



Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Minita Nōna te Mana Whakarite Take e pā ana ki Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for the Deed of Mandate submitted to the Crown on 28 August 2003. As you know the Deed was publicised on 12-13 September 2003 and submissions were received regarding the intention of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa (TRONM) to represent Ngāti Manawa in Treaty of Waitangi negotiations.


We would like to acknowledge the efforts of TRONM to advance the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Manawa, which are all claims relating to Crown acts or omissions prior to 21 September 1992. We also acknowledge that TRONM has agreed to joint negotiations with Ngāti Whare and agreed in principle as how to structure those negotiations.

Having considered the TRONM Deed of Mandate, we have come to the conclusion that the Rūnanga has considerable support from the Ngāti Manawa claimant community and it is an appropriate structure to represent the people of Ngāti Manawa in the negotiation of their historical Treaty claims.

We are therefore pleased to recognise the mandate of TRONM to represent the people of Ngāti Manawa in negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims. This recognition is subject to the three seats for Moewhare representation on TRONM remaining in place. The Crown also formally offers to resource a facilitator to work with TRONM and Moewhare to encourage Moewhare to participate.

The Crown is strongly committed to addressing the wrongs of the past and establishing the basis for a strong, ongoing relationship with Ngāti Manawa. We therefore look forward to working with you in negotiating your settlement. To this end, the negotiation and signing of the Terms of Negotiation is the next milestone to be achieved in the settlement process. Following that, formal negotiations can begin.

Nāku noa, nā,



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