consider that the mandate process was inclusive, robust and transparent. We encourage you and the Ngāriki Kaiputahi representatives to take active steps to reconcile with the Edward Mōkopuna Brown Whanau Trust to ensure that the members of this Trust, if they do not do so already, engage in and give their support to the negotiation process.

Crown officials also identified several matters which will require clarification by Te Pou ā Haokai. We encourage the Te Pou ā Haokai mandated representatives to provide this information to officials as soon as possible.

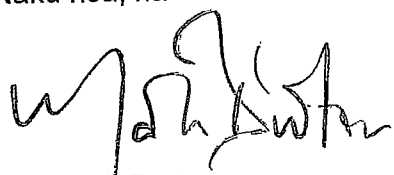
Mandate removal/amendment process

We note that the Te Pou ā Haokai Deed of Mandate does not specifically include a provision enabling the people of Te Pou ā Haokai to remove or amend the mandate of the Central Progression Team. While we recognise that this situation might be unlikely, the Crown requires every Deed of Mandate to contain relevant provisions which show how a claimant community can remove or amend a mandate. While we do not require this to be resolved before recognising your mandate, we will require this matter to be addressed before Terms of Negotiation are agreed.

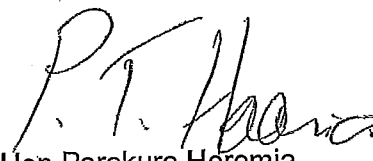
Finally, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and leadership shown by Te Pou ā Haokai representatives to get to this point. We look forward to working with the Te Pou ā Haokai negotiators and those of Ngāi Tamanuhiri and Rongowhakaata in the Turanga negotiation.

Now that the Tūranga mandates have been recognised, responsibility for managing relations with Te Pou ā Haokai and the other Tūranga groups has passed from Peter Hodge, Claims Development Manager at the Office of Treaty Settlements to Heather Baggott, Manager – Policy and Negotiations. Heather will contact you shortly to discuss the next stage of the settlement process.

Naku noa, na



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