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Tēnā koe Ned,

**Re: Fit for a Changing World – Marlborough Fast-track Aquaculture Application**

Maara Moana holds, governs, and manages designated aquaculture assets on behalf of the eight iwi of Te Taihū.

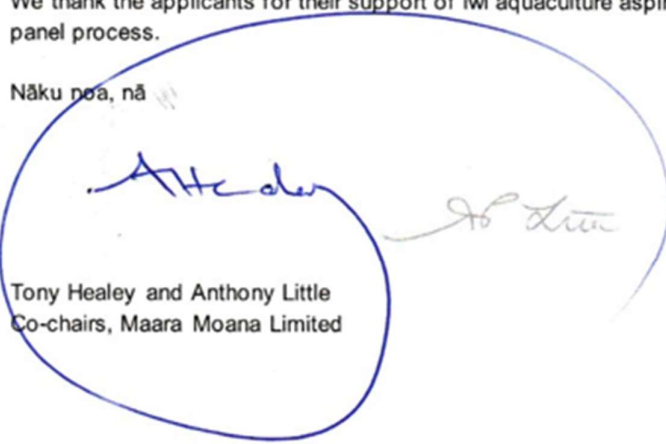
Maara Moana currently oversees approximately 400 hectares of Greenshell mussel waterspace in the Tasman region. Many of the eight iwi also hold waterspace in their own right.

The applicants first engaged with Maara Moana in April 2025 about creating waterspace for iwi in Richmond Bay as part of the *Fit for a Changing World* Application. This was in addition to their consultation directly with individual iwi Pou Taiao and with the Te Taihū Iwi Chairs Forum.

The eight iwi have given Maara Moana a mandate to secure the 41 hectares of waterspace proposed for Richmond Bay under the Application.

We thank the applicants for their support of iwi aquaculture aspirations and look forward to participating in the panel process.

Nāku noa, nā



Tony Healey and Anthony Little  
Co-chairs, Maara Moana Limited