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Hon Jim Anderton
Minister of Fisheries
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Tena Koe Minister,

RE: Proposed Fisheries Services for 2007 (EEL2007/04)

Environs Holdings Ltd is the subsidiary of Te Uri O Hau Settlement Trust that is responsible for carrying out the kaitiaki duties within the rohe (add more from deed). We would like to indicate our strong support for project EEL2007/04 of the Ministry's Proposed Fisheries Services for 2007. The Pouto Lakes proposal will greatly benefit Te Uri O Hau by enabling the hapu to actively be involved in research that will allow us to fulfil our role as kaitiaki. This information can then be utilized in the ongoing management of this taonga.

Environs have had preliminary discussions with Ian Ruru (Maumahara Consultancy Services Ltd) who has a strong background in eel research and has undertaken Ministry of Fisheries projects in the past whilst working closely with iwi. We anticipate working alongside a research provider to improve our scientific knowledge and techniques and hope to combine these skills with matauranga maori to achieve the objectives outlined in the proposal.

We believe that this research is consistent with and promotes the obligations of the Minister with regard to the eel fishery in the Pouto Lakes as specified in the Te Uri O Hau Deed of Settlement 2000, and Te Uri O Hau Settlement Act 2002. The research will assist decision making in relation to whether restrictions on fishing methods and/or temporary closures may be required to restore and enhance the eel resource in the area. Environs believe that the outcomes will benefit not only the local environment, but will contribute to eel research in other parts of the country.

Naku noa, na

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Environs Holdings Limited Board of Directors