



Wednesday 26th July 2017

Tamati Kruger
Chairman
Te Uru Taumata
12 Tūhoe st Taneatua

E ngā mokopuna o Te Urewera, ki te watī o Waikaremoana, ki te kohu o Maunga Pohatu ko koutou Te Manawa o Te Ika a Maui e mihi maioha ki a koutou ngā mokopuna o Te Urewera.

Tēnā koe e te rangatira,

Thank you for the opportunity to read and comment on the draft form of Te Kawa o Te Urewera.

It is with great appreciation that the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) write this submission in support of Te Kawa o Te Urewera, in recognition of our future connection with her and her people.

We acknowledge the significance of Te Urewera Act 2014 and the effect that this has on Te Urewera herself and on her people, Manuhiri and Tangata whenua but specifically Tūhoe and Tūhoetana. The Ministry celebrate the justice, reassurance and deeper connection that this settlement has brought you and us.

Te Kawa o Te Urewera gives us all hope for the future and renews our purpose and responsibility to make Aotearoa New Zealand the most liveable place in the world. Te Kawa o Te Urewera being an articulation of this vision within Te Urewera.

The Ministry considers that through our ongoing relationship with Tūhoe we can support Te Kawa o Te Urewera through technical support in relation to freshwater management:

- Te Kawa o Te Urewera describes a desire to apply a 'systems approach' to freshwater management. We can see a parallel with Te Kawa o Te Urewera's principles and our proposed framework of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) that draws on the concept of "Te Mana o Te Wai". The Ministry wishes to discuss how we might be able to work alongside Tūhoe and Te Urewera with regional council to identify the benefits of implementing the future NPSFM to the benefit of Te Urewera.
- The Ministry is interested in the practicalities, operation and implementation of Te Kawa o Te Urewera. Specifically, the roles and functions of the multiple players of Te Urewera. The Ministry welcomes discussion on how we can assist Tūhoe with the practicalities of implementing Te Kawa o Te Urewera.

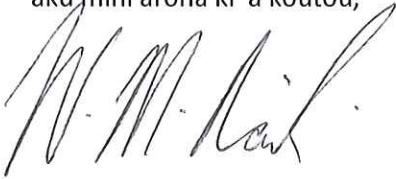
The Ministry wish to extend our support further through the implementation of Te Kawa o Te Urewera, specifically by helping to meet Te Urewera's priorities. We wish to discuss the support we can offer through:

- Investments and partnerships in regards to the minimisation of human impact. Te Kawa o Te Urewera speaks of the relationship and collective responsibility tangata whenua and manuhiri have to minimise human impact.
- Implementation in local authority decision making in regards to the relationships Te Urewera has with local authorities. The Ministry sees the Tūhoe planning protocol as a vehicle for bringing Te Kawa o Te Urewera into RMA planning documents.

The Ministry welcomes open dialogue about how else we may be able to support Te Kawa o Te Urewera and how these priorities will be delivered.

The Ministry sees similarities between Te Kawa o Te Urewera and how we aspire to work. We would welcome the opportunity to further explore this with you.

aku mihi aroha ki a koutou,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Naik', written in a cursive style.

Bill Naik

(Acting Director- Mana Taiao)