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Sent: Saturday, 3 August 2013 1:49 p.m.

To: 'Pim De Monchy'

Subject: RE: Meeting to continue dialogue - Kaituna Re-diversion

Hi Pim

I apologise for a delay in reply due to my work load.

I have been expressing my views to BOP Regional Council about ideal restoration of Maketu Estuary/Kaituna River ecosystems for 3 decades. I had opposed BOPRC using Fords Twin Cuts in a hearing at Whakatane and then in an Appeal Court hearing. I lost the hearings but I have since been proven to have been entirely correct in my predictions at that time. The toe of the spit was subsequently destroyed and the lower Maketu Estuary was made to fill with sand by BOPRC as I had predicted would occur.

I want the Kaituna River returned to Maketu Estuary via the original river course near to Te Tumu, and with Te Tumu entrance closed to only low tide flow to prevent a salt water wedge from stopping spawning galaxius from again reaching Maketu Estuary maritime marsh galaxius spawning habitat to be recreated, so as to rebuild food chains that had previously supported a productive local inshore coastal and tuna fishery, while still allowing high-tide flood relief to occur at Te Tumu. You had told me that this option would be modelled and I have heard nothing of it since.

If you continue to remain dismissive of and unreceptive to my recommendations then I will be forced to consider revisiting the Appeal Court to seek compensation from BOPRC for a wrong decision having been made by the Appeal Court that has caused me on-going public humiliation due to newspaper reports at the hands of fools, because of false evidence having been presented by BOPRC to the Appeal Court re the ownership of water rights through Papahikahawai Channel. The court had been told that Alan Brain owned the right to block that channel so negating my recommendation that it be used.

I would like BOPRC to publicly acknowledge that I was entirely correct in my Appeal Court predictions that an increase in flow through Fords Twin Cuts would erode the back of the toe of Maketu Estuary spit and so cause infilling of the lower Maketu Estuary which it did, and which represented a total waste of public funds without achieving benefit.

I had asked you long ago for diagrams of v-drain layouts on lowlands adjacent to the lower Kaituna River for the website that I have built www.wetlandsnz.com to attract finance to purchase and convert lowlands into v-drains to form parts of a productive wetland reserve. Potential production from that reserve and from the entire Kaituna River catchment galaxius spawn does depend upon galaxius being able to find a duplication of the original maritime marsh galaxius spawning habitat at the top of the salt water wedge within Maketu Estuary. For this to occur salt water must be stopped at Te Tumu. High tide and flood flows can continue to exit at Te Tumu to maintain that exit for flood relief.

I suggest that all lowlands on the seaward side of the new Eastern Arterial Route could best be targeted to form productive v-drain wetlands as a kaihikatea forested wetland reserve, the spawn from which could model potential rebuilding of national inshore coastal and tuna commercial fisheries while treating effluent and purifying runoff. For it to be successful the salt water wedge must be stopped at Te Tumu please.

Kindest regards

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