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Crown support package for Parihaka – delay in Cabinet’s consideration

I write to inform you that we need to change the date the Attorney-General will report to Cabinet regarding the Crown support package for Parihaka. We had previously advised that the Attorney-General was intending to seek Cabinet’s agreement to the package on Monday 7 November and subject to Cabinet’s decisions, the Parihaka Papakāinga Trust would have time to consider the package and consult with the community from that point onwards.

Unfortunately we need to move this date so that Cabinet will consider the package later in November. We expect to be in a position to advise the Parihaka Papakāinga Trust of Cabinet’s decisions as soon as possible after 14 November. We hope these dates will not need to change again, however, we cannot rule out this out as the Attorney-General may decide further work is needed before the report is submitted.

I have heard your concerns about the limited time this would leave to consult with the Parihaka community on the support package in time for the scheduled 17 December reconciliation event. We support your plans to consult widely with the community at Parihaka and around the North Island. In order to allow enough time for these important discussions to take place we respect the need to delay the reconciliation event. We talked briefly at our meeting on Tuesday 25 October about moving the date to March 2017 and I look forward to confirming a new date with you.

I would like to thank the Parihaka Papakāinga Trust and the Parihaka community for their continued patience and support while we work together to finalise the Crown support package.

Nāku noa, nā

Nashwa Boys

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