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Fund Manager Community Environment Fund Ministry of Environment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou.

Re: Letter of support for the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group

The Whangawehi catchment is a significant catchment within the Mahia Peninsular. A major conservation undertaking which has been embraced by the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group. The restoration work that they are currently involved in will greatly benefit the flora/fauna and water quality in the Whangawehi River down to the sea.

Nga Whenua Rahui has witnessed the strong Maori community support and the social and cultural benefits are immeasurable.

Nga Whenua Rahui has no hesitation in supporting the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group in their endeavours to seek further financial support.

Nga Whenua Rahui's support for this project is evidenced by the financial contribution made by the organisation.

Nga Whenua Rahui wishes Nicolas Caviale - Delzescaux and his team all success in their funding applications that will continue to enhance this worthwhile project.

Whatungarongaro he tangata, toitu he whenua "Man disappears, the land endures"

Should you wish to contact me to further discuss this letter of support, please email rtoatoa@doc.govt.nz or telephone 06 870 9895 Mobile 027 600 6491

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