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Tēnā koe David

I am writing regarding the comprehensive review of the resource management system that you are leading. Reform of the resource management system will make significant progress towards delivering on the Government’s priorities in the areas of housing, infrastructure, improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders, and promoting a healthy environment. I understand you are currently consulting on and considering the scope of stage 2 of the reform programme.

As you will be aware, I am also advancing a reform agenda within my Local Government portfolio – with a particular focus on:

- a sustainable and reliable three waters system;
- improving the resilience of our communities to natural hazards; and
- supporting co-governance arrangements, at the local government level, including those brought about by Treaty settlements.

These focus areas represent significant overlap between our portfolios. I am keen that my officials and I remain engaged in the stage 2 scoping work that you are carrying out. I believe that our close coordination will maximise efforts across both portfolios and ensure our Government’s reform agenda is successful.

Heoi anō

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
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