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Honourable Jim Anderton
Minister of Fisheries
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

As Mayor of Porirua City I fully support the proposal from Ngati Toa and Pukerua Bay communities requesting you to extend the protection of the inshore area at Pukerua Bay by means of existing legislation if feasible, or by implementing new provisions to cover the period until Ngati Toa is able to establish sustainable protection over the coast. The constructive and effective partnership forged over the last 2 decades between Ngati Toa and the Pukerua Bay community has resulted in a shared vision aimed at exploring flexible and effective methods for long term marine protection, seeking enduring solutions and sustainable recreational resources. The Pukerua Bay Rahui (as it is generally known) established in 2002 was a great success with recovery of rock lobster, reef fish (snapper, blue moki and ray) paua and kina. Unfortunately with the 4 year rahui ending at the end of 2006 (I understand only one 2 year extension is allowed under existing legislation) illegal gathering starting up and many hard won gains were lost much to the distress of the local community and Ngati Toa. The Rahui was restored in 2007 after strong representation from Ngati Toa for a further 2 years.

Both Ngati Toa and **Pukerua Bay residents** ultimately want a Maitaitai established as they see it providing long term protection with the same flexibility as the existing Rahui. This however requires Ngati Toa to formally establish its Mana over this section of the coast. With other Iwi contesting this Ngati Toa consider it will take considerably longer than the two year maximum allowed for the present Rahui status. The reasons for preferring a Maitaitai as a long term solution are outlined in their proposal.

I am full of admiration for the excellent work done under this strong partnership between the local Pukerua Bay community (including recreational fishers) and Ngati Toa to protect the fish and marine life on this valued part of our city's coastline. I do hope you are able to assist with a sustainable solution for marine protection as under the present Rahui, to cover the period from the expiry date in 2008 to when Ngati Toa is able to establish permanent sustainable marine protection under a Maitaitai at Pukerua Bay.

Yours sincerely

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Jenny Brash
MAYOR



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20 March 2008

Pat Hanley
Chair
Pukerua Bay Residents Association

Dear Pat,

PUKERUA BAY RAHUI

Thank you for meeting with us recently to discuss your concerns around continued protection at Pukerua Bay.

We totally support your initiatives to protect the Pukerua Bay area, including the area up to Paekakariki in the form of a Rahui and later a potential Mataitai.

We have seen the benefits that the previous Rahui's have had on the fishery and it would be extremely disappointing to see these gains lost.

We will do whatever we can to assist and support your organisation to ensure continued protection of the Pukerua Bay fishery.

Yours sincerely

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Jenny Rowan QSO JP
MAYOR OF KAPITI COAST DISTRICT