



Hon Christopher Finlayson
Attorney General

28 February 2017

Tēnā koe e te Minita,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 November 2016. The letter provided clarity of Cabinet's decision on the Crown support package and other initiatives for Parihaka's future development.

Since the receipt of your letter the Parihaka Papakāinga Trust ("the Trust") has undertaken an intensive engagement period with the Parihaka community which finished yesterday 26 February 2017. We, trustees, have throughout this period continued to work with your team at the Office of Treaty Settlements ("OTS") on strengthening and developing the Crown support package.

Further to yesterday's final hui we wish to report back the feedback of the Parihaka community and communicate our next steps in this reconciliation process.

The decision from the engagement programme and the resulting feedback report, which your OTS officials have, is that Parihaka supports the overall Crown Package as a sufficient starting point for Parihaka's future.

However, there has also been substantial discussion on the financial contribution from the Crown. We do not wish for the special factors of the Parihaka legacy to be overshadowed by the issue of money, however the community has participated and provided its feedback and it is our duty to present that to the Crown for a response.

Based on the engagement programme and feedback report, Parihaka does not support \$9 million as a part of the Crown's support package as being a sufficient contribution towards Parihaka's development.

We, the Trust, have responsibly informed our community of the process, purpose and parameters of the \$9 million and appreciate the work Cabinet and the OTS team and officials have done to work on this part of the package.

However, as a Trust, it is our responsibility to seek the Crown's response to the feedback of the Parihaka community on the \$9 million contribution.

We are going to report back the Crown's response to this letter at a Parihaka community hui to be held on 2 April 2017. We respectfully request that all outstanding decisions and matters in relation to the financial contribution be responded to and dealt with prior to this date.

Given the overall support for the package we are committed to continuing our mahi with you and your team, our collective effort and hard work is not over yet and we remain dedicated to this important reconciliation process. The month of March in particular is dedicated to the Legacy Statement and further engagement with our community.

*Ko te waka ko te maungaarongo
Ko te kaakahu ko te manawanui*

Noho ora mai

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Puna Wano-Bryant', written in a cursive style.

Puna Wano-Bryant
Chairperson
Parihaka Papakāinga Trust