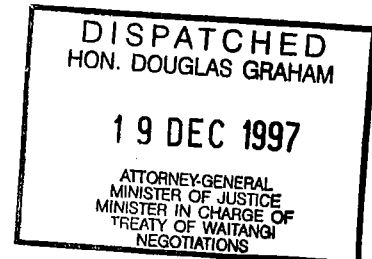




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Te Tari o Te
**Minita Nōna te Mana Whakarite Take e pā ana ki
Te Tiriti o Waitangi**



Mr John H Paki
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Dear Mr Paki

I am writing to inform you that on Monday, December 15, 1997 Cabinet agreed to accept the Deed of Mandate submitted by you and the other Pouakani Negotiators to represent the Pouakani people in direct negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims.

The acceptance of the mandate is conditional on the Negotiators providing regular updates on the negotiations to the Raukawa Trust Board and to any other interested iwi organisations. This is in recognition that those bodies have a legitimate interest in being kept informed of developments, although they are not mandated representatives of the Pouakani claimants. I suggest that you liase with my officials at the Office of Treaty Settlements to arrange how this condition can best be fulfilled, and to discuss the next steps for commencing direct negotiations.

In closing, may I extend to you my best wishes for the holiday season and the new year. I look forward to meeting with you in due course to discuss progress on the Pouakani claim.

Yours sincerely

Douglas Graham
Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations