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Tēnā koe Mr Solomon

NGĀTI TOA RANGATIRA DEED OF MANDATE

Thank you for submitting Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira's Deed of Mandate to the Crown to negotiate an offer for the settlement of all Ngāti Toa Rangatira historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira has the support of Ngāti Toa Rangatira, and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Toa Rangatira in settlement negotiations with the Crown. We are therefore pleased to recognise the Deed of Mandate of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to represent the people of Ngāti Toa Rangatira in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of all their historical claims.

Dean Cowie, Manager – Policy and Negotiations, at the Office of Treaty Settlements is the manager responsible for the Ngāti Toa Rangatira negotiations. He will contact you shortly to discuss the next stage of the settlement process. We look forward to working with you.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Mark Burton
Minister in Charge of Treaty of
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Hon Parekura Horomia
Minister of Māori Affairs



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Tēnā koe Mrs Saxton

NGĀTI TOA RANGATIRA DEED OF MANDATE

Thank you for your submission dated 31 August 2005 on Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira's Deed of Mandate.

Recognition of Deed of Mandate

We have decided to recognise the Deed of Mandate of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to represent the people of Ngāti Toa Rangatira (including those that affiliate to the Te Kotua whānau and the Wai 648 claim) in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all Ngāti Toa Rangatira historical claims.

We consider that Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira's mandate was obtained in an open, fair and transparent manner, that Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira has the support of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and that it is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Toa Rangatira in Treaty settlement negotiations.

Wai 648 submission

We note from your submission that at the 5 March hui at Whakatu Marae, Nelson, you did not support the mandate of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to represent your whānau claim in negotiations with the Crown, but rather that you reserved your position until receiving further clarification on the status of your claim.

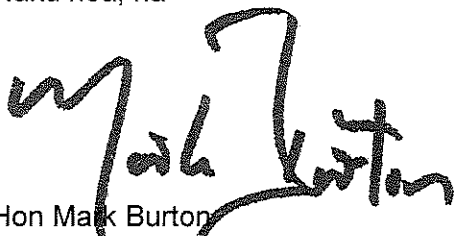
As you are aware, the Crown's policy is to negotiate with large natural groups of tribal interests, rather than with individual hapū or whānau within a tribe. The Crown understands that Ngāti Toa Rangatira is the group that the Te Kotua whānau most naturally affiliates with, and considers that the Wai 648 claim should be settled through the proposed negotiations with Ngāti Toa Rangatira. The Crown notes your agreement in your submission to proceed with the settlement of your claim on this basis.

Participation in negotiations

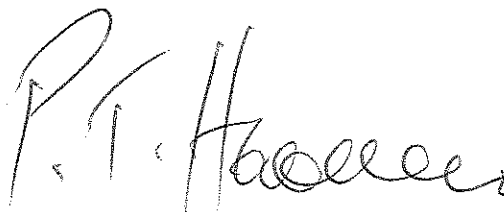
We encourage you to take part in the negotiations process, particularly by participating in the Treaty of Waitangi Claims Committee which has been established by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira for all iwi members to make proposals and submissions on possible redress options. The Crown has been advised that Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira will ensure that you are consulted on any issues that arise in the negotiations that are specific to the Wai 648 claim. Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira would stand to benefit considerably from your knowledge and expertise, particularly in relation to the interests of any claims relating to the

Te Kotua whānau. This will help ensure that a settlement of the historical claims of Ngāti Toa Rangatira is reached quickly, that the people of Ngāti Toa Rangatira receive recompense for the injustices of the past, and that Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the Crown establish a new and forward-looking relationship.

Nāku noa, nā



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