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Tēnā koe

We write to confirm the Crown's endorsement of Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku's strategy to seek a mandate from Ngāpuhi people to represent them in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all Ngāpuhi historical claims.

We consider the mandate strategy you have submitted is sound and we are confident that the proposals in the strategy are in line with Crown criteria for robust and transparent mandating processes. That said, our endorsement of Tūhoronuku's mandate strategy does not provide an assurance that the Crown will recognise a deed of mandate.

We are pleased to endorse Tūhoronuku's mandate strategy and would like to acknowledge the considerable amount of effort that has gone into preparing it. We congratulate you on attaining this goal in your path to reaching a comprehensive settlement of all Ngāpuhi historical claims and wish you luck in your efforts early in the New Year to secure widespread support from the Ngāpuhi people.

Nā māua noa

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