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Tena koe Evelyn

Verbal submission

Thank you for your submission that you presented at the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri negotiations hui in Wellington on Sunday 28 May 2017. We appreciate the effort you made to prepare your submission.

As part of your submission you discussed your personal relationship with Wharekauri, describing it in whakataukī as “Ko au te moutere, Ko te moutere ko au, Ko Mutunga te moutere, Ko Mutunga te tangata, Ko Mutunga ngā iwi katoa”. This whakataukī expresses how we all feel about Wharekauri. However, we felt that your submission only touched on the concept of Wharekauri having recognition as a legal identity without exploring the potential of this concept further.

On the previous day, at our hui in Auckland, we discussed Wharekauri having a legal identity as an outcome of settlement negotiations and the issues arising to the application of this concept to an entire motu. There are many aspects to consider on this matter and how it may (or may not) fit into a settlement with the Crown. These internal discussions are at an early stage and we need to consider what shape this concept might take and the elements that may contribute to the development of this status before advancing it in appropriate form as part of negotiations with the Crown.

Consequently, if you are willing, we would like you to meet with Tom McClurg, Lead Negotiator, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and discuss your thoughts with him on this matter. Please let Gail Amaru know when would be convenient for you to meet with him so that she can arrange a suitable time.

Ngā mihi

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