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To:

The Chair  
Te Urewera Board  
PO Box 56  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: Te Kawa O Te Urewera**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this draft management plan.

Over recent years Taneatua and Whakatane Lions Clubs have combined to sponsor and provide an outdoor learning and recreational experience for our district's youth in the majestic Te Urewera. This has been done in conjunction with the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council EBOP and the Whakatane Land Search and Rescue Team.

The "Introductory Bushcraft and Leadership Training Course" was based at the Lion's Lodge, Waimana, a valuable community asset, and included the topics of Trip Planning and Safety, Weather patterns, Map Interpretation, First Aid, Clothing and Equipment, Bushcraft and Campcraft, Firearms use and safety, and River Crossings.

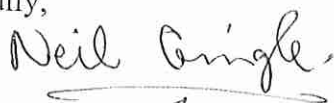
Further topics we would like to include are Cultural History and Herbal Medicines, and to this end we would like to consult and collaborate with Te Waimana Kaaku to progress this option, utilising their knowledge and skills and developing a revitalised format for next year.

We normally hold these courses in the late summer to early Autumn period annually, but this year it was considered wise to abandon the course considering the damage that Mother Nature inflicted upon our whole region. Perhaps in October we could arrange a meeting to begin planning for a course to be held in the Autumn of 2018.

As a service group we firmly believe that a personal experience with Te Urewera is one of the best ways of instilling in the next generation a greater understanding of nature, our place within it, and how to treat Te Urewera with the greatest respect to ensure that it's natural beauty and unique character endures the passage of time.

We do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully,



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(Taneatua Lion's Youth and Welfare Convenor)