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Dear Glenn

I will be responding shortly to your letter of 21 December but further to our discussion I wanted to confirm the view of the Ministry for the Environment on the current state of affairs around the remediation of Moanatairai.

Firstly and most important the Ministry has confirmed to me that it has not reached any view on what the appropriate remediation strategy might be at Moanatairai.

My officials have advised that their sole reason for voting against the TCDC proposal on 5 December was out of concern that a decision was being made before a robust cost benefit assessment of the options was in place. The Ministry's preference was that a decision be deferred until that was to hand.

Given that the Governance group nevertheless voted to adopt the remediation strategy proposed at that time then it appeared the purpose of that body, as set out in the Deed of Funding, was at an end which is why officials indicated that there would accordingly be no further need to fund that group. If however the community did wish to reconsider remediation strategies in the light of further information as the Ministry has suggested then we would be more than willing to discuss what part we could play in further funding of that group.

I hope that clarifies matters.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams
Minister for the Environment

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