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Tēnā koe Paul

### **Agreements in Principle Equivalents with the Iwi of Hauraki**

I am writing to you in parallel with the Agreements in Principle Equivalents (**the Agreements**) agreed between the Crown and the 12 Iwi of Hauraki and which I will sign in conjunction with this letter.

The Agreement in Principle Equivalents include a hierarchy of redress and redress aspirations. Consistent with other Treaty settlement Agreements in Principle they are high-level and non-binding. The final Hauraki settlement packages will, of course, be subject to Cabinet approval and resolution of overlapping claims.

The signing of the Agreements marks further substantial progress towards settlement of the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims in the Hauraki region.

I thank you, the Hauraki Collective (the Collective), and each of the 12 Iwi of Hauraki for your dedication and hard work which were key to reaching this important Treaty settlement milestone.

#### *Historical account*

The historical account headings provide the framework for upcoming historical account negotiations. We plan to prioritise work on the Collective account and to use that work as a base for the negotiation of iwi-specific narratives.

#### *Financial redress*

The letter you have provided on the quantum factors for Hauraki iwi will, along with the feedback you gave me in our meeting of 29 May 2011, inform the Crown's consideration of a financial redress offer. I propose to make a financial redress offer to the Collective before the end of the year.

### *Mana relationship*

I acknowledge you are seeking "mana relationships" with the Ministers of the Crown in relation to issues affecting the Iwi of Hauraki, and an annual regional summit.

As I understand the Chief Crown Negotiator, Michael Dreaver, has discussed with you, Ministers are currently reluctant to commit to a formal structure for engagement with iwi. However, I am committed to a settlement that will provide for an enduring relationship between the Crown and the Iwi of Hauraki.

### *Commercial redress*

I acknowledge your desire to acquire Pouarua Landcorp Farm from Landcorp. As I said at our meeting on 29 May 2011, Landcorp has advised they are willing to meet with representatives from the Collective and officials will facilitate this meeting as soon as possible. Mr Dreaver will inform you of the arrangements.

The Agreements record the Collective's wish to enter into formal arrangements with the Crown over commercial arrangements in the Hauraki Region, particularly in relation to infrastructure development and investment. I understand this includes matters such as the functions of the Overseas Investment Office, rights in a range of assets and preferential access to commercial opportunities. These would all involve new or highly unusual forms of redress or recognition and go well beyond current Treaty settlement policy parameters. You are welcome to raise these with Mr Dreaver but I make no assurances as to outcome.

The Agreements record some of your aspirations with regard to minerals alongside the Crown's position on ownership of minerals. Over the course of our negotiations there will be an opportunity for you to discuss these matters directly with the Minister of Energy and her officials in the Ministry of Economic Development.

### *Cultural redress*

The Agreements refer to culturally significant sites and areas over which the Collective and individual iwi seek cultural redress. I am aware the Chief Crown Negotiator has already advised you of the Crown's policy regarding the use of conservation land in Treaty settlements and that there is a wide range of cultural redress mechanisms available to recognise iwi interests.

In addition, the Crown has established guidelines for negotiating iwi involvement in the management of natural resources through Treaty settlements and these have underpinned our approach to matters such as co-governance. The guidelines include aligning settlement redress with existing legislation and regulatory frameworks

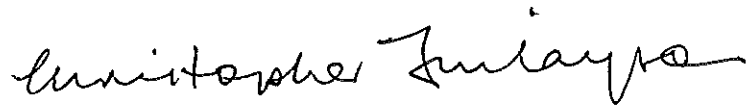
### *Next steps*

My expectation is the Hauraki Collective and its Iwi will work with Mr Dreaver, to develop a work-programme for negotiations from the Agreements to the settlement of your historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. This will include a process for

addressing situations where more than one iwi seeks redress or recognition over the same cultural or commercial property. Mr Dreaver will write to you separately on this matter.

In closing I again congratulate the Hauraki Collective and the Iwi of Hauraki on making significant progress in your Treaty settlement negotiations and I look forward to making a formal offer and concluding a Deed of Settlement in 2012. It is also a real achievement to now have mandates recognised for each of the Iwi of Hauraki.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Finlayson', written in a cursive style.

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
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