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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August 2014 regarding the Ngāti Aukiwa working party.

In your letter you refer to my letter of 27 January 2014 where I noted, in respect of Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa discussions relating to Stony Creek Station that "...These discussions are an internal matter for Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa and I consider it inappropriate for the Crown to have an active role in these discussions at this stage".

I still consider that to be the case. In that regard it is pleasing to hear that members of Ngāti Aukiwa have met and formed a working party in an attempt to progress matters in respect of Stony Creek Station. The Crown has provided the working party with funds to assist them in their considerations. It is a matter for the working party to use those funds on their advisors as they see fit and the Crown does not participate in that nor the appointment of their advisors.

I look forward to the working party making progress on resolving matters in respect of Stony Creek Station.

Nāku noa, nā

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