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Letter Of Transmittal

To The Minister of Maori Affairs
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Te Minita

Te Rangatira, te Matua o nga Hapu o te Iwi. Tena koe.

Te nohanga tuatahi a o pononga i te tipuna Haititai Marangai i Whatuwhiwhi te Mataarae o Karikari te koko urunga mai o Mamaru te waka i Tokarau.

Te Ropu Whakamana i te Tiriti hei ingoa i puta mai i konei.

Pari whakaroto mai te tai. E heke whakawaho te timu pakapaka a te tai, kia pa atu te ringa nga taonga mo nga kete kia kohia mai ma te hapu ma nga mokopuna.

Aue, kia inu mitimiti noa atu i te wai patero kina.

Tetahi o matou ko te kauri haemata o Waipoua kua riro. A Eru Ned Netana.

I whati i konei te hoe. Mahue mai ana e rima, me te tohunga.

Kei te tatari atu ki te hoe kei te taaraitia mai i kona. Mokemoke kau te nohanga i te wehenga. Kua tere atu te moana ki Kiriti, ki Kariki.

Mai te urunga mai o te ra tae noa ki tona toremitanga ka mahara tonu tatou ki a ratou. Ka mahara tonu tatou ki a ratou.

We report to you on the Ngati Kahu claim against the East Coast Sewerage Scheme of the Mangonui County Council.

There are times when Maori interests must take priority, according to the Treaty's terms, for the solemn guarantees in the Treaty were a small price to pay for the cession of sovereignty and Pakeha settlement rights that cannot now be denied. But there are times to recall that our forbears agreed to no less than a Pakeha settlement, and a world of our own where two peoples could belong. This claim is a salient reminder that if the cultures of our founding inheritance are both to stand proud, a compromise is sometimes required.

Construction of any sewage works necessarily imposes certain costs, both financial and cultural, on the local community. Ngati Kahu had good cause to bring their claim

and reason to feel aggrieved and yet, the cost to the community, of which Ngati Kahu forms part, would be too great in this instance, if their claim was allowed. We have therefore no recommendations to make in its support.

That is not to say that the Ngati Kahu concerns need not be addressed. They must be. Developments on their once isolated homeland have placed them on the threshold of a new frontier. It was fundamental to the Treaty that Maori would not be threatened in the enjoyment of their ancestral lands for so long as they should wish to keep them. Ngati Kahu are threatened now, and in our view, special measures are needed.

The issues are complex and lateral thinking will be required to maintain the Treaty's goals in our own times, but they are best reserved for the Ngati Kahu land claim that is yet to be heard.

E kore e taea he whakatau.

Ko te tumanako kia pa tonu atu te ringa ki te tai.
Kia mau te takenga o te ingoa Taipa.

Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.