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Chair  
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri

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E te rangatira, tēnā koe,

### **Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill**

My warm regards to you and members of your rūnanga.

We have heard the clear message that iwi have ongoing concerns with the proposal to create a sanctuary in the Kermadec/Rangitāhua area. I am writing to advise that the Government intends to remove the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill from the Order Paper, which means the Bill will no longer be considered by Parliament.

I want to acknowledge the time and input Te Aupōuri has given over the years regarding the proposed sanctuary.

Next year my colleagues and I will be considering potential next steps. [I would welcome the opportunity to meet you /to hear your views].

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Penny Simmonds  
**Minister for the Environment**

Cc: Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Oceans and Fisheries  
Hon Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation, Minister for Māori Crown Relations:  
Te Arawhiti