

6 August 2016

Mr Karl Webber
Trustee Waiorua Bay Trust

By email: fyi-request-2905-f63e8702@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Webber

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your further two emails of 4 August 2015 regarding the information we have provided in relation to bee keeping on the north end of Kāpiti Island. Once again this response is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The application for the Māori Economic Development Grant is based on the following three stages:

Stage one: establish hives on the island

Stage two: collaboration with land owners within the ART region. This stage looks at opportunities to utilise under developed Māori owned land for manuka honey production (with agreement from Māori land owners)

Stage three: developing a manuka plant nursery and development operation.

I note that stages 2 and 3 focus activity on the mainland.

The application also notes that there is a "trial phase" requiring testing and consultation with landowners and others already engaged in the manuka honey business.

With regard to the letter of support, I can advise that a letter of support signed by one of the three mandated iwi organisation who are Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust or Ngāti Toa Rangatira must be included in a MED application. A list of criteria on page 2 of the application form clearly states this. The purpose of this ensures that there is a relationship formed and maintained between applicants and iwi which may lead to opportunities for on-going collaboration for Māori, hapū and iwi!

As stated in my letter of 3 August 2016, we have no further information regarding bee keeping on Kāpiti Island.

Yours sincerely



Stephen McArthur
GROUP MANAGER STRATEGY AND PLANNING

N593898