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Tēnā koe

Crown Recognition of Mandate

Thank you for submitting the Pre-Settlement Claims Trust's (the Pre-settlement Trust) Deed of Mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Whakatōhea historical Treaty claims.

We consider that the Pre-settlement Trust has the support of Whakatōhea iwi and has processes and systems in place to ensure it is appropriately and actively communicating with and being accountable to its claimant community.

We are, therefore, pleased to formally recognise the mandate of the Pre-settlement Trust to represent Whakatōhea in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Whakatōhea.

We acknowledge the hard work that has gone into the Pre-settlement Trust reaching this stage of Treaty settlement development. We consider the unity of Whakatōhea moving forward into formal negotiations will be crucial for their success and encourage you actively maintain your mandate as you move into and conduct formal negotiations with the Crown. We congratulate you on achieving this milestone and look forward to working with you during negotiations

Nā māua noa,

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Te Ururoa Flavell
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