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Tēnā koe

## **TRANSFER OF ROUTINE MANAGEMENT OF MAUNGAUIKA/NORTH HEAD**

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (the Tūpuna Maunga Authority) to seek a formal response to a proposal that would allow, pending ministerial decisions, for the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to become the administering body for Maungauika / North Head.

As you are aware, Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 (the Tāmaki Collective Act) vested fourteen tūpuna maunga in the Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust to hold for the common benefit of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau and the people of Auckland. Auckland Council is responsible for the routine management of thirteen tūpuna maunga and must carry out this responsibility under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. Maungauika has remained administered by the Crown through the Department of Conservation. (Mangere Mountain remains in Crown ownership but is managed by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, and Rarotonga / Mount Smart is managed by Regional Facilities Auckland).

Section 38 of the Tāmaki Collective Act provides for the Governor-General, by Order in Council made on the recommendation of the Minister of Conservation, to bring Schedule 6 of the Tāmaki Collective Act into force, thus making the Tūpuna Maunga Authority the administering body for Maungauika.

The Minister of Conservation may recommend making the order if, among other things, Auckland Council agrees to be responsible for the routine management of Maungauika in the same manner as for other tūpuna maunga under section 61 of the Act. Before agreeing this, Auckland Council must consult the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

Since 2014, Auckland Council has been working with the Department of Conservation to negotiate terms of transfer of routine management. I am pleased to report we have reached, in principle, a management agreement to progress the matter. The agreement involves a payment by the Department of Conservation in recognition of deferred asset maintenance costs, and a further two years of management by the Department under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to 30 June 2020, including further contributions to maintenance costs and staff time.

The intention now is for a report to be provided to the Auckland Council Governing Body on 27 June 2018 with a recommendation that Auckland Council agree to be responsible for the routine management of Maungauika. If agreed, this would help give effect to the Treaty settlement outcomes set out in the Tāmaki Collective Act and, I believe, enhance the integrated management of the tūpuna maunga.

I therefore seek the views of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority on whether Auckland Council should be responsible for the routine management of Maungauika. If the Authority confirms it is comfortable with this, we will proceed to seek decisions from the Governing Body on 27 June, and inform the Minister of Conservation accordingly.

Yours sincerely



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cc. Andrew Baucke, Department of Conservation