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Tēnā koe

Thank you for submitting the Ngā Hapū o Ngāruahine Iwi Incorporated Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Ngāruahine's historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that the Ngā Hapū o Ngāruahine Iwi Incorporated (**Ngā Hapū**) has the support of Ngāruahine and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāruahine in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of Ngā Hapū to represent the people of Ngāruahine in negotiations for the settlement of all their historical Treaty claims.

There were several issues raised in the submissions received by the Office of Treaty Settlements on Ngā Hapū's Deed of Mandate. Officials will contact you shortly to discuss how to best address these issues in the period leading up to commencing formal negotiations. None of the issues raised, however, preclude us from recognising Ngā Hapū's mandate. Crown officials will, however, continue to offer facilitation between Ngā Hapū and those who have submitted against the mandate. As per usual practice, you will be required to provide regular mandate maintenance reports that will include detail on how outstanding representational issues will be addressed.

We are pleased with the progress made to date and look forward to signing Terms of Negotiation with you shortly.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Christopher Finlayson
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