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Tēnā kōe

I am writing in response to the nominations you sent to me for the Muaūpoko representatives on the Horowhenua Lake Domain Board, as set out in letters that I received in February 2016.

I have carefully considered your nominations and have decided not to appoint any of the nominees at the present time. The rationale for my decision is that I have received 13 nominations for Muaūpoko representatives arising from two separate processes involving iwi members. I consider that, in these circumstances, I am not able to appoint four representatives to the Domain Board "on the recommendation of the Muaūpoko Maori Tribe" as provided for in the governing legislation.

I would like you to work together to resolve this matter and to write back to me with only four candidates for my appointment. I appreciate that arriving at four agreed nominations on behalf of the Muaūpoko iwi may be difficult. If you would like assistance for your discussions, I encourage you to contact Te Puni Kokiri for advice.

I look forward to your agreed nominations in due course. Until such time, please be aware that the Reserves Act makes provision for Board members to remain in office until their successors are in place. I expect that this will ensure that the Lake Domain Board can continue to operate effectively until that time.

Nāku noa, nā

Honourable Maggie Barry ONZM
Minister of Conservation

cc. Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Minister of Māori Development