



Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson

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Paeara Family

By email: paeara@ihug.co.nz

Tēnā koutou

Re: Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa Trust Board Mandate

I am writing in response to your email of 1 December 2015 regarding the Ngatikahu ki Whangaroa (NKKW) Trust Board mandate and the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) responses to your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

I have written to you previously regarding OTS's responses under the OIA and have no further comment.

I am satisfied that the ratification provided all registered adult members of NKKW with the opportunity to receive information about, discuss and vote on whether to accept the NKKW Deed of settlement and Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE). Four information hui were held and voting was open from 17 June until 31 August 2015. My officials have reviewed the PSGE Trust Deed and consider it will be appropriately accountable to NKKW.

Of the registered adult members 30.9% voted. I consider the ratification results demonstrate a sufficient level of support from the claimant community as 78% supported the Deed of Settlement and 71.2% supported the PSGE. On this basis the Crown and NKKW will proceed to sign the Deed of Settlement.

Nāku noa, nā

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