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Teena koe

## **Crown recognition of mandate for Waikato-Tainui remaining claims**

Thank you for submitting a deed of mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the remaining historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Waikato-Tainui.

The Crown considers the deed of mandate shows that, as Negotiator, you have the support of Waikato-Tainui as demonstrated by the vote of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato on 25 May 2019. In our view, the deed of mandate sets out appropriate processes for active communication with the claimant community and accountability to them through Te Whakakitenga.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise your mandate to represent Waikato-Tainui in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of the remaining claims.

We note some hapuu have chosen not to include their claims in the mandate at this time, including some of the hapuu whose interests are integral to negotiations relating to Whaingaroa, Aotea and Kaawhia harbours.

We acknowledge the hard work that you and your team have done in engaging across Waikato-Tainui. Officials advise us you are continuing to talk with hapuu whose claims are currently not included in the mandate.

We strongly encourage you to use every opportunity to work towards mutually agreeable ways for the mandate to address hapuu concerns regarding their voice in negotiations. We look forward to receiving an update on your progress during the development of your terms of negotiation. As we know you would expect, the Crown will take steps to protect the rangatiratanga of hapuu that do not join the mandate. We have asked officials to make this a priority in their discussion on terms of negotiations with you.

We congratulate you and Waikato-Tainui on achieving this milestone and look forward to working with you during negotiations.

Naa maaua noa,



Hon Andrew Little  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi  
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Hon Kelvin Davis  
**Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te  
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