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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Tena Koe

This letter is to support the ongoing work that Mr Harry TAM and Ms Angie WILKINSON have been doing with the Rotorua Eastside Mongrel Mob Whanau.

I have had many dealings with Mr Harry TAM over the years mostly around working with the Mongrel Mob at a national level. His influence and credibility with this group is unparalleled and provides police a platform to mitigate some of the more delicate situations that present themselves and achieve better outcomes.

The current program both Mr TAM and Ms WILKINSON are running with the Eastside Mongrel Mob Whanau provides the foundation for gradual change with this group, to improved whanau wellbeing and social responsibility.

The continual contact with the local Mongrel Mob by Mr TAM and Ms WILKINSON provides the link to opportunities for local police to improve our communication with the Mongrel Mob so that we can better achieve a change from the group towards a more socially acceptable behaviour.

The Police see this approach from Mr TAM and Ms WILKINSON as only viable over a long term and if they are allowed to continue to do their work the impact on the younger members of the whanau will provide them other options other than gang life as has been traditionally accepted.

For your consideration and understanding.

Nga mihi

Inspector Phil Taikato  
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