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Haahi Waaka

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Tēnā koe Haahi

Thank you for meeting with me earlier today to discuss the issues with the Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara (NMWK) Development Trust board.

It was great that we both agreed that the way forward is through a tikanga process lead by you and I as kaumātua of NMWK. Remembering that you and I are the final kaumatua who grew up on Ngā Marae e Rima o te Kaipara, we must move things forward as it is yours and my responsibility on all five marae with the tupuna of all five marae of which we both have strong ties. There is no one after you and I, Haahi with this intrinsic connectedness.

As we agreed te Ho Hou i te Rongo ki mua i a tatou – requires everyone to be involved in terms of those who have been impacted by the existing hara, to be present.

So we have agreed that together we will lead a hui in this way which will have our whānau, hapu, marae present throughout the process, it is after all in their interest (katoa) and not just us in our tauwi process whom, were once nominated and voted by our people no longer account back to them. We cannot let that rule us; only tikanga can and should.

I'm heartened by our shared maramatanga of our sacred obligation to our people and to progress in this way; to recommend that the whole board be brought to account for the dysfunction at this hui and for all to be replaced and we start again with a new election. That is the only way we can have legitimise tikanga for our people.

I acknowledge that both Jane and Tamaki tautoko this too.

Haahi, both you and I would agree the unseen who were sitting on both our shoulders and guiding us in the interests of our unborn generations to come.

I look forward to speaking with you about this further soon kanohi ki te kanohi. In the meantime, don't hesitate to call me if you would like to kōrero.

Mauri ora

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