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Tēnā koe Tamati

#### **NGĀI TŪHOE DEED OF MANDATE**

Thank you for submitting Te Kotahi ā Tūhoe's Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate an offer for the settlement of all Ngāi Tūhoe historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that Te Kotahi ā Tūhoe (TKAT) has the support of Ngāi Tūhoe, and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāi Tūhoe in settlement negotiations with the Crown. We acknowledge the leadership that you, and others before you, have demonstrated in reaching this point.

We are, therefore, pleased to conditionally recognise the mandate of Te Kotahi ā Tūhoe to represent the people of Ngāi Tūhoe in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of all their historical claims.

#### **Mandate condition**

During the submissions process, the Crown received a number of submissions which opposed the mandate of TKAT, particularly in relation to the inclusion of Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana. We recognise that a number of Ngāti Ruapani people voted in favour of the mandate at hui, through letters of support and through the submissions process. However, the majority of Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana submissions were in opposition to the mandate, and we also understand that some of the Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana claimants have formally withdrawn their claims (Wai 144, 945, 1013 and 1033) from the mandate and that TKAT agreed to this.

In light of these factors, we would like TKAT and Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana representatives to address the issue of Ngāti Ruapani participation and representation prior to Terms of Negotiation being agreed and signed with the Crown. This should be achieved through a process of discussion between Te Kotahi a Tūhoe and Ngāti Ruapani representatives (including participation from submitters), or through a Crown facilitated hui of Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana people, or both.

We understand that you have already begun working with those who made submissions opposing the mandate to agree a process by which these concerns can be addressed. We urge you to continue these discussions with the submitters as well as Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana generally, with an aim to resolving the issue of Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana in the Ngāi Tūhoe large natural group prior to Terms of Negotiation being signed.

We would appreciate receiving at least bi-monthly reports on progress being made in relation to the mandate condition. You should direct these to officials at the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) and Te Puni Kōkiri in the first instance, who will ensure that we are regularly updated. Prior to signing Terms of Negotiation with TKAT, we will look to ensure that the condition has been fully met.

### **Other matters**

Additionally, we note that concerns have been raised by Tūhoe ki Poneke and Tūhoe ki Waikato with regard to relationship issues with TKAT. We were pleased to learn that you have already initiated work which will manage these relationship issues. We encourage you to continue dialogue with Tūhoe ki Poneke and Tūhoe ki Waikato and we encourage you to appoint Trustees to these areas prior to signing Terms of Negotiation with the Crown.

Finally, we encourage TKAT to work on its relationship with groups such as Te Punga o Tūhoe and other submitters to ensure that dialogue continues and these groups are able to participate in the future processes of TKAT, alongside all other members of Ngāi Tūhoe.

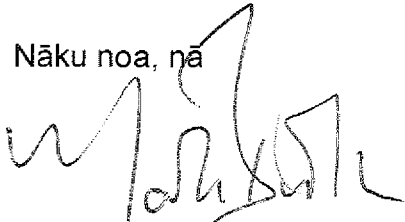
Paul James and Lil Anderson from OTS will be your contact points as you move into the negotiations process. You should contact them once you are ready to begin discussions. Their contact details are:

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We look forward to working with you.

Nāku noa, nā



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