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Kia ora Robert

Hope you're well and looking forward to the end of year break; and actually that you have one.

I'm just emailing with an update.

On 2/12/24, we undertook a site visit of Pukepuke Lagoon with iwi. We wanted to do this without MDC because this was actually going to be the first time we would have reps from all three iwi on site simultaneously and we really wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page before we involved anyone else.

We were onsite for around an hour, spending most of it at the site of the weir. Vegetation is overgrown all the way along the access road and within the waterway – and we understand that much of this is because the concession you hold is currently suspended and has been for a number of years. There were major concerns about the functionality of the weir, and the quality of the outgoing water and how that is being received further downstream.

The group agreed that the report you provided in August 2024 while great in terms of describing the current situation, does not sufficiently address the issues that are evident onsite, and the group does not support a request to lift the suspension. Some of the issues we saw and discussed (and that have been observed and reported by you) are not ones that are covered by the concession, but if we are to manage the site properly going forward, all

parties must be able to work together in a cohesive way which will require a more holistic approach in how we each undertake our respective tasks. We understand there are other land managers that will need to be at the table, and we will work on that.

The group agreed that we should come together early next year. I think the best way to approach it is a round table kōrero followed by a site visit. This enables us to put all the issues on the table, focusing firstly on the concession/drainage aspects, then secondly on how management of those aspects affects the rest of the site. Then we head out to site to eyeball what we've just discussed.

If we agree on mechanical clearance for 2025, we will have only a short timeframe within which to have it done and it must be preceded by an approved lifting of the suspension (whether temporary or permanent).

I hope this plan sounds okay – I'm sending out an appointment shortly, as I expect calendars for January will already be filling up.

Please let me know if you have any issues or concerns.

Ngā mihi

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Mōrena Frances

Thank you for your quick response and clarification.

Please find a signed copy of the Pukepuke Conservation Area Permit for your files.

Ngā mihi

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Mōrena Robert

Thanks for reiterating your willingness to work together – MDC, DOC and iwi. We too share that willingness.

I'm happy to accept your August report as MDCs submission to satisfy the conditions of the concession and at this stage, there isn't any need for you to do anything further with regard to creating something separate for the files.

What we have yet to do however, is seek a decision from our Ops Manager Moana that, having received the report and being happy with the environmental monitoring planned, that the suspension should be lifted. Because we haven't got to that stage, MDC still cannot undertake any work in the lagoon.

We've committed to working in partnership with iwi and as yet, we haven't managed to have the discussion. Once we do, we'll take a recommendation to our Ops Manager Moana and we'll move on from there.

We appreciate there are some risks with further delays but we aren't willing to rush this process as building relationships takes time and patience.

Re a renewed access permit – please see attached. If you can please sign it and send back a copy, that would be fabulous.

Thanks Robert, please let me know if you have any questions or issues.

Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Frances

As discussed in our original meeting Council were keen to conduct a joint site visit prior to submitting the annual plan so we can incorporate the DoC vision for the lagoon. Unfortunately this has not eventuated due to unforeseen events. Council are still keen to conduct this site visit and will work around the DoC and iwi availability.

With the exception of the eel numbers the update in August 2024 has all the information required under the concession. Can we treat the August update as the annual report or do you want me to pull the relevant information out and create a separate annual report for your files.

In addition to this our temporary access permit is due to expire on 31 December 2024. Can we obtain an extension to this given the joint site visit has been postponed to 2025.

Ngā mihi

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