

Dear Warwick,

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2004/05

I was in disbelief to read the proposed new “initiatives” to be cost recovered from industry including an additional \$2m (odd) over 3 years for *inter alia*,:

- Compliance field communications (\$810,000)
- Serious offences unit (\$1.151m)
- Corporate infrastructure (TBA)

The regime of more staff, more cost continues unabated. There is a growing fear with industry that your Ministry has totally lost touch with the industry.

Only 3 weeks ago we made a plea to the Ministry at Policy Council for cost relief given the economic crisis facing the industry (copy attached). Our only response to date has been this proposal to increase expenditure by a further \$700,000 - \$1,000,000 per year.

Your comment that the “Ministry don’t do a good job of engaging Maori” astonishes me. First the Ministry does not do a good job of engaging anybody. Submission after submission by the industry on all issues is ignored.

The truth is the Ministry consultation and engagement style is flawed country wide, not just with Maori.

Secondly it astonishes me as it impresses some preference on Maoridom from the rest of the industry. We reject strongly any suggestion that one group (ie: Maori) will have preferred terms of engagement or consultation with the Ministry particularly on basis of race.

I would respectfully urge you to make the change necessary and address the requests for cost relief. The current track is unsustainable. This industry is not in good shape.

Regards,

Andrew Talley