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Tēnā koe

Thank you for submitting the Ngāti Hineuru Iwi Incorporated deed of mandate to the Crown to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of all Ngāti Hineuru historical Treaty claims.

We have concluded that Ngāti Hineuru Iwi Incorporated has the support of Ngāti Hineuru, and is an appropriate body to represent Ngāti Hineuru in settlement negotiations with the Crown. In addition, the mandate you have obtained clearly allows for joint negotiations with Maungaharuru-Tangitu Incorporated to take place and for whanau claims, insofar as they relate to Ngāti Hineuru, to be included in negotiations.

We are, therefore, pleased to recognise the mandate of Ngāti Hineuru Iwi Incorporated to represent the people of Ngāti Hineuru in negotiations for the settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Hineuru.

We consider it appropriate that Ngāti Hineuru Iwi Incorporated will continue to engage with Ngāti Tuwharetoa regarding overlapping interests as part of the negotiations process. We understand that you are yet to meet with Ngāti Tuwharetoa to discuss the whakapapa of Ngāti Hineuru and Ngāti Tuwharetoa and your ongoing relationship. We would appreciate being kept up-to-date on the progress of these discussions and remain willing to provide support for this process.

We acknowledge the many years of work that have gone into reaching this stage and we congratulate you on achieving this milestone. We look forward to working with you.

Nā māua noa,

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Hon Dr Pita Sharples  
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