



29 December 2019

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Lead Negotiator
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Treaty Claims

Tena kotou,

AGREEMENT ON SELECTION OF WAITANGI PROPERTIES

By email letter dated 8 August 2019, Sam Ritchie wrote to us both regarding the allocation of the six properties at Waitangi that are being offered to Moriori and NMOW as commercial redress. That letter stated, inter alia:

“At our 15 July meeting you advised neither Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri nor Moriori now support the sale of any of the Waitangi commercial properties to the Chatham Islands Housing Partnership Trust. We have written to the Trust to advise them of this.

At our 15 July hui you agreed in principle that Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri would work to agree the allocation of these properties.

The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations has agreed to offer these properties to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori as deferred selection properties, and agreed to allow time for Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri to agree the allocation of the properties. The Minister further agreed that if Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori are unable to agree the allocation of the properties, the Minister will decide the allocation.”

Accordingly, I am writing to you on behalf of our negotiating team to seek agreement on the following proposal to divide those properties between us as follows:

That Moriori are allocated Lots 1, 2 and the southern half of Lot 6 (see attached map showing division), and that NMOW are allocated Lots 3,4,5 and the northern half of Lot 6. We are seeking a sizeable parcel of land in central Waitangi for future residential

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development which is the reason we are seeking to divide the 3.49ha bare block between us.

We note that if agreement cannot be reached between us prior to the signing of the Moriori DOS (14 February 2020), that the Minister of Treaty Negotiations will make the decision for us.

We would have been in contact sooner about this matter but due to a serious injury to my left foot, I have only recently been able to return to Rekohu.

We look forward to your response to our proposal.

Tau atu ra,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maui Solomon', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Maui Solomon
Chief Negotiator
Moriori Imi Settlement Trust

Copy to: Dame Fran Wilde, Chief Crown Negotiator