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E ngā rangatira tēhā korua

TŪHOE POSITION ON SHARE-PLUS PROPOSAL

I am not able to greet you both at the Tuai hui but would like to acknowledge your direct engagement with Tūhoe and other Iwi directly affected by the Shares-plus proposal. To assist, Tūhoe representation will be in attendance supporting the view expressed here.

Tūhoe continues to hold the issue of water indeed all natural resources within the biosphere of Te Urewera as central to our cultural identity. In a time where needs increasingly overlap, these present reasons to want for the clarification of rights and use and the obligations we owe to these environs.

The shares plus arrangement is one potential option, we are interested in others. There is no doubt that value is derived through the use of water from Lake Walkaremoana. As owners, very little of that profit is apparent in the Walkaremoana community. We are however positive and pleased over the recent reciprocal interest from Genesis for direct and open discussions to work toward achieving mutual interests.

In closing, we encourage direct Iwi engagement and welcome your support in achieving a mutually agreeable arrangement between Tūhoe and Genesis.

Nāku noa

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