

Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Justice

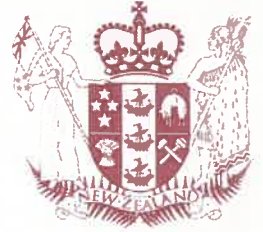
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25 MAY 2020

Tom McClurg
Lead Negotiator
Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust

By email: tom@toroastrategy.co.nz

Tēnā koe Tom

Re. Treaty settlement negotiations

Thank you for your letter of 23 March. Please accept my apologies for the delay in my response while the government focussed on addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continuing negotiations

I am pleased Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust remains committed to progressing Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown and look forward to continuing negotiations. However, before we move forward, I seek assurance you are willing to work within the parameters I outlined at our meeting of 27 January. As you will recall, these parameters are:

- the quantum offer to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri will not increase;
- I remain open to supporting initiatives of value to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri alongside settlement; however,
- these initiatives are unlikely to result in benefit to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri of the scale you seek in your parity equation (i.e. \$24 million).

I seek written confirmation that you accept these parameters. Should you agree to continue negotiations within these parameters, I envisage the Crown and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri will undertake further work building on the excellent progress made with Mr Webber on provisional Crown acknowledgements for inclusion in an agreement in principle.

I also encourage you to develop a proposal for initiatives which could be delivered alongside settlement.

Shared redress

I envisage my officials will continue to work with you to advance the delivery of the shared redress offered to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori. The shared redress will be delivered through a shared redress deed and bill, separate from the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri deed and bill.

Next steps

I look forward to your confirmation Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri are prepared to continue negotiations within the parameters outlined above.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact my officials through Sam Ritchie, Negotiations and Settlements Manager (Acting), at samuel.ritchie@tearawhiti.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Little', written over the printed name.

Hon Andrew Little
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations