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To Whom It May Concern

Letter in support - SH35 Deviation Route

This letter is in support of the work currently being undertaken by Kuru Contracting in relation to the Waiapu Rd to Hikuwai Bridge No. 3 alternate route. This work is crucial to the well-being of the coast, both emotional and economic. SH35 is the coast's life-line every day it remains closed the damage to our communities and the region grows exponentially.

Kuru Contracting are one of the most respected forestry contracting companies on the East Coast, they are well used to dealing with the difficult conditions and our demanding roading environment, in terms of earthworks formation, pavement construction and water management.

I have no doubt the road will be built to the highest standard, with protection of the environment a key consideration.

For the people of the coast and our wider region to see our local contractors out working to reconnect our communities, provides a much-needed emotional boost in very trying times. Any form of resilience we can build into our regional infrastructure should be encouraged and enabled as a regional priority.

Yours sincerely



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