

25 September 2017

To whom it may concern

Kotuku Peninsula Charitable Trust funding application

The Great Barrier Local Board is very happy to support the Kotuku Peninsula Charitable Trust's application to the Conservation Fund for a one year predator control programme.

We understand that the funding will help the Trust reduce mammalian pests and protect the breeding environment for endemic species, as well as educating all visitors through project participation, guided tours and talks.

These are great objectives and this proposal is in line with our recently adopted Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan which has as one of its initiatives to "*lead our island in the Pest Free Auckland and Predator Free NZ 2050 Programmes*"

The Trust is doing very important work especially as our island embarks on a serious attempt to rid itself of predators. The trust's work exemplifies an effective model of a small number of landowners co-ordinating efforts to operate a Sanctuary on an island which we are sure will one day be pest free.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0212867555 or at izzy.fordham@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Yours faithfully



Izzy Fordham
Chair, Great Barrier Local Board