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Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust: Recognition of Mandate Report

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (**Iwi Trust**) Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all outstanding Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. We appreciate your engagement with officials from Te Puni Kōkiri and the Office of Treaty Settlements.

We have concluded that the Iwi Trust has gained the support of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri iwi and has appropriate systems in place to ensure communication with and accountability to the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri claimant community. We support this approach and recommend you continue to actively engage with and seek the views of your claimant community.

We acknowledge the hard work that has gone into the Iwi Trust reaching this stage of Treaty settlement development and are pleased to recognise the Iwi Trust's mandate. We look forward to working with you further during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Te Ururoa Flavell
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