



## Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou Inc

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To whom it may concern

E rere ana kā mihi o te rā nei, mauri ora

I write on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, regarding the annual funding for Tūhura, Otago Museum. I understand that the funding amount for next year will have an increase of 2%.

Tūhura is a significant asset to the Dunedin City, not only is it conserving and maintaining cultural heritage, history, and scientific collections, it provides important free access for all whānau māori and hapū to view and interact with taoka relating directly to their heritage.

The museum houses and cares for specific Ōtākou taoka, for the hapū and for individual whānau. The conservation and management required to care for and maintain taoka is deeply valued by Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou.

With inflation at 7%, we understand this will have a significant impact on the operating costs of the museum. We are concerned this may force Tūhura to make changes to its conservation and management of taoka māori and submit this letter to ask you increase Tūhura funding to 7% in line with inflation. To support sustainable operations and maintain the integrity of conservation across all taoka and artefacts within the museum.

Nāhaku noa, nā

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