



Office of the  
**Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi  
Negotiations**

Te Tari o Te  
**Minita Nōna te Mana Whakarite Take e pā ana ki  
Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

18 MAR 2002

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Chairperson  
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa  
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Tēnā koe Mrs Herbert

**Re: Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa Deed of Mandate**

I wish to begin by acknowledging Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa's tireless efforts in advancing Te Rarawa's historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. I recognise that the Rūnanga has expended considerable time and effort over the past several years in establishing a mandate to negotiate Te Rarawa's historical claims.

As you are aware, the Office of Treaty Settlements publicised the Rūnanga's Deed of Mandate to negotiate all of Te Rarawa's historical claims in November and December 2001 and invited submissions from interested parties. The decision to recognise a Deed of Mandate lies with the Minister of Māori Affairs and me, as Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, and we have therefore given careful consideration to the Rūnanga's Deed of Mandate.

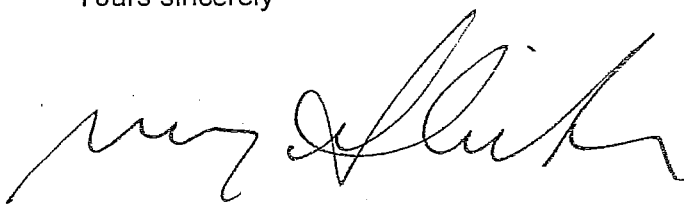
Having considered the Rūnanga's mandate, the Minister of Māori Affairs and I have come to the conclusion that the Rūnanga has considerable support from the claimant community and is an appropriate structure to represent all of Te Rarawa in the negotiation of Te Rarawa's historical Treaty claims. We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of the Rūnanga to represent the Te Rarawa people in direct negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims, which is all claims relating to Crown acts or omissions prior to 21 September 1992. This recognition is subject to the Rūnanga continuing to maintain the support of the people Te Rarawa. We note that the Rūnanga is currently developing a process for the appointment and removal of negotiators and will inform the Crown when these processes have been agreed by the Te Rarawa people and put into place.

We understand that the Rūnanga has recently discussed with my officials the inclusion of the historical components of the Wai 262 claim, insofar as they relate to Te Rarawa, within its scope to negotiate all of Te Rarawa's historical Treaty claims. In order to be

consistent with Crown policy, the Crown's recognition of the Rūnanga's mandate is subject to the historical components of Wai 262 being covered by the proposed negotiations. I would like to confirm that settling the historical elements of Wai 262 within Te Rarawa's historical Treaty settlement would not preclude Te Rarawa's participation in a settlement of the contemporary elements of Wai 262, should there be such a settlement. I note that this is an issue that you may need to discuss internally and with my officials.

I wish to congratulate the Rūnanga on all the work that has gone into the achievement of this very important milestone. I look forward to the achievement of the next milestone in the negotiations process, which is the signing of the Terms of Negotiation, and to our next meeting on 28 March.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Hon Margaret Wilson  
Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations