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Ngăti Rangiteaorere Claims Committee: Recognition of Mandate

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Rangiteaorere Claims Committee (the NRCC) Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Rangiteaorere.

Having assessed the Deed of Mandate, we conclude that the NRCC has the support of the members of Ngāti Rangiteaorere and is a transparent, accountable and representative body. We confirm that no submissions were received by the Crown subsequent to public notification of NRCC's mandate.

Therefore, we are pleased to formally recognise the mandate of the NRCC to represent the members of Ngāti Rangiteaorere in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Rangiteaorere.

We look forward to being updated by our officials on your progress towards an Agreement in Principle.

Nā māua noa,

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