



## Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust Board

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**Tēnā rā koutou te whakaminenga o Te Ātiawa, o Ngāti Mutunga, o Ngāti Tama me Ngāti Maru Wharanui. Me tuku mihi ngā mātāpono o tō tātou Poari e mau ana,  
“He korōria ki te Atua; he maungārongo ki te whenua; he whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa”  
Nō reira, tēnā tātou katoa.**

***Greetings to every person who is descended from a primary ancestor of Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāti Maru Wharanui.***

### **Office of Treaty Settlements Invitation**

The Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) has invited Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai to consider entering direct Treaty Settlement negotiations through the Crown recognised mandate process.

Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust, as the Mandated Iwi Organisation, has reviewed a draft OTS work plan which tasks Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust with submitting a draft mandate strategy by the end of October 2017. This work plan is not considered practical and does not reflect equity in our Treaty partnership.

Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust has also concluded OTS has proposed unrealistic timeframes to inform our iwi and the claimant community within our rohe by 31 October 2017.

Therefore, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust confirms our intention to progress towards a Crown recognised mandate, subject to re-engagement with OTS in February 2018. This would allow Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust to engage with our iwi and work towards the submission of a draft mandate strategy by April 2018.

OTS has confirmed receipt of our formal proposal and are due to provide their response by next week.

The Trust has engaged Tihema Baker, former OTS analyst, to inform our iwi about the Crown recognised mandate process. The Trust plans to co-ordinate several presentation hui to give our confederation of Taranaki iwi the opportunity to consider this invitation from OTS.

Nā reira, Kia Piki Te Ora,

André Baker  
Chairperson

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