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Tēnā koe

Crown recognition of mandate

Thank you for submitting the Uenuku Charitable Trust's Deed of Mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Te Korowai o Wainuiārua historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We consider that Uenuku Charitable Trust has the support of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua and has processes and systems in place to ensure it is appropriately accountable to its claimant community.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the Uenuku Charitable Trust to represent Te Korowai o Wainuiārua in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of all outstanding historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua.

We understand that there are some differing views in the claimant community in regards to your mandate. We are aware you have been working hard to engage with those who do not support Uenuku Charitable Trust's mandate and we expect that you will continue this engagement.

We look forward to working with you during negotiations.

Nā māua,

Christopher Julaijo

Hon Christopher Finlayson Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Te Ururoa Flavell **Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori**