Tamati Kruger Chairman Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua

Greetings Tamati and thank you again for the invitation to provide further input to Te Kawa o Te Urewera Management Plan. My apologies for the late response.

Councillor Alec McIver has looked at the final draft and has these comments, in addition to the comments we provided previously, in February 2016. The Game Animal Council would like to continue working with Te Urewera and offers the following comments:

- The GAC confirms its previous offer of sharing expertise & knowledge in matters arising relating to Red Deer, Rusa Deer, Wild Pigs and Hunting Dogs in Te Urewera.
- GAC & NZDA would like to continue their support in keeping access in Te Urewera for the management and control of Red Deer, Rusa Deer and Wild pigs for recreational use and commerce.
- GAC & NZDA supports the Te Kawa o Te Urewera Management Plan.
- The GAC& NZDA wishes to continue its close relationship and friendship with the Te Urewera Board and Tuhoe people.

We would like to work together as we have in the past on issues such as the use of dogs in Te Urewera and to promote recreational and commercial hunting opportunities and assist where needed with monitoring compliance with policy, standards and regulations.

We see this as a two-way sharing of information which is why we recently shared with you, the GAC policy of the use of toxins and 1080. We are keen to continue sharing information & knowledge as our resources permit.

Ngā mihi

Jenny Wotten, Executive Officer On behalf of Alec McIver Councillor NZ Game Animal Council