

# Hon Tama Potaka

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Tēnā koe Tāne

Thank you for submitting the new Rakiura Tītī Islands Management Plan 2024 to me for my approval, along with the associated summary of submissions, in accordance with the relevant clauses in Schedule 110 of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (the Act).

I acknowledge the letter of support from Justin Tipa on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

I also acknowledge the Administering Body's ongoing role in controlling and managing the Rakiura Tītī islands, as if they were a nature reserve, in such a way that Rakiura Māori can continue to take tītī on a sustainable basis.

I commend you for the work the Administering Body has undertaken to review and produce the plan, particularly the extensive engagement with relevant parties, including the Department of Conservation. The plan comprehensively covers the relevant issues associated with managing tītī on the islands.

I consider the plan meets the requirement of the Act to *"provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the Administering Body's resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the Crown Tītī Islands in accordance with clause 13.6 of the deed of settlement."*

On this basis, I approve the Rakiura Tītī Islands Management Plan 2024.

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Hon Tama Potaka  
**Minister of Conservation**