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Tēnā korua

We write to confirm the Crown's recognition of the mandate of Taumata Wiiwii Trust (**the Trust**) to negotiate a settlement of the historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Korokī Kahukura with the Crown.

The deed of mandate you have submitted shows that an open and transparent process was followed. We have concluded that the Trust is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Korokī Kahukura in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

We note that you have been considering your settlement pathways post terms of negotiation. We look forward to hearing of progress of this, which we understand could involve separate deeds of settlement.

In conclusion, we are pleased to recognise the mandate of the Taumata Wiiwii Trust to represent Ngāti Korokī Kahukura and Ngāti Hauā in negotiations for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims. Congratulations on attaining this milestone in your path to reaching settlement with the Crown. We look forward to working with you.

Nā māua,

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Dr Pita R. Sharples  
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