

26 July 2019

Hon. Andrew Little, Minister for Treaty Negotiations
Parliament
Wellington 6140

Final Decisions on overlapping interests for Moriori package

Tena koe e te Minita,

We are extremely disappointed to receive your letter of 23 July 2019 in which you advise us that you have decided to transfer Owenga school site, Waihere and Glory blocks to Moriori on an exclusive basis.

The proposal that 5 hectares of Glory block would be transferred exclusively to Moriori for housing development has never been discussed with us. Furthermore, upgrading the Moriori interest in Ocean Mail to an overlay classification is different to the understanding underlying the draft AIP offered to us in December 2018. This continues a very unsatisfactory pattern of Crown conduct in these negotiations that I thought we were attempting to rise above.

As we have stated on numerous occasions, such exclusive redress in the unique circumstances of Wharekauri, where there is 100% overlap in customary interests between iwi and imi, will give rise to new Treaty grievances.

Your letter will inevitably occasion intense internal discussion within Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri about the suitable parameters of an acceptable Settlement in the new circumstances you have presented. I will provide you an update on the outcome of these discussions when their outcome is sufficiently clear. However, it is safe to say that previous indications of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri positions that assumed a more sensitive approach to our well-known concerns by the Crown are no longer pertinent.

In the meantime, I would appreciate prompt answers to the following questions:

1. What support has the Pitt Island Community provided you for the exclusive offers of land on Pitt Island proposed?
2. What are the 'concerns' of that community you refer to in your letter and how are they to be addressed?

Naku noa na,



Tom McClurg, Lead Negotiator,
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.