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Tēnā koe te rangatira

Bay of Plenty Regional Council's submission to the draft management plan for Te Urewera – Te Kawa o Te Urewera

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above submission. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council does not wish to be heard on this submission.

For matters relating to this submission, please contact Kataraina O'Brien at Kataraina.O'Brien@boprc.govt.nz or 0800 884 881 ext. 9323.

Firstly we would like to congratulate you on the completion of the Draft Te Kawa o Te Urewera, the work and effort that goes into the preparation of a document such as this is not lost on us and we trust that there is a well-deserved sense of achievement in having reached this point in the journey.

We recognise the values and the whakapapa from where they have come from and the strong long held association that Ngāi Tūhoe has with Te Urewera. Clearly this document represents your endeavour to set the fundamental platform for the restoration and protection of this Taonga which will be manifested in the principle based approach you have adopted.

Council would particularly like to acknowledge the innovative and thought provoking approach and style of Te Kawa o Te Urewera. Although it does not follow the more traditional management plan style and path that council is used to working with, we look forward to exploring how each of the principles set out under 2.1 will be implemented.

We also note that Te Kawa o Te Urewera recognises the potential benefits of utilising new technologies in a manner that will deliver low impact activities and Council would seek opportunities to work with the Te Urewera Board in this endeavour.

We have no doubt that the Te Urewera Board's endeavours to deliver on the intent of Te Kawa o Te Urewera will be successful and perhaps challenging for Council. To this end Council notes in Chapter 3 Nā Tānata that the Te Urewera Board wants to authenticate the purpose and focus of the many relationships it will have with the establishment of statutory friendships. We support this notion and support the Te Urewera Board's statement of engaging further with local authorities. As with Te Kawa o Te Urewera there is the potential to forge a new way for us all in looking after Te Urewera.

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Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide you with our thoughts and comments. We trust you find them constructive.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona McTavish', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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