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Tēnā koe Sonny

The Ministry has received the agenda for the next meeting of the Hokianga Accord by way of our far-north Pou Hononga, George Riley. The agenda was e-mailed to George on 9 October 2007. The meeting is scheduled for 9 and 10 November 2007.

We note a number of managers, including our Chief Executive (Acting), have been allocated specific agenda items. However, none of us have been invited to attend and present. The Ministry does not consider simply sending out an agenda without prior discussion with those to be involved, an invitation to attend. This may have been an oversight ... if not, we consider the lack of a request to participate, as signalled in the agenda, discourteous.

We also note some agenda items have been incorrectly assigned. For example, questions related to Compliance assigned to me and achievements in respect to the Pou Hononga assigned to Jonathan Dick. It would appear the meeting organisers are not familiar as to who is responsible for what within the Ministry. This is a concern to us and is something that should be rectified for the benefit of all involved with the Accord.

Regardless of the above comments, Stan Crothers, Jonathan Peacey and I are unable to attend. Jonathan Dick is able to attend on the second day, but will only give an update of the work of the Pou Takawaenga—provided, of course, this is acceptable to the Accord. Given the unavailability of Carl Ross, the Ministry can prepare a written update and overview of the Deed of Settlement Implementation Programme. Please advise by Friday, 26 October 2007 if this is required.

Nāku noa, nā

Carl Ross
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