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Cc: Alexander Lyons; Casey Haumaha; Genevieve Meyer; Stephen Ihaka
Subject: Preliminary Crown comments on Ngāti Maru draft mandate strategy

Kia ora Holden,

Please find a copy of the Ngāti Maru interim working group's draft mandate strategy with preliminary OTS comments attached. We're very happy with the enormous amount of work the group has completed in such a short space of time. OTS supports your efforts to be as inclusive as possible.

It's quite apparent to OTS that the two entities of Ngāti Maru have come together collegially to produce this item of work.

We envisage that the interim working group can now begin to socialise its draft mandate strategy with Ngāti Maru and we encourage you to do so.

Can I suggest that the draft mandate strategy be posted on the Runanga website once the working group has discussed this draft with the people you represent? OTS needs to stress that the draft mandate strategy is a work in progress and that aspects such as claimant definition are open for wider discussion and further development.

We will need to liaise with TPK in order to get their feedback on the draft mandate strategy, and we will do this next week. Having said this, OTS is confident that the representative structure and the hui voting process would be sufficient to ensure a robust and transparent body capable of receiving a Crown-recognised mandate (once again, we would need to incorporate TPK's view). The current work on claimant definition needs to continue. We are not the experts on whakapapa and this remains a work in progress.

There is early indication that OTS will fund the hui-ā-iwi in April. Stephen can discuss this with you in due course.

Please feel free to call Stephen (029 916 7818), Genevieve (494 1086), Zander (494 9937) or myself with any questions.

Nāku noa, nā

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