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From: Christine Jones <Christine.Jones@tauranga.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Alister Jones; Brigid McDonald
Subject: RE: Tauranga marine research facility

Thanks for the email – we will move forward to lodge a new application.

Kind Regards

Christine

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From: lconroy@waikato.ac.nz <lconroy@waikato.ac.nz> On Behalf Of Alister Jones
Sent: Monday, 31 May 2021 11:05 AM
To: Brigid McDonald <Brigid.McDonald@tauranga.govt.nz>; Christine Jones <Christine.Jones@tauranga.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Tauranga marine research facility

CAUTION:External Email.

Good morning Brigid and Christine

On behalf of Alister, please find below a response from Neale Jones regarding the Tauranga Marine Research Facility.

Kind regards

Lara

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From: Neale Jones <neale@capitalnz.com>
Date: Fri, 28 May 2021 at 15:04
Subject: Tauranga marine research facility
To: Alister Jones <ajones@waikato.ac.nz>

Hi Alister,

I just spoke with the Minister's political adviser, Ben McLachlan. Ben was Kiri Allan's adviser and is continuing in this role for Ayesha Verrall as Acting Minister.

Ben's understanding was that DOC was going to send a letter of response to TCC - he imagines this is what the letter you forwarded was.

He says the guts of it is that the Minister cannot review the previous decision but can consider a fresh one. This is Crown Law advice, which may be what the note on Crown Law in that letter referred to. This is something of a hard barrier – Ministers will be extremely reluctant to go against Crown Law advice, as you can imagine.

It sounds like the Council will have to rerun the process and then a fresh application can be considered by the department.

This would not be called in for a Ministerial decision automatically, but would likely be dealt with by DOC locally. The general view in the Beehive is not to call in decisions unless they feel they need to. Regardless, if past experience is anything to go by Labour Ministers are unlikely to be a problem.

Happy to discuss.

Neale.

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