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To: **Paul Rogers, Independent Commissioner - Chair**

C/O Alison Cooper, Hearings Officer  
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Tēnā koe

**Resource Consent Application by Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited for Klondyke Storage Water Facility.**

It is with very heavy hearts that Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua acknowledges the passing of Mandy Waaka-Home on 20 April 2018.

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua respectfully requests that the Panel accepts the expert evidence of Mandy Waaka-Home as the basis for its consideration of the cultural effects of the proposed activities.

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua does not feel it is appropriate or necessary to answer questions on the evidence of Mandy Waaka-Home.

To assist the Panel in its deliberations, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua however wishes to:

- Commend the expert evidence of Mandy Waaka-Home to the Panel as a clear statement of manawhenua concerns with the proposed activities and the intergenerational responsibilities of kaitiaki for the mauri of the Rangitata.
- Reiterate its opposition to the granting of the resource consents sought by Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited.
- Note that matters of cultural concern stated in the evidence of Mandy Waaka-Home remain unresolved, including:
  - the impacts on the mauri of the Rangitata River;
  - the uncertainty over the need for and ultimate use of the 10 cumecs of water take sought;
  - the quality of the consultation by RDR;
  - uncertainty over the design of fish screens, particularly with regard to potential effects on whitebait and adequacy of monitoring;
  - the failure to have due regard to kaitiaki responsibilities and the inability to properly exercise those responsibilities if consent is granted; and

- uncertainty over potential benefits and mahinga kai opportunities and ongoing involvement regarding the use of the water resource.

Representatives of Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua will be available at the hearing to answer questions.

**Signed** for and on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.

**Vania Pirini**  
Tumuaki - Chairperson