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Tēnā koe Gail

I am writing to you regarding the proposed vesting of Taia Historic Reserve (the Reserve) in the Hokotehi Moriori Trust, under the Reserves Act 1977.

Given the length of time that has passed since the proposed vesting was first notified, the conclusion of the related litigation, and in the interest of an open and transparent process, I have decided it would be reasonable and appropriate to offer a further opportunity for objections and submissions before determining the vesting. As such, I intend to re-notify the intention to vest.

I note a request was made to you by my predecessor in her letter to you in mid-2017 encouraging you to provide her directly with detailed information on the values associated with Taia for her consideration when making a decision on the vesting. I wish to re-iterate that invitation.

I have also specifically instructed the Department to re-engage with you to provide further opportunity to articulate any continuing objections to the proposed vesting, and to allow an opportunity to consider and provide comment on any special conditions or restrictions on any vesting.

I have instructed the Department to contact you directly when the public notice is issued. Please note that I am seeking your response either before or within the timeframes of that process, so that I have the necessary information available to me when I make my decision.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E M Sage'.

Hon. Eugenie Sage
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