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Tēnā koe

Re: Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri settlement

Thank you for meeting with me in Wellington on 31 May 2018. I understand the disappointment over my cancelled trip to the Chatham Islands, and indeed I was disappointed to have to cancel. I sincerely hope Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (Ngāti Mutunga) can work with Moriori to develop a mutually agreeable protocol so I can be suitably welcomed on the island in the future.

Thank you also for providing me with your thoughts on the Waitangi Tribunal *Rekohu* report. Waitangi Tribunal district inquiries play a significant role in the historical claims process, and it is important I am informed of the Tribunal's findings. It is equally important to understand Ngāti Mutunga views, and as such your memorandum is valuable. I note the Crown is not bound by the Tribunal's findings and recommendations in district inquiries. Rather, it negotiates settlements with large natural groups within its long-standing Treaty settlements framework.

Following our recent meetings and subsequent correspondence, I am well informed of your views on the Moriori Agreement in Principle (AIP), and will take those views into account if I make decisions on overlapping interests. Any decisions will also be informed by Tāmati Kruger's advice to me and, again, I encourage you to meet with him.

Nāku nōa, nā


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