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Tēnā koe

## Ministry of Fisheries Engagement with Mid-North Iwi

Thank you for your recent invitation to meet with the Hokianga Accord.

I am disappointed that, despite many positive developments in the management of customary fisheries in the mid-north, the three mid-north iwi and Ministry of Fisheries have been unable to agree on an engagement model for mid-north iwi.

I consider provision for tangata whenua input and participation into fisheries management very important. Accordingly, I am keen to assist in finalising an engagement model for mid-north iwi. I would be pleased to meet with a leader from each of the three mid-north iwi and senior Ministry officials in my Wellington office to help finalise an engagement model that will meet the needs of all parties.

My secretary will contact you shortly to confirm that you are interested in meeting with me, and discuss arrangements for the meeting.

Nāku noa,

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