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Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board

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Tēnā koutou

### Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board first meeting

I am writing ahead of the first meeting of the Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board (the Board) on 11 July 2023.

I would like to congratulate you, your predecessors, colleagues and whānau for the work that has been put in from conception to establishment of the Board. I appreciate that negotiating this arrangement has taken considerable time, care and patience from all sides.

The establishment of the Board, and the broader Wairarapa Moana Framework is unlike any other natural resources arrangement included in a Treaty Settlement to date, reflecting the uniqueness of Wairarapa Moana, its tributary the Ruamahanga River, its people and its history.

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua and Rangitāne o Wairarapa Tamaki nui-ā-Rua have made their aspirations for their rohe clear – the Board is an important part of achieving that vision, which will require leadership and courage from central and local government. I am confident that Wairarapa Moana, and the Ruamahunga River Catchment is in good hands.

I wish you all the best and I look forward to seeing how your work progresses in the coming years.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Little".

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