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Tena Koe Carl

Thank you for the invitation to *again* meet in Whangarei to "**further discuss the aspirations of Northern iwi and the development of a Mid Northern iwi Forum.**" Ngapuhi have said all it intends to say about how we will engage with the Ministry of Fisheries regarding fisheries matters. In my letter to Stan Crothers of the 31st August 2006, copy sent to you, I spelt out clearly what Ngapuhi's desires were. I.E: **that we would work with the Ministry of Fisheries on general fisheries matters through the Hokianga Accord and invite the Ministry in to Ngapuhi to deal with matters specific to Ngapuhi.** I also understand that this was the position expressed by all who attended the last 30th June hui in Whangarei called by the Ministry. I am staggered that the Ministry will continue to push their desired agenda on Maori.

I also pointed out at the Whangarei Hui that Te Roroa and Te Uri O Hau have very different protocols in place for working with the Ministry of Fisheries by virtue of their specific Te Tiriti O Waitangi Claims Settlement. This is distinctly different to MFish's obligations to Ngapuhi, Ngati Wai and Ngati Whatua under the 1992 Fisheries Settlement Act. Please do not get these obligations confused.

I note in Stan's reply to me dated 28th September 2006, point 6 he states, in part, that "**Ministry's obligation to provide for input and participation also apply to Hapu.**" Thank you for that as I have attached a list of Ngapuhi hapu you can then deal directly with to gauge how they would want to have input and participation into fisheries matters. Your Pou Hononga may visit each hapu to collect their relevant contact persons.

Thank you again for the invite but Ngapuhi will not be attending as we see the meeting as superfluous considering the matters raised in this e-mail and correspondence sent between Ngapuhi and the Ministry on this matter.

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Kia tu tika ai te whare tapu o Ngapuhi

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