

# Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Justice

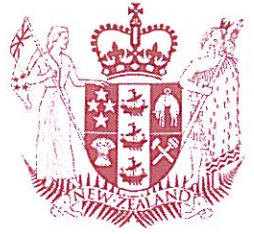
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Tēnā koe Mr Wilcox

## Assistance with Incorporation share audit and Māori Land Court

Thank you for your letter of 21 June 2018 about the issues the Otakanini Topu Incorporation is having completing the audit of its share register. I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I appreciate the Incorporation is frustrated with the process and time it is taking to complete the audit of the Incorporation's share register, especially given the audit was included in an order made by the late Judge Ambler in 2012.

You have requested my intervention in this matter as a matter of urgency. I regret to advise that I am unable to intervene on your behalf because, as a Government Minister, it is important that I remain impartial. The Government and courts must remain separate entities to allow the courts to operate independently and it would be inappropriate for me to comment on an individual case, such as the Incorporation's.

I understand that the Incorporation has continued to communicate with the Māori Land Court via its case manager and that the Court is aware that you have written to me. I can only encourage the Incorporation to maintain its communication with its case manager so that this issue can eventually be resolved.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A Little', written over a large, faint circular watermark.

Hon Andrew Little  
**Minister for Courts**