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Tēnā koe

## Crown Recognition of Mandate

Thank you for submitting the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust's (the **Claims Trust**) Deed of Mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Mōkai Pātea historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We consider the Claims Trust has the support of the Mōkai Pātea claimant community 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 Claims Trust to represent the Mōkai Pātea claimant community in negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of all the historical claims of the Mōkai Pātea claimant community.

We encourage you to continue to build and maintain your mandate as you work through negotiations with the Crown.

Congratulations on achieving this milestone. We look forward to working with you during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

Hon Andrew Little  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi  
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Hon Willie Jackson  
**Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori**