

Pararaki Trust
TOKOMARU BAY. 4047

4th February 2024

To Whom It May Concern

Tena koutou,

We have personally known Rob Mckenzie and his whanau for over 50 years and the service he has provided for our Akau, and nationally with his Mckenzie Honey, and now his Hikuwai Honey as well as his Valencia oranges and Feijoa fruit.

After the devastation of the bridge caused by Gabrielle, we were very concerned on how Rob and his whanau were to gain access from his side to the other side.

We are truly thankful to the Civil Defence team in Tokomaru to have helped with the pulley system and then the flying fox style apparatus to help deliver goods to Rob over the broken bridge during Gabrielle and at times currently.

Our landblocks are situated along both sides of the Hikuwai road leading up to the bridge. Through remediation funds gained by Marotiri Farms, who we are in partnership with, we were able to agree to an appropriate access from the river with a gravel road through one of our land blocks for Rob to utilize so that he and his whanau were able to go back and forth from their home safely on their 4WD ute or Tractor for all necessary essentials. This is only a temporary fix, because as soon as the river starts to rise his access becomes non-existent until the river levels are low again.

On behalf of Pararaki Trust we are writing in support of having the bridge along Hikuwai road a priority for rebuilding.

Nga mihi
Pararaki Trust Representatives



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