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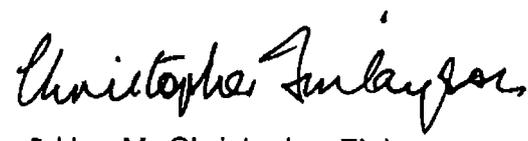
Thank you for submitting the Manuhiri Omaha Kaitiakitanga Ora (MOKO) Trust Deed of Mandate for negotiations with the Crown on behalf of the MOKO Trust.

We have concluded that the MOKO Trust has the support of the Ngāti Manuhiri claimant community and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Manuhiri in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of historical Treaty claims with the Crown. We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the MOKO Trust for this purpose.

We were encouraged by the positive meeting we held together on 14 December 2009 and look forward to finalising Agreements in Principle with you in the near future. Kāti mō tēnei wā.

Heoi anō

  
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