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Tēnā koe

### **Crown recognition of the mandate of Te Whānau a Apanui Negotiation Team**

Thank you for submitting the Te Whānau a Apanui Negotiation Team's (the **Negotiation Team**) Deed of Mandate to represent Te Whānau a Apanui Large Natural Group in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown and an engagement under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

We consider the Negotiation Team has the support of Te Whānau a Apanui Large Natural Group and has processes and systems in place to ensure it is appropriately accountable to its claimant community.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of the Negotiation Team to represent Te Whānau a Apanui Large Natural Group.

This is an exciting time for Te Whānau a Apanui Large Natural Group and we are looking forward to working with you during negotiations.

Nā māua noa, nā

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi**

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**Minister for Māori Development**