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Tēnā koe

### **Mandate reconfirmation: follow up**

We are writing to seek a response to our 7 June 2016 letter to you that requested Te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāti Kahu undertakes a mandate reconfirmation process with the people of Ngāti Kahu.

In that letter, we outlined a process (**attached** for your reference at Appendix One) that is designed to be robust and transparent. We seek confirmation of whether Te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāti Kahu is willing to undertake the proposed mandate reconfirmation process.

As stated in our 7 June letter, if Te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāti Kahu does not agree to undertake a mandate reconfirmation process we will need to consider whether it remains appropriate to continue to recognise its mandate to represent Ngāti Kahu in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown.

Please respond to this matter by 9 September 2016.

Nā māua

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

Hon Te Ururoa Flavell  
**Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori**

## PROCESS FOR MANDATE RECONFIRMATION

ACTION	DATE
<p><b>Mandate reconfirmation strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Rūnanga develops a mandate reconfirmation strategy and submits to the Crown for approval</li> <li>• Ngāti Kahu claimant community has opportunity to provide feedback on the mandate strategy</li> <li>• Feedback is incorporated into the mandate strategy</li> </ul>	TBC
<p><b>Mandate reconfirmation hui</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Rūnanga to hold a hui-ā-iwi to reconfirm the mandate of Te Rūnanga to represent Ngāti Kahu in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of Ngāti Kahu</li> <li>• Hui to be widely advertised</li> <li>• Crown observers to be present</li> </ul>	TBC
<p><b>Voting period</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ngāti Kahu claimant community to vote on mandate reconfirmation resolution</li> <li>• Voting to be available at mandate reconfirmation hui or by postal ballot. Must be an opportunity to vote in a secret ballot.</li> </ul>	TBC
<p><b>Deed of reconfirmed mandate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Rūnanga develops and publishes a Deed of Reconfirmed Mandate that outlines the terms of the mandate</li> <li>• Te Rūnanga calls for submissions from the Ngāti Kahu claimant community</li> <li>• The final Deed of Reconfirmed Mandate is agreed based on the submissions from the claimant community</li> </ul>	TBC
<p><b>Crown recognition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Crown considers whether Te Rūnanga has demonstrated sufficient support from the Ngāti Kahu claimant community to recognise the reconfirmation of its mandate</li> </ul>	TBC