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Tēnā koe

We refer to the Deed of Mandate submitted by the Ngāi Takoto a Iwi Research Unit. The documentation demonstrates an open and transparent process through which the claimant community has chosen to mandate the Ngāi Takoto a Iwi Research Unit.

On this basis, we are pleased to formally recognise the Ngāi Takoto a Iwi Research Unit as the mandated body to represent Ngāi Takoto in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty claims of Ngāi Takoto.

Officials from the Office of Treaty Settlements will contact you shortly regarding Terms of Negotiation and claimant funding. We look forward to being updated on your progress towards Terms of Negotiation.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Dr Michael Cullen  
Minister in Charge of  
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Hon Parekura Horomia  
Minister of Māori Affairs

cc: Mr David Russell - Chairperson, Ngāi Takoto a Iwi Research Unit  
cc: Hon Mita Ririnui - Associate Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations  
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