



THE OFFICE OF THE

Minister of Conservation

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Mrs Margaret Moir
MP FOR WEST COAST

Dear Margaret

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 1990 enclosing a letter from a constituent of yours, Kenn J Landaus, concerning a prospecting licence application for greenstone. I regret the delay in replying to you.

As you are aware, the Waitangi Tribunal has now reported on the Ngai Tahu claim. One of the report's recommendations is that the rights to the control and ownership of pounamu/greenstone in the area of Mr Landaus' application be vested in Ngai Tahu. We as government will be addressing the issues raised in the report.

The Department of Conservation is in the meantime obtaining legal advice in order to clarify its options on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Denis Marshall
Minister of Conservation