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Hawke's Bay Regional Council

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Official information request for Correspondence received by Minister Parker in relation to the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 28 August 2018, on behalf of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Chief Executive. On 06 September 2018 you agreed to refine your request to:

"Copies of correspondence received by Minister Parker fitting the parameters as below. The parameters of any such correspondence are as follows:

Occurring during the period between 1 July 2018 and today (28 August 2018).

Sender being any of the following:

- Mr Toro Waaka or
- by or on behalf of tāngata whenua members of the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee or
- by or on behalf of Treaty settlement entities in the Hawke's Bay region (individually or collectively).

Plus any correspondence in return from the Minister or the Ministry to any of the above.

Plus any briefing papers or advice in writing from officials to the Minister regarding any correspondence referred above.

This includes any correspondence received by the Minister for the Environment that were since transferred to the Ministry for the Environment."

There are three documents, with attached letters, in scope of your request:

- One of these documents is being released in full. This includes correspondence with the Hawke's Bay Treaty settlement entities and the Hawke's Bay Regional
- There are two documents partially in scope of your request. Material relevant to your request has been provided.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa nā

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Lorena Stephen
Director, Mana Taiao
Ministry for the Environment

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Document no.	Document date	Content	Decision
1	29 July 2018	Letter to Minister Parker From Toro Waka, Chairperson, Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust and Co-Chair of the RPC	Released in full
2	1 August 2018	Memo: To Minister's Mahuta, Parker and Sage from MfE; Next steps from the Hawke's Bay Regional forum (18-19 July 2018, Napier)	Released in part
3	10 August 2018	Briefing to Minister's Mahuta, Parker and Sage from MfE: Hawke's Bay Regional Forum (18-19 July 2018) response to issues raised by Treaty Settlement Entities	Released in part
3.1	24 August 2018	Letters from Minister's Mahuta, Parker and Sage to the seven Hawke's Bay Treaty Settlement Entities, and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council	Released in full

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29. 07 2018.

Minister Parker.

Parliament.

Kia ora Minister.

Thank you for meeting with Ngati Pahauwera and the Treaty Settlement Entities that make up the Hawkes Bay Regional Council Regional Planning Committee at East Pier on the 18th of July.

As an individual who gave his party vote to the Green party I celebrated the fact that we had someone from the party as Minister for the Ministry of Environment in the belief that the health of our waterways and the related health of the regions citizens would have a high priority. The Greens election campaign policies included undertakings regarding the Treaty which I and others took as being an honest commitment.

I am seeking a written communication that you are taking the Environmental concerns we raised with you seriously and that you will work with the Treaty groups of the region and the Hawkes Bay Regional Council to make the Treaty partnership work.

Although I recognise there are no current plans by the Government to replace the Council with Commissioners your statement in the Dominion has been interpreted as dismissive by some and could have had an accompanied statement that you are taking the concerns of the Treaty Settlement groups and the wider Hawkes Bay Community seriously, and that there will be ongoing dialogue with all parties. The media statement in its present form provides no incentive to the HBRC Councillors to change their behaviour.

The Treaty Settlement Groups are meeting on the 1st of August to discuss the matter of the Hawkes Bay Regional Planning Committee. We would like your presence of a Ministry of Environmental Official at that meeting to assist us explore some meaningful options for tangatawhenua going forward.

We have suggested that HBRC also hold a meeting on the same day to examine their willingness to forge a partnership that respects the interests of the people we represent. We see little point in meeting with them whilst they have a defensive attitude to their current consultation and decision making processes.

I look forward to hearing from you on the above matters in our quest to find a resolution.

Nga mihi

Toro Waaka.

Chairperson Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust and Co- Chair of the RPC



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

To: Minister Mahuta
Cc: Minister Parker, Minister Sage
Date: 1 August 2018
From: Kelly Palmer (Manager, Mana Taiao)

Memo: Next steps from the Hawke's Bay Regional forum (18-19 July 2018, Napier)

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12. Toro Waaka recently wrote to Minister Parker on the need to work together on options forward to progress issues raised by the Treaty Settlement Entities. We will provide a draft response to you and Ministers Sage and Parker early next week. The letter from Toro Waaka has also been provided to your office.

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Hawke's Bay Regional Forum (18-19 July 2018) response to issues raised by Treaty Settlement Entities

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- c. **Sign** the attached letters to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Hawke's Bay Treaty Settlement Entities informing them of the Government's role in progressing issues in relation to the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee.

Yes/No

Signature

Lorena Stephen
Director:
Mana Taiao

Date

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Date

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Associate Minister for the Environment

Date

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Hawke's Bay Regional Forum (18-19 July 2018) response to issues raised by Treaty Settlement Entities

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- b) seeks your approval to sign the attached letters addressed to Hawkes Bay Treaty Settlement Entities and the Hawkes Bay Regional Council and the Hawkes Bay Regional Council.

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16. To acknowledge the current situation and outline the Governments current position, we recommend that you sign the attached letters to the HBRC and Treaty Settlement Entities. The letters acknowledge the concerns raised at the forum and encouraging both parties to reengage to resolve the issues.

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We have directed our officials to take an active interest and keep a watching brief on related discussions and action. However, if a satisfactory resolution is unable to be reached we will be open to progressing potential options, including independent facilitation, to move the situation forward.

In the meantime, our officials will keep in touch with you, and will be keeping us informed of progress.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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Tēnā koe Toro Waaka

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Tēnā koe Rex Graham

Follow up: Hawke's Bay Regional Forum (18-19 July 2018)

We are writing in regard to the Hawke's Bay Regional Forum, held in Napier in mid-July 2018. The Forum provided an opportunity for Ministers and Crown officials to hear about important environmental matters in the Hawke's Bay region. We want to thank you and officials from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) for your attendance and participation.

At the Forum, Ministers and Crown officials heard directly from Treaty Settlement Entities about important environmental matters within the Hawke's Bay region. Treaty Settlement Entities raised the issue of the perceived lack of performance and progress made by the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee (HBRPC), and noted concerns relating to water quality.

You will be aware the Government is committed to protecting and restoring our freshwater for future generations. We want to see a material improvement in freshwater quality within five years. We are establishing Kāhui Wai Māori, the Māori Freshwater Forum, to facilitate engagement between the Crown and Māori on freshwater, and to collaboratively develop and analyse policy options on issues of particular importance to Māori across the freshwater reform programme.

We recognise the challenges raised at the forum and want to acknowledge the effort and investment that HBRC has provided to improve engagement with Treaty Settlement Entities, including the decision to recruit a Chief Maori Advisor. We also understand that you are engaging with Treaty Settlement Entities to work through any issues in regards to the forum, particularly in relation to the HBRPC.

We have sent letters to encourage Treaty Settlement Entities to continue to engage with you. We have also directed our officials to take an active interest and keep a watching brief on related discussions. If you could keep our officials informed about the RPC review that would be helpful, as this may inform what future actions will be required and our role in progressing these.

In the meantime, our officials will keep in touch with you, and will be keeping us informed of progress.

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Tēnā koe Liz Munroe

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While Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is not directly part of the HBRPC, we acknowledge the importance of Treaty Settlement Entities engaging with HBRC to understand and resolve current concerns with the HBRPC. This is to ensure that local solutions are developed. We have also written to the other Treaty Settlement Entities and the HBRC conveying the same message.

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Tēnā koe Piri Prentice

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