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Tēnā kōrua

Crown Recognition of the mandate of Ngāti Tama Mandate Limited

We write to confirm the Crown's recognition of the mandate of Ngāti Tama Mandate Limited (NTML) to represent those Ngāti Tama iwi members who wish to opt out of the Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Settlement in direct negotiations with the Crown towards the comprehensive settlement of the Ngāti Tama historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We consider the process followed by NTML to gain the support of the claimant community was open and transparent and that NTML has a robust mandate. We also consider NTML is accountable to the claimant community.

Congratulations on attaining this milestone in your path to reaching settlement with the Crown. We look forward to working with you.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Dr Pita R Sharples
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