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Hon. Andrew Little, Minister for Treaty Negotiations  
Parliament  
Wellington 6140

### **Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Settlement**

Tena koe e te Minita,

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 2019 in which you advise us that you have agreed to release a confidential copy of the draft Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Shared Redress Bill for review. We were surprised to be told about this proposed Bill at our last meeting with your officials at Whakamaharatanga Marae on 4 April. This was the first time that we had been informed of this initiative and we expressed general discomfort with it. Our view is that it is premature to try and advance a Bill to address shared redress when there is no present Agreement in Principle that Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri will receive any settlement. A shared redress bill logically requires two settlement bills.

In the unique circumstances of the Chathams the shared redress provisions applying to iwi and imi could possibly be contained in the second settlement bill but cannot precede it.

Naku noa na,

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.