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General Manager  
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Tena Koe Ma

### **Support for the Hikuwai / SH35 Deviation Roothing Project**

Following an inspection of the remains of Hikuwai Bridge Number One immediately following cyclone gabrielle and understanding the implications for communities on the coast, the writer was pleased to collaborate with Kuru Contracting and carry out a site visit with you and Val Milham to our Katikati Block.

Pourau Incorporation is the entity that represents the whenua blocks owned by the Potae whanau, including the Katikati Blocks, otherwise known as Three Bridges Cropping Block and Three Bridges Pastoral Block.

The Katikati Block is the whenua that connects Hikuwai One Bridge to Hikuwai Three Bridge.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the Potae whanau provide unanimous support for the establishment of a traffic bypass (deviation road) on our whenua, to connect traffic (including heavy vehicles) travelling north of Tolaga Bay SH35, via 1698 Waiapu Road, with access to Hikuwai Number Three Bridge.

This deviation road will also enable vehicles travelling south from Hikuwai Bridge Number Three via our whenua (Katikati) which will reconnect to SH35 at 1698 Waiapu Road.

The Potae whanau were one of the first settlers in Tokomaru Bay and we consider this bypass road to be fundamental to the wellbeing of whanau living on the coast. This is a humanitarian issue.

This important roading infrastructure will be key to the recovery effort and provide a lifeline for health, education and social services to function. We also consider this road will help prevent far

greater economic impacts on primary industry which is critical to sustaining business and families based on the coast.

We give our consent for Kuru Contracting to lead the Hikuwai/SH35 Deviation Project and ask that GDC provide the necessary support for this project to be delivered.

This letter is supported by the committee of management of Pourau Incorporation; Steve Brooking, Miria Heavey, Derrick Hope (Secretary/Treasurer), Philip Hope, Kylee Potae, Anita Kake, Evelyn Williams (Tikanga Advisor), Mero Rokx (Rangatahi).

We sign off with two whakatauki which reflect the essence of our thinking.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini

Manaaki whenua,  
manaaki tangata,  
haere whakamua

Naku noa na

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Philip Hope Dip. Bus. Hons. CFRM  
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