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Tena koe

The Chairperson of the Tribunal is currently reviewing research progress with the eastern Bay of Plenty raupatu claims. He would like to have brief meetings with each of the claimant groups to discuss research progress with the claim and to discuss possibilities for progress towards hearing the claims.

On 5 November a meeting was held in Wellington with representatives of Ngati Awa researchers to discuss their progress. It is hoped that separate meetings can be held with other Bay of Plenty claimant groups including yourselves along similar lines.

Would you please let me know when it would be convenient for representatives of your claim to meet the Chairperson at the Tribunal division offices in Wellington to discuss your research progress and any other issues you might wish him to consider regarding progress with your claim.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Kia ora

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