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Ma Parata  
General Manager  
Kuru Contracting  
Tolaga Bay

### Letter in support - SH35 Deviation Route

Ko Hikurangi te Maunga  
Ko Waiapu te Awa  
Ko Ngāti Porou te Iwi  
Mai i Pōtikirua ki te Toka a Taiau  
Tīhei Mauri Ora!

Kai te mihi atu, kai te tangi atu ki a rātau mā kua riro ki ngā pō, nā rātau tō tātau reo me ōna tikanga i waiho mai, hai arataki i a tātau i runga i te pono, te tika me te aroha anō o tētahi ki tētahi. Nō reira koutou te hunga kua wahangūtia, haere, haere whakaoti atu koutou. Rātau ki a rātau, tātau ki a tātau. Kai te rere tonu ngā mihi aroha ki runga i a tātau o Te Tairāwhiti i hinga nei i te karawhiuwhiu a Tāwhirimātea, arā rā, i a Cyclone Gabrielle. E aroha nui atu ana ki ngā whānau o tātau e noho taumaha tonu ana i tēnei wā tonu, kia tau iho rā ngā manaakitanga o te wāhi ngaro ki runga i a rātau, otirā, i a tātau, tēnā tātau katoa.

Tēnā koe e Ma,

I write in full support of Kuru Contracting undertaking the Hikuwai SH35 Deviation Roading Project. SH35 is a critical lifeline for Te Tairāwhiti providing vital health and wellbeing to our many rural communities, ā tinana, ā hinengaro, a wairua anō hoki. It equally provides vital economic support and assistance to all our organisations and businesses in Te Tairāwhiti, to which many of our people are employed. If we view SH35 as such, as the central artery, as the vital lifeline to our collective wellbeing, the longer it is severed or constricted, the greater the damage done. Therefore, the work to reconnect our communities is vital, and Te Rūnanga nui o Ngāti Porou write in full support of the Hikuwai Bypass work to be undertaken, so our people may reconnect, regroup and rebuild.

**“Mā te mahi tahi, ka ea ngā wawata”**

Ngā manaakitanga,

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Reedy", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George Reedy  
CEO