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Tēnā koe

### **Ngaitai Iwi Authority (NIA) refreshed Deed of Mandate**

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2023 to the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations that provided the refreshed Deed of Mandate from the Ngaitai Iwi Authority (**NIA**) to progress negotiations with the Crown for Ngai Tai ki Tōrere (Ngai Tai) outstanding historical Treaty of Waitangi claims.

We appreciate the substantial time and effort that has gone into refreshing this mandate and your ongoing engagement with Crown officials from Te Arawhiti.

We have examined the information you provided around the process used to refresh the mandate and have concluded that NIA has the substantial support of Ngai Tai to negotiate on their behalf with the Crown.

We are therefore pleased to recognise your mandate and we look forward to working with you to progress our discussions and agree on appropriate redress.

The Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations has also signed the Terms of Negotiation, which are attached for your co-signing.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Willie Jackson  
**Minister for Māori Development**

Hon Andrew Little MP  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi  
Negotiations**