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Kia ora Claude,

Sorry it has taken me this long to
get this brief to you.

I trust that the information will assist
in your discussions with Ageti & Co tomorrow.

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Claude, thank you for your fax. I suggest that before anything else is done in order to firm up the arrangement made on 4 April 1991 that you confirm with Ngati Awa your understanding of the wording of the motion.

The issue as I see it, is that your line of demarcation may require confirmation of Tuhoe, in which case the motion in order to read correctly should read as follows:

"That this line determines Mana Whenua and Mana Moana of Whakatohea which lies to the east of the line and Mana Whenua and Mana Moana of Ngati Awa which lies west of the line subject to confirmation of Tuhoe."

What that means, is that both Ngati Awa and Whakatohea are ready to reach an understanding and before a full agreement can be reached on the issue an arrangement would need to involve Tuhoe.

Eventually, what will be produced is a tripartite understanding between the three iwi.

In terms of strategy, I think it would be wise to inform Ngati Awa in the first instance. This matter requires considerable diplomacy and is not the first of such arrangements that improve upon reflection.

I am sure that Ngati Awa would appreciate your doing so and invite the participation of Tuhoe on the wording of the boundary agreed upon with them.

If you need to discuss this matter Claude, my home number is (04) 711507.

Kia ora


Tom