

(Mrs) Tarati Carrington
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18 September 2005

The Maori Trustee
Gisborne

Tena koe,

Whakapaupakihi Block 5/ Mangatu

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the letter from Mangatu to the Regional Trust Manager Maori Trustee dated 13 September 2005.

I would request that you investigate without delay, the complaints made by Mangatu and in doing so the processes and events leading up to the meeting of Whakapaupakihi 5 on 05 August 2005.

As a responsible Trustee I have expressed concerns in the past that meetings have taken place without official and appropriate notification to me. In saying that I can advise that I have not been in attendance at any meeting of Whakapaupakihi 5 where a decision was made prior to the closing of tenders that the Mangatu would not be considered. In the same vein I have not received any official minutes of a Whakapaupakihi 5 meeting where this issue has been discussed. Therefore if this has happened it has not been without my involvement in any way.

In regards to the inappropriate meeting processes I am hopeful that the recent contracting in of services from the Maori Trustee will address this issue.

I am not in a position to comment on issue 2 noted in Mangatu's letter with regards to inspection of the property. However I would imagine this would be part of the investigation process undertaken by the Maori Trustee.

Issue 3 is of major concern to me as a responsible Trustee. I was not happy with the late arrival of the Rewetu tender and implied this through my constant support of the Mangatu bid as documented in the minutes. I am not aware of any communication and or notification of information of any tender documents to Rewetu.

As I mentioned earlier I request that the Maori Trustee conduct a full and thorough investigation into this claim. If the results indicate there has been inappropriate process I would also expect some guidance in the form of recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

Tarati Carrington.

cc. Jim Campbell
Secretary
Mangatu

Mr P Brown
Mangatu

John Hata
Chairman
Whakapaupakihi

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