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**Minita Nōna te Mana Whakarite Take e pā ana ki  
Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

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Kenn J Landaus  
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Dear Mr Landaus

Thank you for your letter dated 22 August 1996, with the attached article from National Geographic dated September 1987.

I share your concern that Treaty settlements should not be concluded at the cost of creating a modern injustice. At the same time, the Government is committed to honouring its responsibilities under the Treaty of Waitangi, and settling long-standing historical grievances where they have been substantiated with historical evidence. For these reasons, the Crown has undertaken to transfer its interest in pounamu to Ngai Tahu, subject to existing licences.

Yours sincerely

  
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Douglas Graham  
Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations