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Tēnā koe i te Minita,

Invitation to Wharekauri from Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust

1. On behalf of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (the Trust), I extend our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Conservation. Your role and the activities of your Department are very important to all of the residents of Wharekauri including the more than 200 residents here who actively acknowledge their Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri whakapapa and identify themselves as such. We had previously extended an invitation to your predecessor, the Hon. Eugenie Sage to meet with us but as her attached letter shows, she was unable to take up that invitation.
2. We extend the same invitation to you and you can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome. As well as the opportunity to begin familiarizing yourself with some of the unique natural, historical and cultural features of Wharekauri, your visit would be an opportunity to give some needed substance to the Treaty relationship between Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Crown. There is no doubt that the Treaty relationship has not been as good as it should be in the past. This is not our wish and we look forward to sharing with you our ideas for far greater co-operation and mutual support in the future.

3. We are aware that you are being confronted with a number of immediate decisions relating to Wharekauri such as the vesting (or not) of Taia Historic Reserve. Our strong recommendation is that those decisions (whatever you decide) should be informed by direct personal experience of the unique circumstances of Wharekauri. No doubt, as Minister you will be quickly over-exposed to claims of uniqueness. However, I can assure you that the term is completely justified in almost every facet of the features, problems, opportunities and solutions relating to Wharekauri. We look forward to hosting you at the earliest opportunity.

Nāku noā, nā,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deena Whaitiri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Deena Whaitiri,
Chair, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust

Hon Eugenie Sage

Minister of Conservation
Minister for Land Information
Associate Minister for the Environment

Minita mō Te Papa Atawhai
Minita mō Toitū Te Whenua
Minita Tuarua mō Te Taiao



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Tēnā koe Deena

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2020 regarding the proposed vesting of Taia Historic Reserve (the Reserve) in the Hokotehi Moriori Trust. You asked to meet with me prior to 18 October to discuss the matters raised in your letter.

I sincerely apologise that due to an administrative oversight I did not respond and was not able to meet with you in that timeframe.

I have noted your letter of 18 September to me as a submission of objection to the notice of intention to vest. I have requested that the Department ensures that the matters you raise are identified for Ministerial consideration regarding the vesting.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'EM Sage'.

Hon. Eugenie Sage
Minister of Conservation