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Tēnā koe Gary

Re: Te Aute Wai claims 1456 & 2332

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Wai 1456 and 2332, claims concerning Te Aute College, and how these claims are affected by the Heretaunga Tamatea deed of settlement (**DOS**). On 31 August 2015, the Office of Treaty Settlements provided additional information on the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims relating to Te Aute College.

Wai 1456 and other historical Te Aute College claims

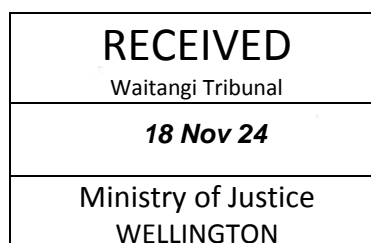
The Crown is committed to a policy of full and final settlements. As part of the Heretaunga Tamatea settlement, the Office of Treaty Settlements is required to identify all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims which relate to the settling group.

Wai 1456 is made on behalf of 'the past and present students of Te Aute College', a group which includes former students of Te Aute College who affiliate with Heretaunga Tamatea. Therefore, Wai 1456 will be settled in so far as it relates to Heretaunga Tamatea.

The Heretaunga Tamatea DOS will not settle any claims which do not relate to Heretaunga Tamatea. Wai 1456, and any other Te Aute claims, to the extent they do not relate to Heretaunga Tamatea, will remain live claims for future settlements.

Wai 2332

Wai 2332 was also included in the Heretaunga Tamatea DOS list of claims to be settled in so far as it relates to Heretaunga Tamatea due to historical references made in the statement of claim, such as the Deed of Arrangement signed in 1975 and other nineteenth century sources and events.



However, you advised Wai 2332 is a purely contemporary claim. As a result, we will re-evaluate whether Wai 2332 should be included in the list of claims to be settled through the Heretaunga Tamatea DOS. The initial advice I have received is that because Wai 2332 was registered with the Waitangi Tribunal after 2008 (the deadline for registering historical claims), then it cannot contain historical aspects. If Wai 2332 is removed from the Heretaunga Tamatea DOS through a deed to amend, then I will notify you of that fact. I expect resolution of this matter no later than 20 September.

Finally, I can inform you that He Toa Takitini and Robin Hapi, Chair of the Te Aute Trust Board, will meet with the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations this month for further discussions regarding the future of the College. If you wish to stay informed about the outcome of this discussion, I suggest you contact Liz Munroe, Lead Negotiator for He Toa Takitini, by phone at 027 443 9778 or by email at evmunroe@gmail.com.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelly', is positioned above the typed name.

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