



Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

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

14 OCT 2004

Pita Pangari
Chairman
Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa Trust Board
224 Hokianga Road
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Tēnā koe e Pita

Tēnā hoki koe i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and personal sacrifices you have made in carrying the kaupapa of the Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa historical claims this far.

We are pleased to advise you that the Crown recognises that all four conditions on the mandate of the Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa Trust Board have now been satisfied.

We would like to congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone. Mandate issues are never easy, but the Trust Board has worked hard to be inclusive and open in meeting the mandate conditions, and we acknowledge that. As you will appreciate, the Crown expects that the Trust Board will continue meeting the challenge of ensuring that its mandate remains robust throughout the negotiations process.

This government is committed to working closely with you and your negotiation team towards the timely settlement of Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa's historical claims. We look forward to hearing about continued good progress towards our shared goal of settling the long-standing grievances of Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa.

Nō reira, noho ora mai koe i roto i ngā manaakitangi katoa.

Nā māua noa, nā

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