



## Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson

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Dear Mr Duggan

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**Re: WWI Soldiers Treaty**

Thank you for your email of 19 August 2015 regarding evidence being submitted for the WAI 532 claim. The role of the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations is separate and distinct from the Waitangi Tribunal. As the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations I am responsible for overseeing and providing leadership on negotiations for the settlement of historic Treaty of Waitangi claims and I have responsibility for certain elements of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

The Waitangi Tribunal is responsible for holding inquiries and assessing information submitted on a claim. Given the nature of your concerns I recommend you review the information contained on the Waitangi Tribunal's website ([www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz](http://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz)) and contact the Waitangi Tribunal directly if you continue to have questions or concerns relevant to their procedures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher Finlayson'.

Hon Christopher Finlayson  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**