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TE KUITI

Tēnā koe Mr Stanley

Thank you for providing us with a copy of your deed of mandate. We write to confirm the Crown's recognition of the mandate of the Te Maru o Rereahu Trust (the Trust) to represent the descendants of the original owners of the Maraeroa A and B blocks as defined by the Native Land Court in the late nineteenth century in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

The deed of mandate you have submitted demonstrates support for the Trust to complete negotiations of the Maraeroa A and B block settlement. We have concluded that the Trust is an appropriate entity to represent the Maraeroa A and B claimant community in negotiations with the Crown.

Regarding submissions on your deed of mandate, the Raukawa Settlement Trust queried the inclusion of two Wai claims (Wai 389 and Wai 443) in the claimant definition in your deed of mandate. We understand that you have discussed this issue with Raukawa and encourage you to continue these discussions. We will also contact the Raukawa Settlement Trust directly to discuss their submission.

In conclusion, we are pleased to recognise the mandate of the Trust to represent the Maraeroa A and B claimant community in negotiations for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims. Congratulations on attaining this milestone in your path to reaching settlement with the Crown.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Dr Pita Sharples
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