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Tēnā koe Tamati

Thank you for recently travelling to Napier to meet with us on your proposed Te Kawa o Te Urewera, draft management plan for the Te Urewera, and for the opportunity to comment on the plan.

On behalf of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council I commend you on Te Kawa. It is a compelling and visionary document which sets out a far-sighted approach to living in harmony with the land, water and forests of Te Urewera.

We would appreciate it if the document could be enhanced by specifically identifying the Hawke's Bay Regional Council as a strategic partner for Tūhoe in the protection and enhancement of the land, water and biodiversity taonga in and around Lake Waikaremoana and the south eastern parts of your rohe. We are committed to working in partnership with you as both mana whenua and as the statutory managers of Te Urewera.

The Regional Council also has statutory responsibilities under the Resource Management Act which we are committed to fulfilling in partnership with you. To this end we believe it would be appropriate for your Te Kawa to also acknowledge the seat Tūhoe holds on the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee. Under the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee Act 2015 this statutory body is charged with preparing, approving and monitoring Resource Management Act plans and policies, including the Regional Policy Statement, the Regional Resource Management Plan and the Regional Coastal Environment Plan, produced by the Regional Council. In my view it is highly desirable that these planning instruments in time are aligned to, and mutually supportive of, Te Kawa o Te Urewera.

The Regional Council also has a range of operational activities in science and environmental monitoring, land and water management, as well as biosecurity and biodiversity. We would welcome ongoing dialogue with you in these areas to identify opportunities for our respective knowledge, expertise and resources to be shared for best overall effect.

As we discussed in our meeting, what is of greatest importance and what underpins any planning or statutory processes is the strength of the relationship we have together. I am sure you will agree that this relationship needs to be built with open and honest dialogue on a foundation of mutual trust and respect.

Once you have finalised Te Kawa I believe it would be worthwhile for you to give a presentation on it to the Regional Planning Committee, so that they are able to understand your intentions and aspirations for this important part of our region, and can see how the work of the Committee in resource management planning can support these aspirations.

As we discussed in our meeting we would value the opportunity to meet with you on a regular basis to discuss our work together in pursuit of our shared goals.

We look forward to working in close cooperation with you and the Tuhoe community in support of you achieving your kaupapa for Te Urewera.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Barker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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