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AUCKLAND MUSEUM UPDATE

Continuing Statement Regarding Hillary Bequest

Following an approach from the Prime Minister, the Hon. John Key, the Auckland War Memorial Museum Trust Board and the Hillary children have recently agreed to open a dialogue for the purpose of seeking resolution of their current differences over interpretation of Sir Edmund Hillary's will.

Both sides have agreed, as part of their acceptance of the Prime Minister's invitation, and in order to facilitate a constructive environment for discussion on a possible way forward, to refrain in the meantime from any further media comment on their differences.

Both sides request the media to respect this common undertaking.

At some appropriate point in the future, it is expected that some comment will be able to be made.

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