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Tēnā kōrua

I am writing to you about the redress provided to Ngāti Manuhiri over Te Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island and future Treaty settlement negotiations between Ngātiwai and the Crown.

I understand that the Ngātiwai Trust Board passed a resolution on 2 March 2012, "*That the Ngātiwai Trust Board does not support any settlement which extinguishes any iwi rights, interest or redress to the islands within the Ngātiwai rohe*". I would like to assure you that the Ngāti Manuhiri settlement is a comprehensive settlement for Ngāti Manuhiri and only settles the historical grievances of Ngāti Manuhiri. Any historical grievances of the wider Ngātiwai community in regards to Te Hauturu-o-Toi are not settled. The only redress for Ngāti Manuhiri over Te Hauturu-o-Toi that is exclusive to them is the vesting of 1.2 hectares in the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust. When Ngātiwai formally enter into Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown, the Crown and Ngātiwai can discuss a range of redress options.

Ngātiwai will be able to enter into negotiations with the Crown regarding all Ngātiwai historical grievances once an appropriate entity has received a mandate from the Ngātiwai community and that mandate is recognised by the Crown. This is where discussion about appropriate redress over Hauturu for Ngātiwai as a whole should take place.

The timeframe for such negotiations is yet to be determined. However, I encourage the Ngātiwai Trust Board to continue to engage with my officials at the Office of Treaty Settlements on this matter and I look forward to future negotiations with Ngātiwai.

Nāku noa, nā

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