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John Whaanga
Chairperson
Te Tira Whakaemi o Te Wairoa
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Tēnā koe

We write to confirm the Crown's recognition of the mandate of Te Tira Whakaemi o Te Wairoa (Te Tira) to represent the constituent iwi and hapū (listed in **Appendix 1**) of Te Wairoa in direct negotiations with the Crown towards the comprehensive settlement of all the constituent iwi and hapū historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We consider the process followed by Te Tira to gain the support of the claimant community was open and transparent and that Te Tira has a robust mandate. We also consider Te Tira is accountable to the claimant community. To complete this accountability we ask that you append to the deed of mandate a process for the removal of the mandate from Te Tira as a whole.

Election of Te Tira representatives

We see you have agreed to hold hui in the coming months to elect up to five further representatives onto Te Tira for the Wairoa township cluster. I understand you will provide information and public notices in local media in advance of these hui.

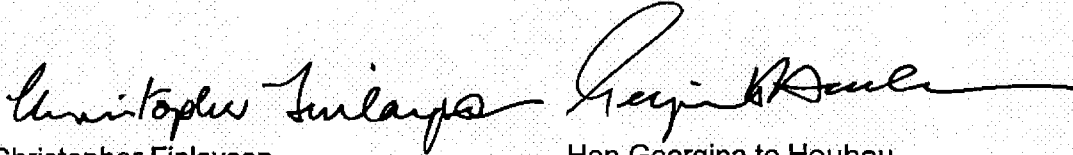
Officials will support you in this work and report to us upon its completion. This will enable us to write to Te Tira again to acknowledge the additional work on the mandate and to proceed to signing Terms of Negotiation.

Truth and reconciliation process

I understand a number of Wai claimants within the Wairoa Inquiry District wish to pursue their claims through the Waitangi Tribunal before entering into direct negotiations. Because of this I am willing to explore a 'truth and reconciliation process' to address the desire of these claimants to have their claims heard by the Crown. My officials will discuss this with you.

In conclusion, we are pleased to recognise the mandate of Te Tira to represent the iwi and hapū of Te Wairoa in negotiations for the settlement of their historical Treaty claims. 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 Georgina te Heuheu
Associate Minister of Māori Affairs

Appendix 1

Iwi and hapū listed in the Te Tira Whakaemi o Te Wairoa deed of mandate

- Rongomaiwahine/Te Rākatō rātau ko Meke ko Hinutōtoka ko Ngete (including Ngāi Tū, Ngāi Takoto, Ngāi Tāwera and Ngāti Hikairo)
- Rākaipaaka (including Ngāti Rangi, Ngāi Te Rehu, Ngāi Tamakahu and Ngāti Kauaha)
- Ngāi Tama Te Rangi (representing Hinemanuhiri; including, Ngāti Mākoro, Ngāi Pupuni and Ngāti Pareroa)
- Whakakī Nui-a-Rua (including Ngāti Hīne, Ngāti Hīnepua, Ngāi Te Ipu and Mātawhaiti)
- Hingānga (Ngāti Hingānga, also known as Te Aitanga a Pourangahua), Hīnehika (Ngāti Hīnehika, also known as Ngāti Kōhatu) and Te Kāwiti (Ngāti Kurupakiaka) represented by the Wairoa-Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa (including Ngāti Peehi of Aranui marae, Ngāti Tānemitirangi of Hurumua marae, Ngāti Hinemihi of Hinemihi marae, Ngāti Kahu of Te Rauhina marae, Ngāti Mihi of Pākōwhai marae, Ngāti Hīnepehinga of Pūtahi marae, Ngāi Te Kapuamātotoru of Ruataniwha marae, Ngāti Kurupakiaka of Taihoa marae, Ngāi Te Apatu (including Ngāti Moewhare) of Tākitimu marae and Ngāti Mātangirau of Whaakirangi marae)