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Subject: RE: TCDC Management of DOC reserves

I had a meeting with Peter Johnson from Ngati Hei on Thursday 23rd April, and we discussed the appointment of control and manage of the properties in question.

He is supportive of the principal in what we are doing, recognising that the only control and manage delegation relates to TCDC bylaws and not concessions. The only concern he had was around risk issues regarding what happens if at some point in the future DOC / Iwi are not happy that the Conservation Act / Reserves act are being complied with, and treaty principles are not being fulfilled under Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987.

I have since consulted with our lawyers around suspension of “control and manage”, and this can be done relatively easily. In reality, if there is some issues, this option would only be considered as a complete last resort – good faith negotiation, coupled with backing from some statutory management documentation (reserve management plans, integrated plan, LTP, Walkway trust etc) will be more than enough to solve any issues which may arise.

Next week I’ll be formally requesting support from Ngati Hei for “control and manage” as we have discussed. I’m confident that because we have already had a detailed meeting, and I know Peter’s concerns, and can address them through the formal approach, his support should follow relatively quickly.

Hope this helps. Happy to review your report if you think it is beneficial.

John.