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Hi Mary-Anne

Thank you for your letter dated 31 August 2015.

Staff and consultants did not ever fully consider my proposal or its advantages. There are no unmanaged risks in my proposal as I have detailed in my 28 August 2015 letter to you.

Following my first meeting with Steve Everitt I knew that he was going to block my proposal from being considered. Jim Dahm has been doing the same for 3 decades. Jim Dahm, Chris Richmond and Ken Murray have all been proven to have been completely and entirely wrong in their professional opinions by the previous failed attempt to restore Maketu Estuary through Ford's Twin Cuts. Their mistake has proven me to have been correct and so my opinion to have more credence than theirs. Otherwise what is the point of having a legal system if people who are wrong in the Appeal Court can be right?

My proposal is superior to Council's because Council's proposal cannot ever achieve any more than 20% of best. My proposal could allow very occasional low tide floods to rebuild Maketu Estuary ecosystem without risk of flooding Maketu or destabilising Maketu spit.

My opinion could be given more credence than Steve Everitt and Jim Dahm because Steve Everitt would not consider it and because Jim Dahm has already been proven in the Appeal Court to have been wrong. His opinion now has no credence and Steve Everitt is supporting it.

If you model my proposal you will see that it will work and that Maketu Estuary environment will be hugely advantaged by it. If you pursue Council's current direction potential Maketu Estuary environmental enhancement will be disadvantaged.

Kindest regards

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