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Tēnā koe

Crown Recognition of Mandate

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana Negotiating Group's (Negotiating Group) Deed of Mandate to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana's historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We consider the Negotiating Group has the support of Ngāti Ruapani and has processes and systems in place to ensure it is appropriately and actively communicating with and being accountable to its claimant community.

We are, therefore, pleased to formally recognise the mandate of the Negotiating Group to represent Ngāti Ruapani in negotiations for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Ruapani.

We acknowledge the hard work of the Negotiating Group in reaching this stage. We consider building unity within Ngāti Ruapani will be crucial to the success of negotiations and encourage you to actively maintain your mandate as you enter formal negotiations with the Crown.

We congratulate you on achieving this milestone and look forward to working with you during negotiations.

Nā māua noa,

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Hon Andrew Little
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

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Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori