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Extension of the 186B Temporary Closure 'rāhui' – Waiopuka, Kaikōura

Due to the expiry of the existing 186B temporary closure for Waiopuka timed for July this year, the Kaikōura Marine Guardians request a rollover of the s186B until July 2020, in order to:

- Replenish the stocks of the species of fish, aquatic life, and seaweed in the area; and
- Assist in recognising and making provision for the use and management practices of tāngata whenua in the exercise of non-commercial fishing rights (in particular to support Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui Taiāpure).

As the Ministry is aware, Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui Taiāpure Committee has recommended a section 297 regulatory management measure for this area but there is not yet clear support from Te Runanga o Kaikoura. Until this matter is resolved, and new s297 taiāpure regulations are in place, we need to ensure that the rāhui area has some form of legal protection in the interim to make sure its productive capacity is not undermined by opening it up for harvesting to the general public, hence this request to again roll-over the rāhui.

As the Taiāpure Committee informed you in asking for a similar roll over last year, this area is a kōhanga/nursery ground. Without repeating the evidence given to you by the Committee, we note that the s186B 'rāhui' over this kōhanga area is serving as an earthquake recovery tool – operating as a refuge for ecosystem and species recovery.

Further, the use of such tools to support the implementation of Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui Taiāpure, recognise and make provision for the use and management practices of tāngata whenua (i.e. rāhui) in the exercise of non-commercial fishing rights. The rāhui is also serving as a 'customary management' education area to support better understanding of customary approaches and practices for building resilient marine ecosystems. This

protection supports Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura (Te Korowai) in making Kaikōura a focal area for oceanic research. Te Korowai formally resolved at its meeting on 19 June 2019 to support the roll over and adds its voice to this request on behalf of the community as a whole. The extension of a rāhui at Waiopuka, will also support the commitment from Ngāti Kuri, supported by Te Korowai's Strategy, that the peninsula Taiāpure will contain one or more generational, no-take rāhui.

Yours sincerely



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**From:** Larncé Wichman [mailto: [REDACTED] ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 July 2019 8:08 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@mpi.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for a temporary closure at Waiopuka, Kaikōura

Hi [REDACTED],

Appreciate your response.

The taiāpure committee are responding to feed received from the community to 'slow down' on implementing taiāpure regulations and hence the need to do something with the s186B area in the interim. The taiāpure managers are listening to their community.

Does that sound ok [REDACTED]?

I am out of the office this morning till after lunch.

Regards  
Larncé