

**Mai I Nga Kura a Whareki ki Tihirau  
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**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2004/05**

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2004. The letter was discussed at a meeting of the Forum on Monday 29 March 2004. Peter Schroder and other Ministry officials who were present at the meeting elaborated on the information in the letter.

I have been directed to inform you that the Forum supports the Ministry's budget bid 2004/05 for additional funds to enable the Treaty Strategy to be fully implemented. In addition to this, to also inform you of the supporting comments that were made at the meeting.

The Chairman of the Forum said that while it is important for the Ministry to build its capacity to give full effect to the Treaty Strategy, he wished to put on record that the whānau hapu iwi of the Forum also need to be resourced to build their capacity to engage with the Ministry in the development of policies and practices for the sustainable management of the resource. Members of the Forum said that if the Forums are to work effectively there needs to be resources to support the efforts of the Ministry and tangata whenua. To this end there was full support for the bid and the Forum wishes the Ministry the very best in securing the necessary financial resources.

Kia ora

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Secretary on behalf of the Forum