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Tēnā koe Prof Maaka

### **He Toa Takitini Mandate**

This letter follows our letter of 15 October 2010 when we conditionally approved the mandate of He Toa Takitini (HTT) to represent the people of Heretaunga Tamatea in negotiations for the settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of Heretaunga Tamatea.

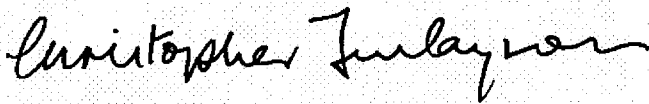
Thank you for providing officials with the necessary information about the additional mandate hui held in Wellington, Hamilton and Auckland on 20-21 November 2010. These hui provided claimants who had not participated in the voting process in 2009 an opportunity to register and vote in support or opposition to the HTT mandate.

We note that while voter attendance at each of the November hui was low, the hui attendees voted unanimously in support of the mandate of He Toa Takitini and that the hui were conducted in a process consistent with the mandate hui held in 2009.

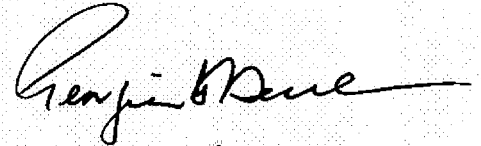
We consider that HTT has undertaken a strong, robust and transparent mandate process. We conclude that HTT has the support of Heretaunga Tamatea and is an appropriate body to represent Heretaunga Tamatea in negotiations with the Crown.

We are therefore pleased to unconditionally recognise the mandate of He Toa Takitini to represent the people of Heretaunga Tamatea in negotiations for the settlement of all the historical Treaty claims of Heretaunga Tamatea.

Nā māua noa,



Hon Christopher Finlayson  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**



Hon Georgina Te Heuheu  
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